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Re: Leaders, whos making them vs just buying tapered?

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bigslackwater - Just some things I forgot to mention....

Before you start fishing with that Uni-Body leader, ya gotta give it a *real* good stretching - especially the Maxima. Hold as much as you can between your outstretched arms, and stretch it *hard*, while counting to ten. You should do this every time you string up your rod to fish.

The formula I posted is good for 4 to 7wt lines. Anything lighter, and you might want to sub .017 Maxima for the .020 in the butt section. For 8wt and above, use 3 1/2' of .024, 6" of .017, and 1' of .013 to make the leader body.

On the UV Knot Sense on the knots - yeah, it works, but it isn't all that durable. Over time, it gets cloudy looking, and eventually breaks off. Simple enough to re-apply though....

One of the good things about this leader is it's versatility. You really don't need to ever remove the leader from your line, so you can just nail knot the butt right to your fly line. This eliminates that nasty big perfection loop knot that can get hung up in the guides.

Another thing some folks do is to nail knot the butt to your fly line, and if you want to change leaders, just cut it off a foot or two from the nail knot, and blood knot another leader to it. This also gets rid of that perfection loop "lump", and you can change leaders quite a bit before you use up the nail knotted section.

If you have a loop in the end of your fly line, you can attach leaders by tying a 3 turn clinch knot with the butt section right to the line loop. This works surprisingly well, as long as you're careful when you clip it off when you change leaders. This connection slides through the guides much easier than the loop to loop connections...

Good luck with your "experiment". 😊

H.A.