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For those who own boots with Boa lacing systems, how are they holding up? I have looked at new wading boots with this system, with some suspicion; innovation and change are good, but something always seemed to be less than trustworthy to me with this setup. Nevertheless, I bit on a pair of Korkers Chrome boots; for the price I paid, if I get two years out of them, I'd be doing well.

The problem is that I didn't even get one try on out of them. I bought them online and received them today. I put one boot on, after I figured out how to loosen the wire by pulling out the dial. I then put the left boot on, and began to tighten it. Next thing I knew, I'm holding the dial in my hand, with an unwound spool springing around. There's no way to fix it without completely replacing the boot, because the post that the dial screws into is broken off at the base.

Boa offers free replacement parts; however, I don't think they will be offering me a new left boot 😞 I submitted the info to Korkers to activate my warranty and will see how long that takes to happen and how their customer service is.

Any other horror stories out there with Boa lacing systems? I hope my initial concern wasn't a self-fulfilling prophesy, but how am I supposed to trust what appears to be a cheap piece of plastic to keep my boots tight, when it breaks in the relatively clean and safe environment of my living room???

Being somewhat mechanically inclined, I'm wondering if the internal spool didn't have a defect. On the photo to the left, the spool has what appears to be a nick in it, which the wire was caught on. Perhaps the wire getting caught on this then created undue stress on the post, causing it to snap?

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