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I'll confess to being one of those anglers who has always taken some pride in his old, battered equipment. My chest fly box is nearly 30 years old and my trout vest is probably over 20. Like a lot of "older" fishermen who started in the hobby before chest packs were prevalent (almost every trout fisher wore vests before the mid 80s or so).....I've always been a vest guy and, like Jack, am a creature of habit and prefer my stuff stay in the same pockets. Nevertheless, many anglers who wore vests for years find they develop back pain as they get older and switch to the, apparently, more ergonomic chest packs. However, I like to carry a lot of stuff and haven't had back pain (yet) so I'll stick with my old, tattered vest replete with tears, frayed edges, decades old Mucilin stains.... and such battle scars.