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Find the spline of the tip top piece first....it should be the easiest/obvious one to locate. Mark it. Then do the next section. Mark it. Put the two pieces together. Check to see that they find the same spline working together. If they don't, recheck the larger piece. Keep working with it until you have it, move on to the third section...check it with all three....and work your way down. the butt section is the hardest but when checked with the whole rod or the second section it usually becomes more noticeable. In the end you want it "popping" to the spline for the whole rod. If it feels iffy or hitting a few places when fully assembled you probably have one or two of the sections off. The idea is to work off of the piece you are certain about the spline, which is usually top... it's a trial and error process. If you want to get a feel for finding the spline. Try it with your store bought rods and take note where it "pops" and where the guides are aligned. Also, I use an old bathroom vanity mirror as my smooth surface. It doesn't get much smoother than that.