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Re: tippet visibility and floatant

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In my experience, "seeing" the tippet isn't really the problem. You can tie a freakin rope onto that fly and the fish will take it just fine, so long as the rope isn't attached to the end of a rod or otherwise causing an unnatural drift.

Drag is the issue. Now, it could be drag induced by the tippet on the fly, or it could be dragging the tippet across the water surface in an unnatural way. Either will do you in.

The question of whether you want your tippet floating or sunk near the fly is thus a good one. Floating induces less drag on the fly. But sinking would hide the tippet dragging across the surface effect. I've always leaned towards wanting my tippet to be floating as high as possible. And for that reason, I tend to stay away from fluoro for dries, especially for small dries. It's stiffer, and it's denser and sinks more. Both are bad for drag. I have far more success with supple, mono tippets when fishing small dry flies.

Nymphing/streamers are a different story altogether.