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Fishidiot wrote:

I built that same rod a few years ago (7WT Rainshadow Switch). To be honest, **I'm still trying to figure out what line to use with it.** I started with my regular 7WT F line and this was okay but really too light. I experimented with heavier shooting heads and they seemed to work a bit better (esp with a two hand casting style) but I'm still trying to find a good match. Some folks like the Scandi type tapers for switch rods. I think it depends a lot on the casting style you use and the size of the flies. In the meantime, it's a deadly rod for high stick nymphing in big trout streams. 😊

Anyway, I realize you asked about leaders. I like a simpler set-up for river bass and usually stick to something like this (I don't like light tippet for bass and rarely go lighter than 12lb test):

BUTT: 3' of 30-40lb

MID: 3' of 20lb

TIPPET: 2' of 12-15lb

[Here](#) is a great article on choosing line for a switch red. I would estimate for 7wt 450gr +/- . It depends on what you want to do with the rod. Outbound short for long casts like in the surf (your rod is probably too light for that, though). A scandi short versa-tip can do a lot of things.