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After years of tolerating a pos reel seat on a Frost 7' bamboo rod that I like to use, I decided to tackle replacing it. The original seat is plastic so I used a dremel with a cut-off wheel and sliced grooves down to the core but it didn't let go. I tried a hair dryer to introduce heat but it wasn't quite hot enough so I pulled out a socket on a stand with a red flood in it from christmas and rotisserated the seat slowly over it, touching the bulb to the plastic seat until faint wisps of smoke started appearing and sure enough the old seat popped off. Sweet and no damage to the handle, I already sourced a nos all metal seat the same size and style and have some u-40 rod bond on the way, so alls I need is to add a winding check and glue it up. Total time will be about 1 hour. After all these years, I can't believe I didn't try that sooner.