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PennKev wrote:

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What line company is still including a cleaning pad? I've purchased several each of Rio, Orvis, and SA lines over the last few years and have never gotten anything more than just the line.

Kev[/quote]

Cortland does, although I would hesitate to call it a cleaning pad. More like a line dressing pad. If you run a dirty line through it, it will turn black in a hurry, transferring the dirt to the pad.

My fly lines last decades and float well, and some have a ton of hours on them. I use the same simple cleaning technique with good success and I won't change it: Every day I fish a line I strip the used part (plus a few extra feet) off the reel and pull it gently through a soft tissue until the dirt is removed. Then I dress it with Cortland fly line cleaner. Takes all of 2 minutes. Some may argue against pulling a line through dry media to start the cleaning process, but you can't argue with the success I've had. All my lines except one are Cortland 444SL (my favorite) and a few 444's.

Just don't try to clean it with a vacuum cleaner like I did.