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I don't have any experience with that model. I have owned Hodgeman stuff.

For one, I'd tell you that PVC/nylon are gonna be pretty bulletproof, but the breathability sucks. That may not be a revelation, but what might be is the difference between hipsters and chesties. Lack of breathability in a hipster is no big deal. In a chest wader, it is, especially summer time. If you planned to use them in the summer, I might suggest just getting another pair of cheapo hipsters to hold you over until funds get better.

If just planning to use in late fall/winter/early spring - have at it. Been thinking about going this route myself to allow my breathables to last longer.

If you want to go the breathable route. You can probably get stocking foot waders + decent wading boots for under \$150. They won't be top of the line. And the difference between top of the line and cheapo's is mostly longevity. But cheapo breathables should last you at least a year, maybe two. And the boots at least 2 or 3.