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I think TFO makes some pretty nice rods for their normal price point, and having built on TFO blanks I can say that they do have an obvious spline and their factory guide spacing is not optimal, so a custom build on one of their blanks will give you a better rod. But I'm really surprised that they are taking this approach to marketing. It seems that they are basically admitting that their normal build process is flawed!

On the cost, I don't think you could get a custom build on one of their blanks with all the bells and whistles for much less than \$400. So they are overpriced, but not as much as you might think. My biggest concern is that you would be paying for the illusion of a custom build rod but really just getting a somewhat better TFO factory product. It looks like the custom work really comes down to cosmetics and a standard "blueprinting" (which is ridiculous) and the more important things you want customized are things like the fit of your hand to the grip or the placement of the stripping guide to match your reach.

I guess somebody will buy them.

Mike.