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Yeah, fly rods slowly improve, and the improvement over time has been very noticeable.

That said, the improvement has come from higher modulus graphite, as well as improved resin. The result is that rods can either be made faster, or can be made "just as fast" with less material (i.e. lighter), or some combination of the above.

Those with significantly thinned walls will NOT be more durable. Perhaps less so, and at best, the same.

And, while this has happened, many anglers are desiring SLOWER rods, which are available, and are not all that much improved. If you don't desire a faster rod than is available, there hasn't been much improvement.

In my hands, I feel a HUGE difference between various rods and tapers, regardless of when they were designed and made. But I can't say any of them are better or worse than any others. I can only say what I personally prefer, which varies depending on the application. And there are plenty of old rods that I like. The only thing I can say about modern technology is that the "light and fast" category has added even lighter and faster options over time. i.e. one end of the spectrum has been lengthened. But for me, all rods, anywhere on that spectrum, still have their time and place. Every rod is a trade-off, and excels at something while falling short on something else.