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Re: CDC Trico Comparadun

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I'm not big on using leader straighteners, especially on tippet.

Just give it a good stretch, and count to 10.

Those rubber lined leader straighteners work by creating friction (heat), and stretching the leader while doing this.

There's a better way.

One of the neat tricks I learned from hanging with the comp guys was to boil leaders. Coil up your leader by holding the tippet end, and wrap around your fingers. When there's like 6" left of the butt section, wrap this through the hoop along the circumference. This is how store bought leaders are wrapped.

Drop this coiled leader into a small pan of rapidly boiling water for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, take it out with a fork, and uncoil it again. Immediately give the entire leader a good stretching. You'll find that the leader straightens completely, with no memory at all.

Boiling and stretching a leader this way aligns the molecules of the leader, while not harming it at all. Allowing it to cool in the straightened configuration helps "set" the leader in it's new straight condition.

Doing this also has side benefits. The boiled leader is "stretchier", and more supple. It adds a bit of shock absorption. It helps reduce microdrag because of the added suppleness

The new "set" lasts for a week or so, and you can re-boil the leader many , many times. Give it a try - it works!