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well, my personal theory on this new line vs my line taper wise seems that they wanted to shorten the game up a little bit on the trout It line. what i mean is the It line is a very long front taper at 28', but has the most energy loss via less and less mass as it unrolls while casting. but that energy loss will give that super fine or soft presentation. but you will sacrifice ability to throw heavier flies with a nice presentation aka cone heads and other larger subsurface stuff. also that light front section of the It lines make the short or close casting game a bit harder, though i think a more wind resistant fly like a sz14 wulff is a great hybrid for the short game because the wind resistance of the fly makes you work the rod a bit more.

where as example the rio gold line has a 5' front taper, 22' of body and 12' of rear taper. giving you more forward mass, longer casts and the ability to move larger flies.

now back to the new rio perception that you have seems to be a hybrid of both the above lines and seems like it would be awesome(other than the price tag). a shorter head in all weighing in at exactly 135gr @ 36'(3wt line) with a longer front taper than the gold @8' but far shorter than the It still giving you a better presentation than the gold but the ability to cast larger flies than the It.

and another detail difference between the It and the perception is the total head weight of the lines, the perception is 135 gr for the full head weight where the It line is 170gr @ 42.5', but the fly line weight standard of 130gr at the 30' mark, so it's by afma rules a 3 wt.

and i would believe this all "trickled down" form the spey/double hand lines. they are now skagit, scandi and skandit.

skagit- short heavy lines, usually minimal taper, to chuck the biggest fly, but worst presentation.

scandi- really long taper line for smaller flies and more "technical presentation"

skandit- a few years back or so, some guys started hybriding a lighter skagit head with a lighter skandi tip to make a great presentation of larger flies. by using the heavy weight of the skagit and the longer tapered front tip of the scandi for the presentation.

though really the triangle tapers have been doin this for a good while one day i'll get to cast some of their stuff as well.

and depending on where you are located, would you want to meet up and cast all three lines on our rods just to see what we both think?

Oh yeah and as to the line you chose for your rod, I think you're gonna be happier than a pig in poop!