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IMO all st croix rods Elite and Ultra (I own or or have fished a full day a combination of the 2 models in the 4,5 and 6 wts) have quality blanks, but the hardware is not up to the upper end rods. The tip top in my ultra became grooved in a surprisingly short time. The threads on the reel seat is just ok. The cork acceptable, but not as good as high end rod. FYI: the Elite and Ultra were made with the same quality of hardware, at least at the time. Both models are heavy (and feel so) compared to their next tier match (Z-axis for example) and do not track as well or fish short lines as well as the Z.

I traded up to the Z to replace my Ultra 6wt when the Z's were discontinued. I like the Ultra enough to hold onto it as a backup rod.

Now, with all that said. The ultra, too bad it's discontinued, was a great compromise. Not as good as the top models, but they were just a little more than half the price. At the time I felt it was a good bargain for what you pay for. My experience with the Elite is what someone else wrote here- I'd rather the spend the little extra for the higher end rod because the price to performance differential is not as appealing as the ultra

Avid and Ultra owners- how do you feel about the two? If I need another rod, I'd take a look at St croix again if they can provide something like the ultra.

I had a very good experience with St Croix when I needed my tip top replaced. They were going to fix it for free, if I sent the rod back. I told them well, why not just tell me the proper size and part number and I'll buy the tip top to replace it myself. They sent me the tip top and cement immediately free of charge.