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BB,

In some cases, you get junk under the "store brand" and in other cases you get some good stuff. I swore I wanted the Cabelas welded seam waders. Went down and tried them on...ended up with G3's. I've owned at least 5, maybe 6 Cabelas fly rods. All but one needed to be replaced. Some snapped while casting and others while simply stringing up the rod. They treated fine with the returns but I just felt the product didn't last. The LSI is a very nice casting rod too.

I think their line is made by SA. I got some for my nephew and it floats fine. It doesn't go out the guides very well at all. I'd label it as awful. I've got 2 rain jackets from them and they are good.

Is a rod made in the US better than one made in Korea? For the past couple of years, the answer might have been "no" since the Hardy Zenith was ruling reviews and it's made overseas. Again, it's one of those where you can get good stuff or get junk. All depends on what you are shopping for, what you want to spend and what your expectations are for the product you are buying.