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There are no 8'6" fiberglass rods in the 1960s. Period. There aren't gonna be any 5wt rods, either, in that length, either.

Beuase that too would be stupid, less stupid, but stupid none the less.

Its a 7wt. I know, normally I tell you all its a 6wt, except that's an 8'6" rod, meaning its going to be a 7wt.

While it would probably actually have been considered to be the 8wt equivalent (GB/B) you won't like it at that weight at all, meaning you'd fish it as a 7wt because that would feel correct.

On the rare chance you find a rod that was designed to be a lightweight rod, it would be 7' or shorter. Period.

Don't try to read anything in "130" other than a model designation. These people didn't measure in grains, they measured in line diameter.

edit: "But I cast it with a GPX 5wt, and it was awesome!" The GPX line weights are drastically off the AFTMA scale. The head weight of a GPX is 190 grains which is an AFMTA 7wt line. Actually, to be precise, an overweight, almost-out-of-spec 7wt line. You're welcome.