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Re: Old rod: what line weight do I use on it?

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gfen: by definition, A WF4 and a DT4 have the same weight in grains within the first 30 feet of line. However, comparing the two, the weight is distributed differently within that 30 feet, resulting in a different "feel" when cast (at least for me). A WF feels heavier than a DT of the same weight because the WF is designed to load sooner, theoretically allowing you to shoot more line and cast further. Nowadays, most rod manufacturers design their rods with a WF line in mind. I find that most of my PA trout fishing is done at short ranges and I find it useful to "overline" my (WF)4wt rods with DT5 lines. However, I have an Orvis 7-11 (4wt) which bucks that trend. BTW, the DT line is arguably a poor choice compared to the WF, but the DT is cheaper (and I am cheap).

Line diameter is not explicitly controlled by AFTMA; only the weight of the first 30 feet is standardized.