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I would not recommend the newer waterproof boxes for long term storage. The flies will rust especially if used. I recently bought a lot of flies from the forties and fifties stored in Perrines that were used and still useable. The metal boxes such as perrine and wheatley are heavier. But, I love them and the perrines come in varous configurations. The #92 is very slim and holds alot of flies. The size 12 to 16 dry flies tied Catskill style with full hackles are best suited for this box. The smaller sizes may slip from the coiled springs and the larger may crimp the hackle somewhat. The #100 has the compartments. I have used various boxes and chest boxes Richardson and Downstream. They work nice as well if you like the chest box. Ultimately the choice is yours but I strongly recommend the old school boxes. If you drop a waterproof box in the water you will have to chase it as it floats downstream, another downfall.