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Like the linked Trident review above says, inside 25 feet, you've got 7' or less line out the tip of your rod. In this situation, just about any rod that's fast enough to reach out any respectable distance into the wind is going to feel a little bit like a broomstick if you've only got 9' of leader and a dry tied on.

I've got the 690-4 One and it's at it's best when the line out of the tip is more than the length of the rod, meaning, with a 9' leader, you're looking at a cast about 28-30' from the angler. From here, it only gets better as you move toward the 45-60 foot range, then whether due to my ability (most likely) or the rod & line, it's less and less ideal out to my max casting distances of 75-80 feet.

Similar to over-lining, I found that i got a lot more feel in-close (in exchange for pure range) by switching to a short x-fast sink poly leader when fishing streamers. This gets much more flex in the rod at close range and I'm sure a 2 nymph rig with shot would have a similar effect.