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Dear Tom,

Can't say that I ever used leaders tied by that particular seller, but I have used leaders tied entirely with Maxima Chameleon for about 20 years and never saw a downside to them. If I had to live with only one choice of tippet and leader material forever I would chose Chameleon without hesitation.

I tie my own and alternate between tying them with all Maxima and with Orvis Super Strong for the last two sections. I find that Maxima works better for nymphing in snag filled water because it is highly abrasion resistant. I like the SS for slightly better dry fly fishing especially in the smaller sizes like 5X and 6X, but I find that with the SS you have to be really careful to wet your knot to the fly before you draw it tight or else the tippet gets those annoying curly-cues in it. That is never an issue with Maxima Chameleon.

If you'd like to try tying your own leaders Fly Fisher's Paradise in State College, 814-234-4189, sells a leader tying kit for about $ 35.00. You get Maxima for the butt and taper sections and I think Umpqua for the tippet as well as a booklet with leader formulas for 7 1/2, 9 and 12 foot leaders. Buy a Dennison blood knot tool and for about $ 45.00 total you can tie at least 35 or 40 leaders for yourself before you need to start replacing spools of material.

Regards,
Tim Murphy 😀