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Before you buy anything think about the conditions you fish the majority of the time and get a rod that is designed to excel under those condition. There is no such thing as an all-purpose rod that can effectively cover the entire spectrum of fishing conditions.

Using a 9 foot 5 weight as an example, some rod designs are better suited for working in close (40 feet). Not that the one better suited for in close work can't throw 60 feet of line when needed (and vice versa) but if the majority of your fishing is done in close, get a high end rod that is designed to excel at those conditions. Trust me, you'll be much happier in the long run.

For me the majority of my fishing involves casting less than 40 feet . I've got an 8 foot 3 weight, an 8 foot 4 weight and a 9 foot 5 weight – all medium action Winston WT models. If I had to keep only 1 rod, it would be the 4 weight, as this rod is the perfect "all-purpose" rod for the majority of conditions that I fish. It handles a moderate amount of wind, it can throw larger flies and it can toss 60 feet of line when needed. The 3 weight is my favorite rod and casts the best of the three but it really doesn't handle wind or larger wind resistant flies all that well. The 5 weight is a great all around rod and on really windy days or fishing large, heavily weighted streamers, this is the rod I use but overall for the conditions I mostly fish, the 4 weight is the perfect "all-purpose" rod for me.

For high-end rods, try the Winston WT, Biit and Biix models and the Sage Z-Axis and ZXL models. The WT, Biit and ZXL are medium action rods and the Z-Axis and Biix are fast action rods.