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Superfine Action Explained

Most people don't realize there are two variables that describe a rod's action: flex profile and load. The flex profile, familiar to most of us, describes where a rod flexes at various points along the blank. But you can actually make a full-flex rod feel stiff by underlining it, so that the rod doesn't bend much until you get 50 feet on line beyond the tip-top. Many people would call such a rod "fast" but in reality the rod will be a full-flex rod no matter what line size you put on it.

Load describes how much a rod bends under a given load. Most fly rods today are designed to load beyond 35 feet, because most fly rods are tested in parking lots where customers try to throw as much fly line as they can. And when someone buys such a rod and then is faced with short casts on small streams or pinpoint casting to big trout rising on a tailwater, they have to work too hard to make the rod load and end up over-lining the rod to make it flex properly. Superfine Carbon graphite rods and Superfine Glass rods are designed with a full-flex action for superb tippet protection and the feel of a fish that extends right down to the butt of the rod, but the load on the rods is also tuned for shorter casts. You can truly load these rods with 15 feet of line and straighten a 12-foot leader without forcing the cast, yet they have enough reserve power to cast 50 feet if needed. This combination of full-flex profiles and a quicker loading rod makes quick casts without a false cast a dream, and it also makes roll casting easier.

Why the name change?

Since we now have Superfine Glass rods, we decided to make Superfine a series we would add the modifier Carbon to the Superfine graphite rods to make them both members of the same family.



How do they compare to Superfine Glass Rods?

Superfine Carbon rods are lighter because you need less material to get the same flex profile. Carbon fiber has a higher modulus of elasticity, which is a measure of the stiffness of a fiber. In addition, the greater mass of a fiberglass rod gives the rod a special feel, and it slows down the casting tempo of the rod. The action of a Superfine Carbon rod will feel halfway between a Superfine Glass rod and a tip-flex H2.



What is different about these as compared to the Superfine Touch Rods?

Instead of the gold anodized reel seat with a wood insert, we have changed the reel seat to a lighter cork up-locking reel seat with silver aluminum hardware.



The carbon tube that was included with the Superfine Touch rods has been replaced by a more traditional aluminum tube. The best part of this is that the carbon tube was made in China and the new aluminum tube is made in USA.



The tapers and action of the rods are virtually identical to the previous Superfine Touch rods, but the caster will feel slightly smoother, crisper action. The reason for the slight change is that we have improved the ferrule and flag construction of these rods (the flag is the flat piece of graphite that is cut from a roll and then rolled into the final blank). The exact process we use is a trade secret but we can assure you it makes the rods feel even better than the previous iteration of Superfines.



Why did the price go down?

Our rod designers are always trying to deliver more value. Over the past few years we have been able to identify efficiencies in manufacturing that lowered our cost to build each one of these rods, and we have passed the savings along to the consumer.

Superfine Carbon Rods and Outfits



* Available May 2015.

| Line wt. | Length | Pcs. | Item # | Rod Price | Outfit Price |
|----------|--------|------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| 1-wt. | 7'6" | 4 | UG14XB | \$425 | \$557 |
| 2-wt. | 6" | 3 | UG14XF | \$425 | \$557 |
| | 8' | 4 | UG14XJ | \$425* | \$557* |
| 3-wt. | 6'6" | 4 | UG14XM | \$425 | \$557 |
| | 7'6" | 4 | UG14XN | \$425 | \$557 |
| | 8'6" | 4 | UG14XS | \$425* | \$557* |
| 4-wt. | 7' | 4 | UG14XZ | \$425 | \$568 |
| | 7'6" | 4 | UG14YB | \$425 | \$568 |
| | 8' | 4 | UG14YF | \$425* | \$568* |
| | 9' | 4 | UG14YJ | \$425* | \$568* |
| 5-wt. | 8'6" | 4 | UG14YM | \$425 | \$578 |
| | 9' | 4 | UG17F6 | \$425* | \$578* |

Have your name hand-scribed for an additional \$45. Allow 3 extra days for delivery. Superfine rods come with a 25-year guarantee to repair or replace, no matter the reason. Need some advice? Call our advisors at 800-778-4778, visit a store or dealer, or go to orvis.com.

Outfit component price reflects the full retail cost of a Battenkill reel, Hydros Freshwater line, rod tube, and backing.



What are these rods for?

The new Orvis Superfine Carbon rods were painstakingly designed and tested to make perfect casts at distances less than 30 feet, even though with an adjustment in casting style they can reach out to 60 feet. The rods utilize combinations of standard and intermediate-modulus graphite throughout their length, with carbon scrim for added strength and weight reduction.

These rods are perfect for small stream fishing because they load properly and casting is smoother at the shorter casts needed. But on larger rivers, they are also ideal for pinpoint casting to rising fish or sight-fishing with a nymph, where accuracy is critical, and because they load so well at short distances they are also terrific tools for throwing nymphs with indicators or dry-dropper combinations—thus the reason for the 9-foot models.

All of these rods are roll-casting machines, and are also perfect for quick casts without false casting in between because they load with only a short amount of line outside of the rod tip.