

European Rod Tapers

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Ron Barch, of "The Planing Form", suggested to include some European rod tapers, for the "collectors" among the rod makers, and some general information about them. I have selected, from my archive, a number of tapers from major European makers, and my friend Johan Nygaardsvold, Skorovatn, Norway has contributed with some Hørgård measurements.

I have selected 24 single handed trout rods and 25 two handed rods (salmon rods). Hundreds of trout rod tapers have been published, both in print and in a number of internet sources, and most every rod maker has "tweaked" some tapers a bit to suit his fancy, and "created" "new" tapers/rods. But only a few such specifications for salmon rods have been published. Maybe the tapers below inspire some rod makers to try a hand on these?

The calibrations are measured in millimeters, and the imperial values in decimal fractions of an inch are calculated. Accordingly, the graphs use millimeters on the axis for Rod Diameter. The guide distances are given in centimeters and inches. And yes, we use the "coma" instead of the decimal "point" in Europe. The salmon taper graphs include, for quick visual reference, the longest Garrison taper of an 8' 9" rod, model 221. The one that is named "Salmon Rod" in the book. In the trout taper graphs a Garrison 212 taper is included.

When building two handed salmon rods you enter a whole new dimension of rod making, with a number of challenges. The length of the rods requires quite thick diameters, and a steel planing form designed for trout rods will not always "open" far enough to accommodate the splices. Maybe the butt side does sometimes, for mids and tips, but a specially made planing form with a deep "V" is required. The tapers are often different, too. Since you cannot accelerate the line by single- or double-hauling utilizing your non-casting hand, the rod has to do all the work. You want it to work over its whole length, and down into the handle, which is usually from 22-28 inches long, depending on rod length. Your hands have to be placed well apart, for good leverage. Swelled butts prevent the rods largely from bending into the handle, and the rod's full potential is not employed. Ferrules of the required sizes present another problem. As they are usually not readily available you have to make them yourself. You need from 30/64th upwards for the lower ones, and from 20/64th for the upper, with three piece rods (the 15' HLL rod in the tables below has 30/64th and 19/64th, for example, and the 18' HLL rod 40/64th and 26/64th; and these are rather slim rods. The 40/64th ferrule is 8.34 in. long, sections joined). Two piece rods can be, and have been, made. But the length of the sections may present problems, both when planing the strips, and transporting the rod.

The often used term "spey rod" for two handed rods at large is somewhat misleading. The rivers Spey, Tay, Dee, and Tweed, comprise "the big four" in Scotland. The banks of the Spey are mostly high, with lots of vegetation. Anglers had to invent and apply water (roll-) casts to present their fly to the fish. These special casts, developed along the river and usually using long rods (13 – 18 feet), are termed Spey Casts. There is a Single Spey and a Double Spey, used, dependent on the wind direction (upstream or downstream), from either side of the river. The Spey Cast as such has nothing to do with rod length. You can perform it with a 7' rod, if you fancy. But this is not the point. With a long rod of suitable taper you can reach out much farther (the old masters used 18' - 20' poles, and beyond¹). Today 14' - 16' is the most used length, with 13' as a minimum. Indeed, for the ordinary Spey Cast, *length* is a more important factor in a rod than *strength*. You cannot lift a long line with a short rod; and what a Spey Rod lifts it will also cast.

Some of the earliest and perhaps most famous, true Spey Rods were built by Alexander Grant, of Carrbridge, Inverness-shire, Scotland. He was the inventor of "The Grant Vibration Rod", made of Greenheart [*Chlorocardium rodiei* (R.Schomb.) syn.: *Ocotea rodiei*, *Nectandra rodiei*]. Each section was joined to the other by overlapping swelled splices designed with a turned up end that reduces the amount of vibration usually associated with this type of rod, and held in place by leather thonging, which also could not slip over these turned up ends. Making the rods, he planed away the wood until, upon being struck with a tuning fork, it gave the correct note, or tone. Hence the name. A patent for this fishing rod was applied for in 1894 and granted.

On December 11th 1896, he demonstrated his invention to the angling press of the day at Kingston-Upon-Thames, spey casting 56 yards with a 20-foot rod, standing on the bank 15 inches above river level. The distance was measured from his feet to the fly.

¹ Sir Henry Pottinger, in his 2-volume book: "Flood, Fell, and Forest" (1905), describes the rod he was using in 1857 during his fishing trip down the Tana River thus: "It is twenty feet long, in four joints, made of hickory; the butt is at the grasp five inches in circumference; and the total weight is five pounds." When the third joint of the rod broke he had to "...fall back on what I call my little seventeen-foot Irish rod, ...feeling like a wand in the hand...". The Tana River system, of some 1000 km (620 miles), tributaries included, is the largest Salmon River in Scandinavia and known for its big fish. In 1928 Henrik Henriksen landed the world record salmon of 35.89 kg (79.12 pounds), on spinning tackle. The fight lasted 9 hours. The largest-ever salmon from the Tana was 39 kg (86 pounds), taken in a net.

In 1900, Grant, who was making his rods single-handed, could no longer cope with the demand and sold the patent to "Charles Playfair & Co. Gunmakers and Fishing Tackle Manufacturers", of Aberdeen, who produced the rods until their closing down in 1955, after 134 years in business. Today they are again available. Clan Fishing Rods, Ltd., Strathspey, Inverness-shire, Scotland, makes them in 13' to 17' lengths (and in Greenheart!).

I have included one (Playfair) "Grant Vibration" taper, of 13'. Now, comparing Greenheart and Split Cane is somewhat like comparing apples and pears: round and solid versus hexagonal, and two different materials as well. But you get an idea of what the whole thing is about in terms of general taper.

Eventually more rods were built by various manufacturers especially for this casting style, with usually rather thin calibrations in the lower third or so, and heavy, powerful top joints. Some had even "reverse tapers" into (under) the handle. Remember: with two-handed rods you cannot apply a "double-haul". The rod has to do all the work. And every bit of it is used to do it, much like in parabolic rods.

In the taper tables, I have included guide spacings for the trout rods, but omitted them (and other details, like number and position of intermediate windings, ferrule sizes, handle length, thread color) with salmon rod tapers. Should someone be interested in these details, please contact me. For a few rods two or more individual tapers are given in the tables to show the variation within a certain model. As with all machine made production rods, some, and often large tolerances have to be considered, and sometimes the taper was also subject to intended changes.

Hardy Bros.

In 1998 "The Flyfisher's Classic Library", England, published a book by James Leighton Hardy: "The House the Hardy Brothers built". On pages 276-295 (Appendix B) the author lists all the rods (397 models) the company had built between 1883 and 1983, and the manufacturing data. From Lancewood and Hickory to Greenheart to Split Bamboo to Glass Fiber and Carbon Fiber. 222 different Split Bamboo rod models are listed, including spinning and coarse fishing rods. Mostly hexagonal rods, but also octagonal and nonagonal ones, both single built, double built and steel-centered. The list is not complete, as some models mentioned in the list were produced in still other lengths, and since 1983 more models have been added.

Many of the rods were made over a very long period of time. The "Gold Medal", (8'6" to 20') e.g. was produced from 1883 to 1967, the "Hi-Reagan Salmon", (15' and 16'), from 1891 to 1952, the "Houghton Dry Fly", (9'6", 10', 10'3", 10'6" 11') from 1894 to 1957. Others had a rather short life: The "Baden Powell" (11') was made in 1903 only, the "LRH Wet" (9'3") from 1948-1950, the "Reservoir Fly" (9'6") from 1967-1970.

Most of the models were made in a number of different lengths. For example the "Phantom" was made, from 1962-1972, in 4'4", 6', 6'10", 8', 8'6", 9', 10' in 2-piece configurations, and in 8', 8'6" and 9' in 3-piece configurations. This means in truth 10 different rods with as many different tapers! Moreover, many of the rod tapers were altered to some, sometimes great, degree in the course of years, and the make-up of some rods as well, e.g. the color of the guide windings, the type, number and spacing of guides, and with some rods the intermediates were eventually omitted. Several Hardy rods of the same model and length were made in different weights, too. E.g. the "Koh-i-noor", of 8' 9", was available in 5 oz (Nr. 1) and 5 ¼ oz (Nr. 2), and, additionally, steel centered by special order. Also the "J.J. Hardy Triumph", of 8' 9" could be had in a 4 ¾ oz and a 5 ¼ oz version, and both as two or three piece rods.

So, a taper of a particular rod (model, length, number of sections, weight, and year) is often just that!

By the way: the trade name "Palakona" and the Reg. No. 246963, written on the rods, have nothing to do with either model name or rod number. The name is derived from "pale cane" and was registered in 1902. But there WAS a Palakona model, made from 1973-1978, in lengths from 6' to 8'9", and in 2 pc/1 tip configuration.

Some of the more popular models, like the "Palakona", were reintroduced in the 1980-ies and 90-ies, in a number of lengths; also the "Marvel", "Phantom", "C.C. de France", "Continental Special", and others.

It is virtually impossible to obtain/collect the tapers of all of these rods. Below are listed some of those I have handled or repaired/refinished, and measured. When rods had two tips, both were measured and the average values are given.

I have selected a few rather long trout rods, and some salmon rods. Note the quite sharp drop-over-ferrules with most rods. Hardy's were using their own ferrules, a step-down type (no super-Z).

Pezon et Michel

Pezon et Michel was another major European producer of split bamboo rods. In 1937 a mutual friendship between the chief-designer Edouard Plantet and Charles Ritz resulted in the development of the most famous Pezon rod series: the Super Parabolic PPP (Puissance Pendulaire Progressive, Progressive Pendular Power, also called Perfect Progressive Power). It was launched in 1949 with six models. Later others were added, many named after fishing friends, e.g. Al McClane, Mario Riccardi, Pierre Creusevaut, Hans Gebetsroither, and others. In 1958 Ritz founded the famous Fario Club, which held its annual meeting at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. One of the PPP-rods is named after this club, and bears his name. They PPP rods were "...the end product of the most advanced scientific research in the field of fly rod action. They enable the angler to master easily the HS/HL (High Speed/High Line) casting technique." (from a Pezon et Michel catalogue).

A few of the shorter PPP rods are listed below. In addition a competition rod (130 grams = 4.58 oz allowed weight), extremely staggered, with a diminutive handle and reel seat and a very short (light) ferrule, and two salmon fly rods.

Asbjørn Hørgård A/S

Much has been published about both Hardy and Pezon & Michel, but very little about Hørgård. So let me detail somewhat on this Norwegian company.

Asbjørn Hørgård started rod making in 1934, with bamboo ski-poles as raw material. In 1938 he went to England, to study split cane making in its homeland. Back again in Norway he constructed a number of machines, for rough-and-taper milling, gluing, and others, using bicycle-wheels amongst others. World War II and German occupation of Norway stopped all business. His premises were confiscated and he was imprisoned by the Gestapo. In prison he made drawings of things he intended to do and produce after the war, with a pencil and on toilet paper, which was the only available. These included the exact lay-out of the later workshop of the company, detailed construction plans of fishing reels, both fly and multiplier, reel holders, folding-net mechanisms, and others. In all he had 162 sheets of toilet paper hidden on his breast under his clothing, when he was freed May 8th, 1945.

After WW II Asbjørn Hørgård A/S soon became the major producer of fishing tackle in Norway. The company grew quickly from a one-man-operation to a large firm. 800 m² (8 610 sq. ft.) shop area in 1947 eventually became too small, and the company had to move to the outskirts of Trondheim in 1973, where a new building was erected, 3200 m² (34 445 sq. ft.) in size. Their total production was over 130 000 bamboo rods, mostly fly rods and a number of spinning/coarse fishing rods; in two and three sections, solid and hollow, single and double built and even triple built rods for tuna fishing. In 1985 bamboo rod production came to an end. Blanks and components were available for another year or two, from surplus stocks. Today the company does not exist any more. But thousands of these rods are still fished, and treasured, in Scandinavia and elsewhere. The machines Asbjørn Hørgård had constructed are displayed in museums today.

The majority of the trout rods are rather long, from 9' to 9' 6". True no-nonsense fishing tools, and suited for Scandinavian waters. Most rods were available with either one or two tips, and with different types of reel seats (screw-lock or sliding band), and some of the longer ones could be ordered with a detachable fighting butt. Spare tips for most rods could also be ordered from catalogues.

Possibly the best known rods are the Konkurrans (=*competition*) models. As the name suggests, they were designed for Tournament casting (skish, distance). But anglers soon found out that they were perfectly suited for grilse and sea trout fishing. Arguably more sea trout have been caught with these than with any other rod, although Hørgård, in a catalogue from 1956, remarks that "...the Konkurrans F is so powerful that it is not recommended as a fishing rod." The Konkurrans B and D, especially, were much used for sea trout dry fly fishing in the famous rivers "Lærdal" and "Aurland".

The "Lillemor" was another very popular model, and a "...most delicate rod for light trout fishing ... distinct tip action for perfect dry fly presentation." Economy rods with cheaper hardware included models like "Golden Fly", "Silver Fly" and "Veslemøy".

Some of Hørgård's rod models were marketed in the US by Norm Thompson.

Norway has a coastline of 25 148 km (15 626 miles), 455 000 lakes, and countless rivers. 1121 of these are officially registered (per 1995) as to have migratory fish (salmon, sea trout, sea char), and 629 of these have salmon runs. So, naturally, salmon rods have always played an important role in the arsenal of a Norwegian angler, and

many a salmon has been caught with Hørgård rods. Asbjørn, a keen angler himself, knew what the game required, and designed the rods accordingly.

The biggest and most powerful series, the “Namsen”, was also suited for harling from a boat, and either fly, spoon or wobbler could be used with it. The 15’ 6” rod weighs 1000 grams (35.3 oz) and a DT-line of 40 yards and 105 grams (3.7 oz) was recommended (= DT 12). A very powerful rod indeed. I have included a still longer 15’ 10” version of the “Namsen” in the tapers below. The “Orkla”, of 14’ 6”, was another choice for many of the larger salmon rivers, where long casts are required and heavy fish expected. No spey rods, by the way, rather powerful overhead casters.

Hørgård rod models listed in catalogues from 1950 to 1985:

Note: Many of the rods are named after Norwegian rivers

Single Handed Trout Fly Rods	Double Handed Salmon Fly Rods	Spinning/Coarse Fishing Rods
Lågen, 10’ 6”	Namsen, 15’ 6”, 15’ 0”, 14’ 6”	Driva, 12’ 6”
Ena, 9’ 0”, 9’ 6”	Orkla, 14’ 6”	Gula, 11’ 0”
Tya, 9’ 6”	Alta, 14’ 0”	Model 21, 10’ 3”
Distanse, 9’ 6”	Sona, 14’ 0”	Warlock, 10’ 3”
Special 9’ 6”	Splitfly, 14’ 0” (2 pc. !)	Surna, 10’ 0”
Prince 9’ 3”	Tana, 13’ 6”	Spinning, 9’ 3”
Golden Fly, 9’ 6”, 9’ 0”, 8’ 6”	Skauga, 13’ 6”	Spinn, 9’ 3”
Silver Fly, 9’ 0”	Fellow, 12’ 6”	Lista, 9’ 3”
Light Fly, 9’ 0”	H. A., 12’ 9”	Ferder, 9’ 3”
Aura, 9’ 0”	H. B., 12’ 9”	Terna, 8’ 0”
Flua, 9’ 0”	H. C., 12’ 0”	Threadline 1A, 6’ 9”
Nea, 9’ 0”	H. D., 11’ 0”	Threadline 2A, 6’ 9”
Bua, 9’ 0”	Etna, 14’ 0” (2 pc., butt cane, top glass)	Threadline 1B, 6’ 9”
Type B, 8’ 6”		Threadline 2B, 6’ 9”
Lillemor, 8’ 6”		Threadline 1/0, 7’ 6”
Veslemøy, 8’ 6”		Threadline 2/0, 7’ 0”
Vesla, 6’ 6”, 7’ 0”, 7’ 6”, 8’ 0”		Threadline Junior, 5’ 6” (1pc.)
Turist, 8’ 0” (4 pc.)		Lillemor Flue-Spinn D’Luxe, 8’ 6”
Junior 7’ 6”		Glomma, 6’ 6” (1 pc.)
Konkurranse B, 9’ 3”		Skreppa, 6’ 0”
Konkurranse D, 9’ 0”		Sjoa, 5’ 6”
Konkurranse E, 8’ 6”		H 4, 5’ 6”
Konkurranse F, 9’ 6”		Splitcast, 5’ 6”
Konkurranse ED, 8’ 6”		Caster, 5’ 3”
		Ula, 6’ 0”
		Steel-Cane A, 5’ 0” (1 pc.)
		Steel-Cane B, 5’ 0” (1 pc.)
		Splitglass, 9’ 3” (butt cane, top glass)
“Olympicane” -set, containing a 3 pc/2 top rod,		Spinnglass, 9’ 6” (butt cane, top glass)
3 ½” reel, 20 yd line, 2 pc. “Stone Fly” imitations,		Etna Surf, 12’ 6” (butt cane, top glass)
illustrated instruction booklet about fly casting		Esox III, 7’

And just to mention it, in passing: another important Norwegian fishing tackle company was Vangen & Calsen. Sigurd Vangen began rod making in the 1930–ies. After WW II, with demand rising, he started a company together with his friend and fishing-buddy Odd Carlsen. The ingenious Sigurd developed a famous hollow-building process, called “Magic Star”, and held several patents for fishing tackle. Both Hardy’s and Orvis were interested e.g. in his expanding male ferrule, called “Intercon”, but he would not sell the patent. In 1970 the company produced 3000 rods. A growing market for the new materials, glass- and carbon-fiber, eventually put an end to bamboo rod making. Sigurd Vangen died in 1988, and today the company does not exist any more.

Other Salmon Rods

Sharpe’s, of Aberdeen was founded by J. S. Sharpe in 1920. The company quickly established a reputation for quality and excellence in the design and manufacture of impregnated split cane rods for salmon and trout fishing. They introduced many of the American rod building techniques to the British market, particularly the process of impregnating split cane (c.f. U.S. Patent No. 2,532,814, Dec. 5, 1950, Wesley D. Jordan to Charles F. Orvis Co., Inc.) and they quickly and deservedly built up a worldwide reputation for fine fly rods. Their salmon rods, spliced or fer-

ruled and impregnated, are some of the best spey rods ever made, anywhere. The most popular lengths were from 12 to 15 feet. Included in the tables are the tapers of a 12 footer and a 13 footer.

Included, too, are a few salmon rods of US origin, for comparison. A HL Leonard 15-footer from around the turn of the last century (1900-1910). The lighter version (23-25 oz) of two available; the heavier version was 27-29 oz. Furthermore a powerful HLL 16-footer from the mid-thirties, of 1.14 kg = 40 oz (both single-built, by the way), and a HLL 18-footer, from around 1910. Also listed is a Payne salmon rod, model 233, of 11' 6". All of these are no spey rods, but rather soft/smooth overhead casters with a swelled butt and a mid-to-tip-action. I have fished the 15 and 16 foot rods. The 18 foot rod I have lawn-cast only: you need to take a good stance, or tuck your feet under some boulders to keep your balance...

In the tables and graphs below I have grouped the various models. First two sets of Hardy trout tapers, all much stouter than the "Garrison 212", which is added for comparison. The "Houghton", of 1925 vintage, has a quite unusual taper and sports a total of 432 intermediate windings: butt 47, mid 77, tops 154 each. A slow rod. The Pezon & Michel PPP tapers are true parabolics, save the smallest, "McClane Wading", which is a remarkable fast rod. The "Concourse Distance" needs a strong wrist, but will cast a # 8 or 9 line a country mile. The Hørgård tapers represent quite the opposite genre: fast and powerful dry fly tapers (the Konkurransen ED e.g. is a close cousin to a LL Dickerson 8015 GS, though 6" longer and hollow built, and approximately a "A 9x1/7" in the E. C. Powell Taper System).

I have lawn-cast the rods, and fished some. But I shall not discuss the advantages and merits of one over the other here. All of these rods have been produced by the thousands, and fished, and admired, and loved. *Degustibus non est disputandum*.

The salmon rod tapers are also grouped:

Fig. 5: Three tapers of a "LRH Salmon Fly". A typical all-round rod, well suited for heavy waters and long overhead casts, which also will roll-cast a heavy line. No real spey-caster, though. Observe the different tapers: The steel centered (1956) one is much thinner in its butt calibrations.

Fig. 6: A bunch of "Wye" tapers, also all-round rods. Note the different tapers. The oldest one (1956) is entirely different from the others. The No. 70133 is a "dark coloured" rod, stained with potassium permanganate (see Fig. 15).

Fig. 7: Some spey rods proper: The "Mother of Spey Rods", a Playfair "Grant Vibration" (Greenheart) and two "LRH Spey Casting", both steel centered and without. The "LRH Greased Line" and the "AHE Wood" will also spey, or switch cast, but only short line lengths. They are not as strong as the above rods and were rather designed for light line overhead casting (lines 7 – 9, depending on length of line outside top guide. With two handed salmon rods you have a lot more than 10 yards of line busy, which are the basis for AFTM-rating; both spey casting or overhead).

Fig. 8: Two other wonderful spey rods, a Sharpe's spliced, of 12', and one of 13'. The 13' to 15' models are the more used lengths. Also pictured, for comparison, both a "LRH Spey Casting" and the "Grant Vibration". Here I have included the two quite severe swells over the splices (jointed). They have to be so thick to bear the shear forces and a lot of torque as well. The Sharpe's rods have similar swells over the splices.

Fig. 9: Two Pezon & Michel salmon rod tapers. Parabolic, yes, and they will spey cast, although lacking a bit power in the mid and top calibrations.

Fig. 10: The tapers of two massive Hørgård rods. Overhead casters, and some of the most powerful ones you are likely to find in their lengths. Included a "LRH Spey Casting" and a "LRH Greased Line", to compare. Tapers of other Hørgård salmon rods have been published in "Power Fibers", January 2001.

Fig. 11: Three HLL Salmon rods, plus a "wee" Payne. Rather slim rods, compared to the above Hørgård rods, and also compared to the "LRH Salmon Fly". The 18-footer is not easy to handle for the "tyro", due to its sheer length, its weight of 42 oz (1.19 kg), and the rather short handle of 23 in. (all HLL two handed rods have a handle of 23 in.). Again, a "LRH Spey Casting", of mere 13' 9", for comparison.

Fig. 12: Here I have gathered some selected tapers to show the principal difference of spey rods versus overhead casters. Two typical spey rods, (LRH Spey Casting, 13' 9" and Sharpe's Spliced, 12'), and two overhead casters of different characters (Orkla, 14' 6", HLL, 15').

The X-axis (Rod Diameter) is given in inches, for once.

The Garrison 221, shown for quick reference in all graphs, or other single handed rods for that matter, may be used for salmon fishing, of course. But I would much rather have a two-handed, say 14-footer, when playing a 20 pound fish in a large river. The leverage of a long rod alone is a great advantage. In Europe we usually associate two-handers when talking of salmon rods, be it split cane or carbon fiber.

Trout Fly Rod Tapers

Tab. 1

Hardy Continental Special staggered 8' 4" # 6 without varnish No. K/G 1984			Hardy Koh-i-Noor 8' 9" # 7 without varnish post numbered					p.n.		Hardy LRH Dry Fly 8' 9" # 7 without varnish				Hardy Perfection 8' 6" # 5 without varnish No. H 61124 1964		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	
0	2,16	0,085	0	2,16	0,085	2,36	0,093	0	2,30	0,091	2,04	0,080	0	2,13	0,084	
5	2,43	0,096	5	2,58	0,102	2,74	0,108	5	2,78	0,109	2,46	0,097	5	2,63	0,104	
10	2,80	0,110	10	3,04	0,120	3,24	0,128	10	3,34	0,131	2,92	0,115	10	3,18	0,125	
15	3,25	0,128	15	3,60	0,142	3,82	0,150	15	3,68	0,145	3,36	0,132	15	3,61	0,142	
20	3,72	0,146	20	4,22	0,166	4,34	0,171	20	4,00	0,157	3,68	0,145	20	3,87	0,152	
25	4,12	0,162	25	4,50	0,177	4,70	0,185	25	4,25	0,167	4,06	0,160	25	4,12	0,162	
30	4,48	0,176	30	4,80	0,189	4,94	0,194	30	4,56	0,180	4,26	0,168	30	4,40	0,173	
35	4,78	0,188	35	5,12	0,202	5,28	0,208	33	4,74	0,187	4,30	0,169	35	4,76	0,187	
40	5,25	0,207	40	5,50	0,217	5,58	0,220						40	5,11	0,201	
45	5,50	0,217	45	6,00	0,236	6,04	0,238	37	5,55	0,219	5,26	0,207	45	5,36	0,211	
50	5,58	0,220	50	6,24	0,246	6,18	0,243	40	5,73	0,226	5,37	0,211	47	5,56	0,219	
53	5,71	0,225						45	5,96	0,235	5,64	0,222	51	5,93	0,233	
			55	7,00	0,276	7,02	0,276	50	6,13	0,241	5,92	0,233				
57	6,40	0,252	60	7,18	0,283	7,28	0,287	55	6,40	0,252	6,06	0,239	55	6,22	0,245	
60	6,48	0,255	65	7,45	0,293	7,56	0,298	60	6,64	0,261	6,46	0,254	60	6,54	0,257	
65	6,74	0,265	70	7,80	0,307	7,88	0,310	65	6,87	0,270	6,68	0,263	65	6,77	0,267	
70	6,93	0,273	75	8,14	0,320	8,30	0,327	68	7,03	0,277	7,07	0,278	70	7,11	0,280	
75	7,15	0,281	80	8,35	0,329	8,56	0,337						75	7,39	0,291	
80	7,35	0,289	85	8,68	0,342	8,84	0,348	73	7,78	0,306	7,37	0,290	80	7,66	0,302	
85	7,55	0,297	90	8,80	0,346	9,12	0,359	75	7,84	0,309	7,45	0,293	84	7,95	0,313	
90	7,74	0,305	95	9,06	0,357	9,34	0,368	80	8,18	0,322	7,92	0,312	85	8,05	0,317	
95	7,96	0,313	100	9,20	0,362	9,52	0,375	85	8,46	0,333	8,41	0,331	89	8,38	0,330	
100	8,10	0,319	105	9,30	0,366	9,62	0,379	90	8,88	0,350	8,94	0,352	95	8,50	0,335	
								95	9,35	0,368	9,45	0,372	100	8,60	0,339	
								100	9,50	0,374	9,81	0,386	102	8,60	0,339	
								105	9,60	0,378	9,95	0,392				
Guides, from top			Guides, from top					Guides, from top			Guides, from top					
Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in			Nr.	cm	in	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	12	4,7	
1	14,4	5,7	1	12	4,7	9,0	3,5	1	11,5	4,5			1	23,4	9,2	
2	32,5	12,8	2	24,0	9,4	21,5	8,5	2	27,5	10,8			2	40,2	15,8	
3	51,5	20,3	3	37,5	14,8	35,5	14,0	3	46,5	18,3			3	61,8	24,3	
4	70,0	27,6	4	54,5	21,5	52,5	20,7	4	73,0	28,7			4	83,5	32,9	
5	88,7	34,9	5	73,5	28,9	71,5	28,1	5	98,0	38,6			5	100,4	39,5	
6	107,4	42,3	6	95,0	37,4	92,5	36,4	6	126,3	49,7			6	136,8	53,9	
7	127,5	50,2	7	119,0	46,9	117,0	46,1	7	160,0	63,0			7	163,6	64,4	
8	148,0	58,3	8	144,0	56,7	148,5	58,5	8	193,5	76,2			8	196,0	77,2	
9	167,7	66,0	9	171,5	67,5	188,0	74,0									
10	189,0	74,4	10	203,5	80,1											

Tab. 2

Hardy J.J.H. Triumph 8' 9" # 6 without varnish No. H 64046 1965			Hardy Phantom 9' # 6 without varnish p.n.			Hardy Reservoir Fly 9' 6" # 7 without varnish p.n.			Hardy Taupo 10' # 7 without varnish No. H 46177 1961			Hardy Pope 10' # 7 without varnish No. F/S 1967			Hardy Houghton 10' 6" # 7 over varnish No. E 1672 1925		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
0	2,26	0,089	0	2,02	0,080	0	2,26	0,089	0	2,30	0,091	0	2,31	0,091	2	2,49	0,098
5	2,58	0,102	5	2,40	0,094	5	2,65	0,104	5	2,84	0,112	5	2,82	0,111	5	3,27	0,129
10	3,18	0,125	10	3,08	0,121	10	3,10	0,122	10	3,60	0,142	10	3,67	0,144	10	3,58	0,141
15	3,66	0,144	15	3,74	0,147	15	3,75	0,148	15	4,08	0,161	15	4,09	0,161	15	3,74	0,147
20	4,15	0,163	20	4,26	0,168	20	4,20	0,165	20	4,46	0,176	20	4,54	0,179	20	4,05	0,159
25	4,54	0,179	25	4,58	0,180	25	4,80	0,189	25	4,80	0,189	25	5,04	0,198	25	4,36	0,172
30	4,70	0,185	30	4,81	0,189	30	5,05	0,199	30	5,02	0,198	30	5,28	0,208	30	4,69	0,185
35	5,05	0,199	35	5,10	0,201	35	5,40	0,213	35	5,37	0,211	35	5,40	0,213	35	5,02	0,198
40	5,40	0,213	40	5,54	0,218	40	5,70	0,224	38	5,58	0,220	40	5,66	0,223	38	5,37	0,211
45	5,64	0,222	45	5,68	0,224	45	6,05	0,238				45	6,10	0,240			
50	5,88	0,231	50	5,73	0,226	50	6,45	0,254	45	5,78	0,228	50	6,47	0,255	42	6,11	0,241
						55	6,80	0,268	50	6,16	0,243	55	6,68	0,263	45	6,25	0,246
55	6,50	0,256	56	6,58	0,259				55	6,48	0,255	57	6,76	0,266	50	6,68	0,263
60	6,84	0,269	60	6,70	0,264	60	7,05	0,278	60	6,78	0,267				55	6,77	0,267
65	7,10	0,280	65	7,07	0,278	65	7,30	0,287	65	7,12	0,280	62	7,39	0,291	60	6,80	0,268
70	7,26	0,286	70	7,30	0,287	70	7,55	0,297	70	7,38	0,291	65	7,63	0,300	65	6,86	0,270
75	7,55	0,297	75	7,50	0,295	75	7,90	0,311	75	7,68	0,302	70	7,75	0,305	70	6,93	0,273
80	7,96	0,313	80	7,88	0,310	80	8,25	0,325	77	7,80	0,307	75	7,92	0,312	75	6,91	0,272
85	8,10	0,319	85	8,25	0,325	85	8,60	0,339				80	8,26	0,325	78	7,17	0,282
90	8,28	0,326	90	8,54	0,336	90	8,85	0,348	85	8,14	0,320	85	8,41	0,331			
95	8,80	0,346	95	8,84	0,348	95	9,10	0,358	90	8,72	0,343	90	8,71	0,343	83	8,53	0,336
100	9,03	0,356	100	9,03	0,356	100	9,35	0,368	95	9,24	0,364	95	9,01	0,355	85	8,65	0,341
105	9,12	0,359	105	9,14	0,360	105	9,45	0,372	100	9,80	0,386	100	9,20	0,362	90	8,81	0,347
			108	9,20	0,362	110	9,55	0,376	105	10,30	0,406	105	9,48	0,373	95	8,84	0,348
						114	9,65	0,380	110	10,60	0,417	110	9,48	0,373	100	9,01	0,355
									115	10,73	0,422	115	9,48	0,373	105	9,26	0,365
									120	10,84	0,427	120	9,48	0,373	107	9,25	0,364
															126	9,25	0,364
Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top		
Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in
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1	10,0	3,9	1	13,0	5,1	1	12,2	4,8	1	9,0	3,5	1	9,3	3,7	1	12,0	4,72
2	24,5	9,6	2	27,5	10,8	2	26,2	10,3	2	21,0	8,3	2	24,5	9,6	2	26,0	10,2
3	41,0	16,1	3	44,0	17,3	3	45,0	17,7	3	38,0	15,0	3	44,0	17,3	3	43,0	16,9
4	60,5	23,8	4	63,5	25,0	4	67,0	26,4	4	60,0	23,6	4	66,5	26,2	4	63,3	24,9
5	85,0	33,5	5	85,5	33,7	5	92,0	36,2	5	84,0	33,1	5	96,0	37,8	5	87,0	34,3
6	112,5	44,3	6	115,0	45,3	6	122,0	48,0	6	110,0	43,3	6	126,5	49,8	6	110,0	43,3
7	142,0	55,9	7	153,5	60,4	7	159,0	62,6	7	134,5	53,0	7	161,0	63,4	7	135,0	53,1
8	170,0	66,9	8	195,5	77,0	8	204,5	80,5	8	159,5	62,8	8	193,0	76,0	8	160,0	63
9	202,5	79,7				9	188,5	74,2	9	188,5	74,2	9	232,2	91,4	9	186,5	73,4
									10	224,0	88,2				10	223,0	87,8

Note:

Some of the actions are described thus in the catalogues:

Koh-i-Noor: "Inclined stiff, strong for wet or dry fly". **LRH Dry Fly:** "Inclined stiff for dry fly. An all-round rod. ... the result of exhaustive experiments on the part of Mr. L. R. Hardy, covering a long period of patient testing, comparison and adjustment".

Perfection: "Medium for general all round fishing". **JJH Triumph:** "Stiff, great power... of very pleasing balance". **Pope:** "Stiff, for dry fly, a powerful rod". **Houghton:** "Medium, a strong rod for dry fly. Although a perfect dry fly rod, it is most useful for loch and sea-trout fishing".

Fig. 1

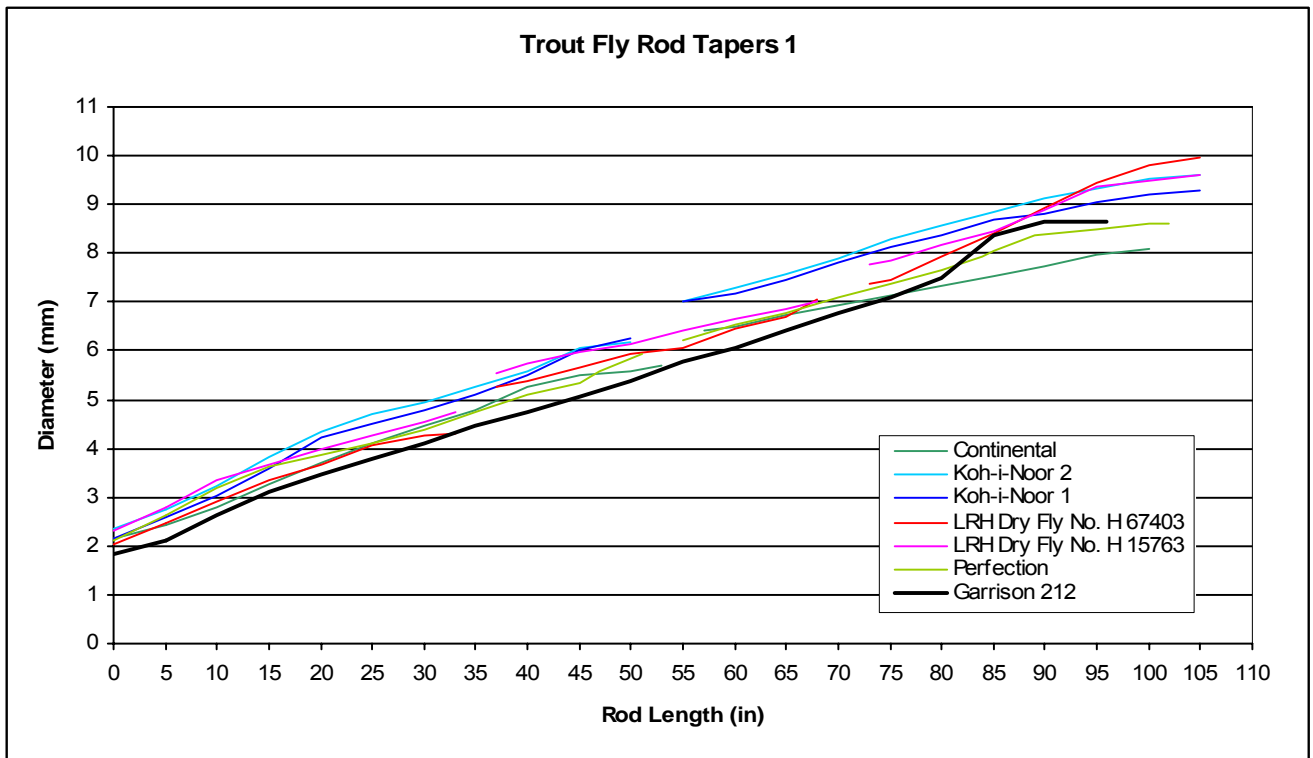
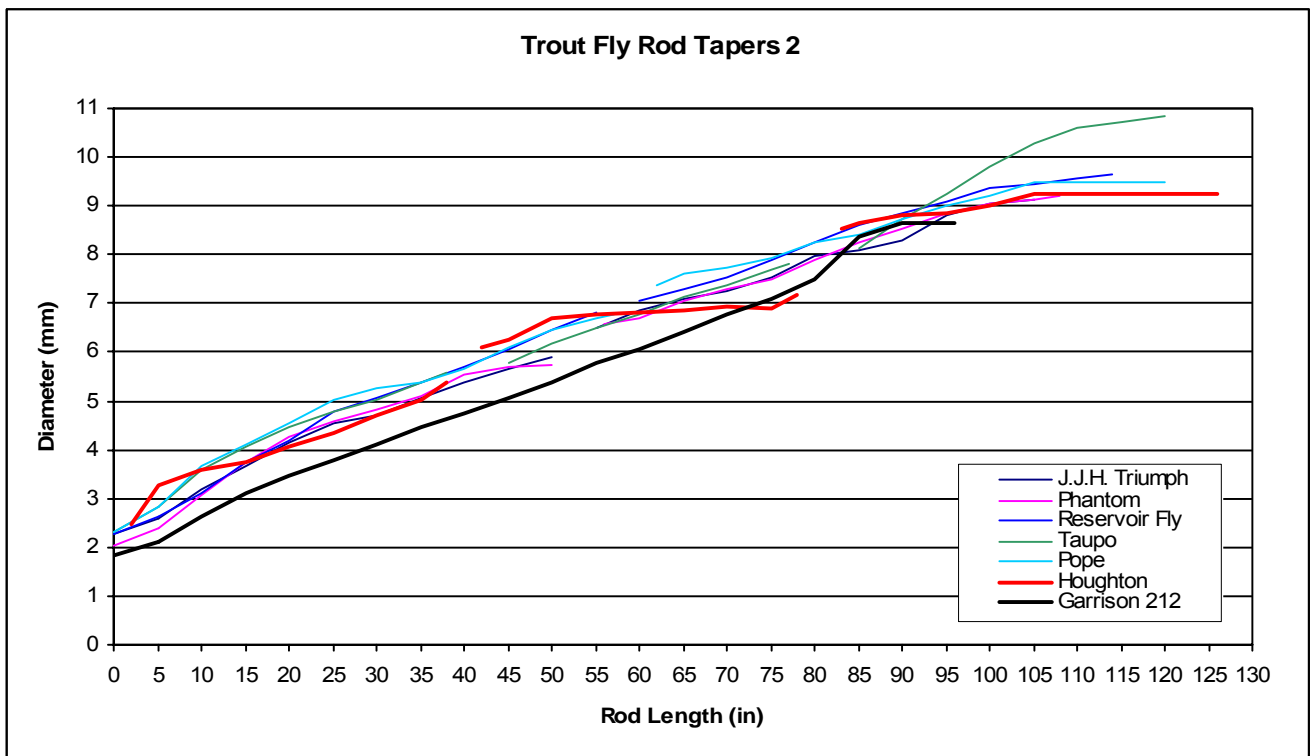


Fig. 2



Tab. 3:

Pezon & Michel Ritz Super Parabolic PPP															Pezon & Michel Parabolic Concours Distance 130 g 8' 1" # 8		
McClane Wading 7' 1" # 5			Super Marvel Type Hans 7' 2" # 5					Master Type Lambiotte 8' 3" # 5									
No. 98 not staggered over varnish			3 3/8 oz. No. 516614 staggered 47/39" without varnish			3 7/8 oz. No. 661 over varnish		No. 1243 staggered 53/46" over varnish			No. 501 over varnish		staggered 61/36" over varnish				
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)		
1	1,80	0,071	1	2,18	0,086	2,45	0,096	1	2,18	0,086	2,28	0,090	1	2,45	0,096		
5	2,24	0,088	5	2,57	0,101	2,82	0,111	5	2,56	0,101	2,47	0,097	5	2,70	0,106		
10	2,60	0,102	10	3,04	0,120	3,20	0,126	10	2,93	0,115	2,90	0,114	10	3,14	0,124		
15	2,97	0,117	15	3,52	0,139	3,53	0,139	15	3,35	0,132	3,31	0,130	15	3,51	0,138		
20	3,30	0,130	20	3,90	0,154	3,92	0,154	20	3,76	0,148	3,66	0,144	20	4,04	0,159		
25	3,83	0,151	25	4,20	0,165	4,42	0,174	25	4,10	0,161	4,06	0,160	25	4,48	0,176		
30	4,20	0,165	30	4,71	0,185	4,80	0,189	30	4,51	0,178	4,48	0,176	30	4,84	0,191		
35	4,59	0,181	35	4,84	0,191	5,16	0,203	35	4,70	0,185	4,78	0,188	35	5,31	0,209		
40	4,94	0,194	40	5,33	0,210	5,55	0,219	40	5,31	0,209	5,21	0,205	40	5,92	0,233		
45	5,47	0,215	45	5,60	0,220	5,80	0,228	45	5,71	0,225	5,48	0,216	45	6,20	0,244		
50	5,71	0,225	50	6,33	0,249	6,09	0,240	50	6,03	0,237	5,81	0,229	50	6,68	0,263		
55	6,10	0,240	55	6,54	0,257	6,68	0,263	55	6,52	0,257	6,19	0,244	55	6,94	0,273		
60	6,29	0,248	60	6,68	0,263	6,78	0,267	60	6,61	0,260	6,58	0,259	60	7,27	0,286		
65	6,59	0,259	65	6,65	0,262	7,03	0,277	65	6,85	0,270	6,83	0,269	65	8,01	0,315		
70	6,92	0,272	70	6,83	0,269	7,20	0,283	70	7,07	0,278	7,03	0,277	70	8,36	0,329		
75	7,32	0,288	75	6,90	0,272	7,34	0,289	75	7,32	0,288	7,18	0,283	75	8,40	0,331		
80	7,32	0,288	80	7,07	0,278	7,35	0,289	80	7,57	0,298	7,45	0,293	80	8,62	0,339		
85	7,32	0,288	86	7,08	0,279	7,35	0,289	85	7,65	0,301	7,68	0,302	85	8,60	0,339		
								90	7,80	0,307	7,85	0,309	90	8,84	0,348		
								95	7,80	0,307	7,85	0,309	97	8,84	0,348		
								99	7,80	0,307	7,85	0,309					
Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top					Guides, from top						
Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in				
0	0,0	0	0	0,0	0,0				0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0				
1	11,0	4,3	1	11,2	4,4				15,0	5,9	15,3	6,0	1	18,2	7,2		
2	26,0	10,2	2	26,2	10,5				33,0	13,0	33,5	13,2	2	41,5	16,3		
3	43,0	16,9	3	43,9	17,3				51,5	20,3	52,0	20,5	3	66,7	26,3		
4	61,0	24,0	4	61,9	24,4				70,0	27,6	70,5	27,8	4	93,3	36,7		
5	79,0	31,1	5	80,4	31,6				88,5	34,8	89,5	35,2	5	119,0	46,9		
6	98,0	38,6	6	99,2	39,1				107,3	42,2	108,0	42,5	6	144,0	56,7		
7	117,0	46,1	7	118,0	46,5				127,4	50,2	128,0	50,4	7	174,5	68,7		
8	137,0	53,9	8	140,0	55,1				148,0	58,3	148,4	58,4					
									168,5	66,3	168,5	66,3					
									189,5	74,6	189,0	74,4					

Tab. 4:

Hørgård Konkurranse ED 8' 6" # 8			Hørgård Konkurranse D 9' 0" # 8			Hørgård Konkurranse B 9' 3" # 9			Hørgård Lillemor 8' 6" # 6			Hørgård Veslemøy 8' 6" # 6				
No. 118854 over varnish			No. 119940 over varnish			No. 117208 over varnish			No. 93220 over varnish			No. 98412 (1960) over varnish				
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
1	2,38	0,094	2,24	0,088	1	2,35	0,093	1	2,60	0,102	1	2,19	0,086	1	2,54	0,100
5	2,67	0,105	2,73	0,107	5	2,88	0,113	5	2,95	0,116	5	2,56	0,101	5	2,74	0,108
10	3,17	0,125	3,12	0,123	10	3,35	0,132	10	3,30	0,130	10	3,02	0,119	10	3,05	0,120
15	3,52	0,139	3,46	0,136	15	3,70	0,146	15	3,87	0,152	15	3,41	0,134	15	3,64	0,143
20	4,06	0,160	3,87	0,152	20	4,08	0,161	20	4,30	0,169	20	3,65	0,144	20	3,97	0,156
25	4,55	0,179	4,33	0,170	25	4,50	0,177	25	4,87	0,192	25	4,04	0,159	25	4,45	0,175
30	4,85	0,191	4,69	0,185	30	4,82	0,190	30	5,30	0,209	30	4,40	0,173	30	4,65	0,183
35	5,22	0,206	5,10	0,201	35	5,18	0,204	35	5,70	0,224	35	4,92	0,194	35	5,04	0,198
40	5,62	0,221	5,47	0,215	40	5,60	0,220	40	6,14	0,242	40	5,26	0,207	40	5,48	0,216
45	6,07	0,239	5,95	0,234	45	6,05	0,238	45	6,43	0,253	45	5,71	0,225	45	5,89	0,232
50	6,32	0,249	6,26	0,246	50	6,50	0,256	50	6,85	0,270	50	5,94	0,234	50	6,00	0,236
55	6,83	0,269	6,84	0,269	55			55			55	6,20	0,244	55	6,58	0,259
60	7,27	0,286	7,37	0,290	60	7,45	0,293	60	7,75	0,305	60	6,68	0,263	60	7,15	0,281
65	7,75	0,305	7,87	0,310	65	8,10	0,319	65	8,10	0,319	65	7,11	0,280	65	7,42	0,292
70	8,08	0,318	8,34	0,328	70	8,53	0,336	70	8,40	0,331	70	7,64	0,301	70	7,74	0,305
75	8,55	0,337	8,70	0,343	75	8,93	0,352	75	9,10	0,358	75	8,08	0,318	75	8,28	0,326
80	8,98	0,354	9,14	0,360	80	9,35	0,368	80	9,55	0,376	80	8,45	0,333	80	8,76	0,345
85	9,40	0,370	9,56	0,376	85	9,82	0,387	85	10,00	0,394	85	8,82	0,347	85	9,03	0,356
90	9,90	0,390	10,02	0,394	90	10,25	0,404	90	10,24	0,403	90	9,22	0,363	90	9,47	0,373
95	10,40	0,409	10,48	0,413	95	10,80	0,425	95	10,65	0,419	95	9,62	0,379	95	9,91	0,390
100	10,87	0,428	10,94	0,431	100	11,21	0,441	100	11,07	0,436	100	10,02	0,394	100	10,35	0,407
102	11,02	0,434	11,07	0,436	108	11,84	0,466	111	11,88	0,468	102	10,16	0,400	102	10,50	0,413
Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top			Guides, from top				
Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in	Nr.	cm	in		
0	0,0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0,0	0		
1	17,5	6,9	1	14,0	5,5	1	18,0	7,1	1	17,2	6,8	1	17,0	6,7		
2	39,5	15,6	2	33,5	13,2	2	37,5	14,8	2	38,5	15,2	2	38,5	15,2		
3	64,0	25,2	3	54,0	21,3	3	57,5	22,6	3	63,8	25,1	3	63,8	25,1		
4	90,5	35,6	4	75,0	29,5	4	78,0	30,7	4	89,5	35,2	4	89,5	35,2		
5	118,0	46,5	5	98,0	38,6	5	101,0	39,8	5	116,5	45,9	5	116,0	45,7		
6	150,0	59,1	6	123,0	48,4	6	125,0	49,2	6	148,0	58,3	6	148,0	58,3		
7	184,0	72,4	7	149,0	58,7	7	151,0	59,4	7	183,8	72,4	7	183,5	72,2		
8	177,0	69,7	8	175,0	68,9	8	177,0	69,7								
			9	202,0	79,5	9	212,0	83,5								

Note:

“Konkurranse” is Norwegian for competition. All models have a hollow-built butt.

“Lillemor” (little mother) was the pet name of Asbjørn Hørgård’s wife.

“Veslemøy” is Norwegian for “little maiden girl”.

Fig. 3

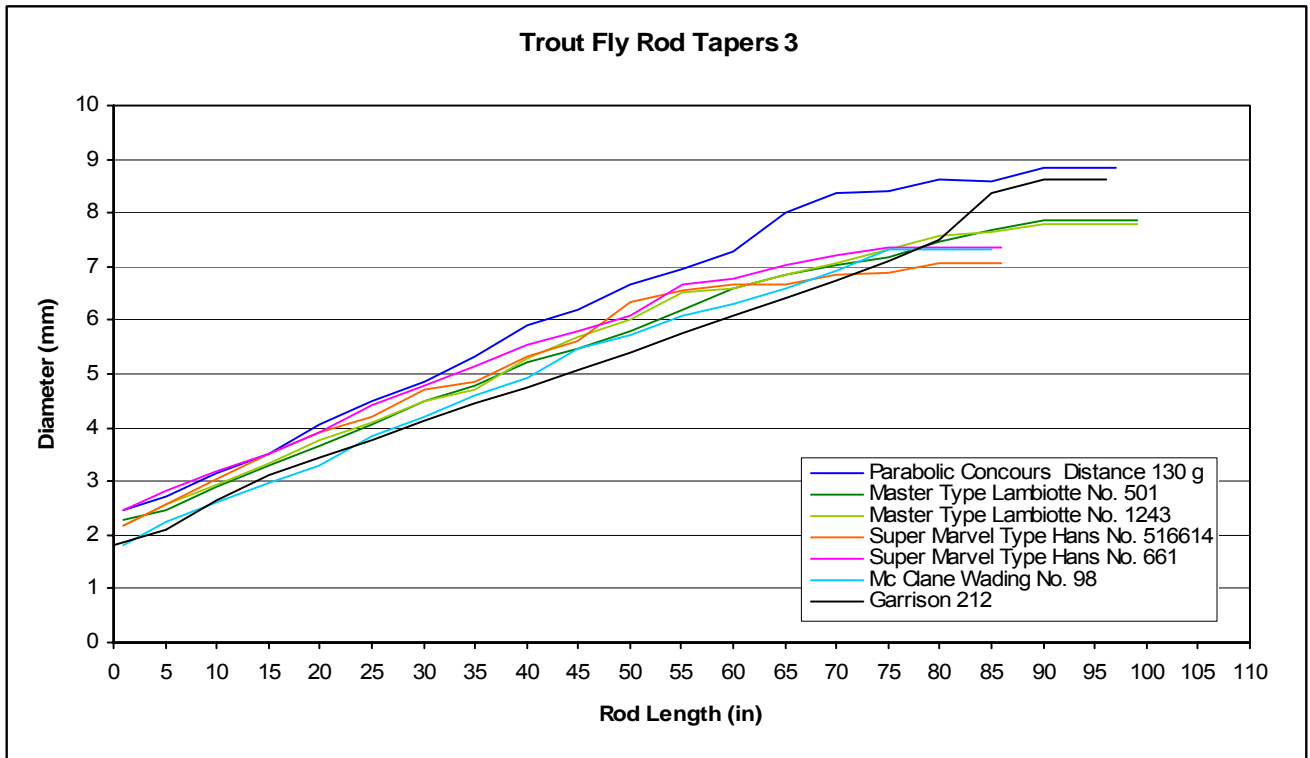
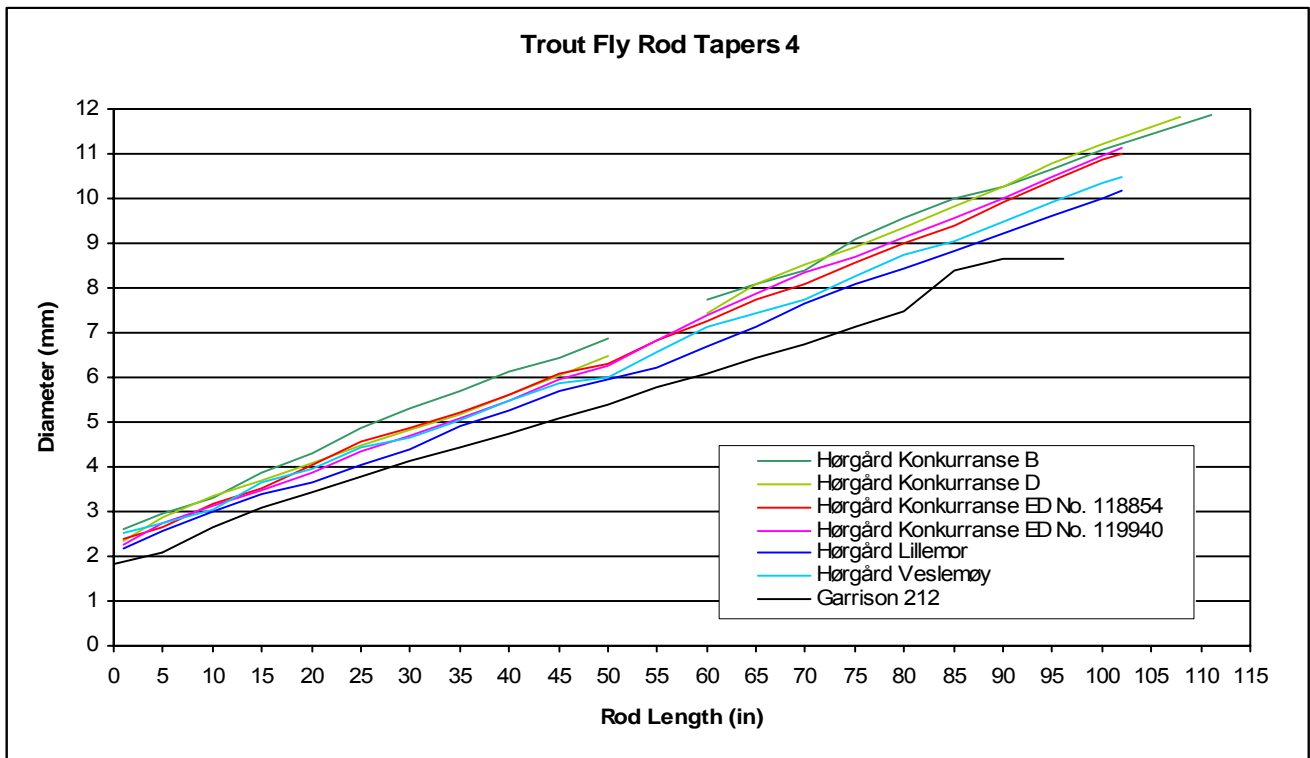


Fig. 4



Salmon Fly Rod Tapers

Tab. 5

Hardy LRH Salmon Fly 14' 0" # 10/11 Nr. A/A (1966) over varnish			Hardy LRH Salmon Fly 14' 0" # 10/11 s.c. Nr. H 7500 (1956) over varnish			Hardy LRH Salmon Fly 14' 0" # 10/11 Nr. J 3986 C/X (1977) over varnish			Hardy LRH Spey Casting 13' 9" # 10/11 Nr. H 8355 (1956) over varnish			Hardy LRH Spey Casting 13' 9" # 10/11 s.c. Nr. H 26825 (1959) over varnish		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
1	3,88	0,153	1	3,77	0,149	1	3,68	0,135	1	4,18	0,164	1	4,18	0,164
5	4,28	0,168	5	4,13	0,162	5	3,97	0,146	5	4,53	0,178	5	4,52	0,178
10	4,97	0,196	10	4,84	0,191	10	4,70	0,175	10	5,17	0,203	10	5,22	0,206
15	5,60	0,221	15	5,54	0,218	15	5,47	0,205	15	5,90	0,232	15	5,88	0,231
20	6,31	0,248	20	6,28	0,247	20	6,05	0,228	20	6,49	0,255	20	6,50	0,256
25	6,73	0,265	25	6,90	0,272	25	6,59	0,250	25	7,07	0,278	25	6,95	0,274
30	7,17	0,282	30	7,42	0,292	30	7,07	0,268	30	7,37	0,290	30	7,31	0,288
35	7,62	0,300	35	7,90	0,311	35	7,51	0,286	35	7,71	0,304	35	7,63	0,300
40	8,08	0,318	40	8,40	0,331	40	7,99	0,305	40	8,04	0,316	40	8,10	0,319
45	8,50	0,335	45	8,84	0,348	45	8,45	0,323	45	8,46	0,333	45	8,57	0,337
50	8,90	0,350	50	9,16	0,361	50	8,84	0,338	50	8,92	0,351	50	8,95	0,352
53	9,19	0,362	53	9,27	0,365	54	9,14	0,346	52	9,13	0,359	52	9,00	0,354
60	10,06	0,396	60	10,06	0,396	60	10,13	0,385	60	9,57	0,377	60	9,57	0,377
65	10,26	0,404	65	10,41	0,410	65	10,50	0,400	65	9,77	0,385	65	9,90	0,390
70	10,55	0,415	70	10,63	0,419	70	10,86	0,414	70	10,08	0,397	70	10,19	0,401
75	10,95	0,431	75	11,01	0,433	75	11,14	0,425	75	10,36	0,408	75	10,49	0,413
80	11,13	0,438	80	11,34	0,446	80	11,34	0,433	80	10,72	0,422	80	10,76	0,424
85	11,44	0,450	85	11,54	0,454	85	11,67	0,446	85	10,88	0,428	85	11,02	0,434
90	11,67	0,459	90	11,84	0,466	90	11,97	0,457	90	11,23	0,442	90	11,25	0,443
95	11,95	0,470	95	12,01	0,473	95	12,26	0,469	95	11,49	0,452	95	11,67	0,459
100	12,13	0,477	100	12,29	0,484	100	12,50	0,478	100	11,86	0,467	100	11,99	0,472
105	12,43	0,489	105	12,67	0,499	105	12,63	0,484	105	11,86	0,467	105	12,03	0,474
109	12,76	0,502	109	12,59	0,496	109	12,84	0,492	106	12,09	0,476	106	12,08	0,475
116	14,01	0,551	116	12,79	0,504	116	13,68	0,525	115	12,36	0,487	115	12,63	0,497
120	14,40	0,567	120	13,11	0,516	120	14,02	0,538	120	12,65	0,498	120	13,00	0,512
125	14,68	0,578	125	13,43	0,529	125	14,45	0,555	125	12,97	0,511	125	13,23	0,521
130	15,10	0,595	130	13,74	0,541	130	14,86	0,571	130	13,29	0,523	130	13,60	0,535
135	15,57	0,613	135	14,30	0,563	135	15,39	0,592	135	13,67	0,538	135	13,88	0,547
140	16,29	0,641	140	14,82	0,583	140	15,79	0,608	140	14,03	0,552	140	14,18	0,558
145	16,29	0,641	145	14,82	0,583	145	15,79	0,608	142	14,12	0,556	145	14,18	0,558
150	16,29	0,641	150	14,82	0,583	150	15,79	0,608	150	14,12	0,556	150	14,18	0,558
155	16,29	0,641	155	14,82	0,583	155	15,79	0,608	155	14,12	0,556	155	14,18	0,558
160	16,29	0,641	160	14,82	0,583	160	15,79	0,608	160	14,12	0,556	160	14,18	0,558
165	16,29	0,641	165	14,82	0,583	165	15,79	0,608	165	14,12	0,556	165	14,18	0,558
168	16,29	0,641	168	14,82	0,583	168	15,79	0,608						

The "LHR Salmon Fly" is a powerful rod with "... the best line lifting and casting qualities" (L.R. Hardy). Note the taper difference between ordinary and "steel centred" (s.c.) rods. The rods weighed from 25 oz to 27 ½ oz. Handles varied from 24 ½ in. to 27 in.

The "LRH Spey Casting" was produced from 1957-1963. A rod for the true aficionados. The 1956 (!) rod has a rather short handle, of 24 in. only (compare Fig. 15, rod No. 6 from top). Possibly a prototype, as later rods had handles of 26 in. "With either a No. 5 Kingfisher line for greased line work or a No. 6 for heavier work this rod throws a measured 35 yards of line without difficulty, which is all that one wants for normal fishing". Studlock ferrules, to prevent the joints from twisting, and a zillion close tied intermediates (Kingfisher Silk Line No. 5 ~ AFTM 9.3, No. 6 ~AFTM 11.3).

Tab. 6

Hardy LRH Greased Line 13' 0" # 8/9 Nr. H 21983 (1959) over varnish			Hardy LRH Greased Line 13' 0" # 8/9 Nr. H 26810 (1959) over varnish			Hardy Wye 13' 6" # 10 Nr. H 70133 (1965+) over varnish			Hardy Wye 13' 6" # 10 Nr. H 61028 (1964) over varnish			Hardy Wye 13' 6" # 10 Nr. HH C/M (03/1978) over varnish		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
1	3,13	0,123	1	2,80	0,110	1	3,27	0,129	1	3,37	0,133	1	3,32	0,131
5	3,55	0,140	5	3,32	0,131	5	3,72	0,146	5	3,62	0,143	5	3,80	0,150
10	4,31	0,170	10	3,93	0,155	10	4,40	0,173	10	4,22	0,166	10	4,43	0,174
15	4,91	0,193	15	4,59	0,181	15	4,94	0,194	15	4,87	0,192	15	5,04	0,199
20	5,44	0,214	20	5,05	0,199	20	5,37	0,211	20	5,40	0,213	20	5,61	0,221
25	6,03	0,237	25	5,54	0,218	25	5,88	0,231	25	5,98	0,236	25	6,15	0,242
30	6,34	0,250	30	5,87	0,231	30	6,39	0,252	30	6,44	0,254	30	6,55	0,258
35	6,76	0,266	35	6,31	0,248	35	6,81	0,268	35	6,91	0,272	35	7,01	0,276
40	7,11	0,280	40	6,71	0,264	40	7,34	0,289	40	7,45	0,293	40	7,59	0,299
45	7,39	0,291	45	7,08	0,279	45	7,74	0,305	45	7,87	0,310	45	8,06	0,317
49	7,65	0,301	49	7,28	0,287	50	8,12	0,320	50	8,32	0,327	50	8,37	0,329
						52	8,23	0,324	52	8,48	0,334	52	8,58	0,338
55	8,28	0,326	55	7,97	0,314									0,000
60	8,67	0,341	60	8,39	0,330	57	8,82	0,347	57	8,87	0,349	57	8,98	0,354
65	8,91	0,351	65	8,63	0,340	60	9,08	0,357	60	9,20	0,362	60	9,23	0,364
70	9,30	0,366	70	9,03	0,356	65	9,37	0,369	65	9,41	0,370	65	9,51	0,374
75	9,51	0,375	75	9,14	0,360	70	9,66	0,380	70	9,67	0,381	70	9,71	0,382
80	9,91	0,390	80	9,51	0,374	75	9,85	0,388	75	9,91	0,390	75	10,08	0,397
85	10,10	0,398	85	9,74	0,383	80	10,23	0,403	80	10,22	0,402	80	10,36	0,408
90	10,41	0,410	90	10,02	0,394	85	10,44	0,411	85	10,52	0,414	85	10,62	0,418
95	10,69	0,421	95	10,35	0,407	90	10,75	0,423	90	10,75	0,423	90	10,93	0,430
100	11,04	0,435	100	10,51	0,414	95	11,09	0,437	95	11,15	0,439	95	11,19	0,441
						100	11,40	0,449	100	11,55	0,455	100	11,52	0,454
108	11,03	0,434	108	10,83	0,426	105	11,67	0,459	105	11,85	0,467	105	11,84	0,466
110	11,19	0,441	110	11,00	0,433									0,000
115	11,58	0,456	115	11,20	0,441	112	11,98	0,472	112	12,12	0,477	112	12,09	0,476
120	12,15	0,478	120	11,49	0,452	115	12,33	0,485	115	12,31	0,485	115	12,34	0,486
125	12,42	0,489	125	11,92	0,469	120	12,62	0,497	120	12,73	0,501	120	12,65	0,498
130	12,57	0,495	130	12,31	0,485	125	13,03	0,513	125	13,09	0,515	125	13,24	0,521
133	12,80	0,504	133	12,31	0,485	130	13,45	0,529	130	13,54	0,533	130	13,53	0,533
140	12,80	0,504	140	12,31	0,485	135	13,70	0,539	135	13,97	0,550	135	14,04	0,553
145	12,80	0,504	145	12,31	0,485	138	14,02	0,552	138	14,24	0,560	138	14,09	0,555
150	12,80	0,504	150	12,31	0,485	140	14,02	0,552	140	14,24	0,560	140	14,09	0,555
156	12,80	0,504	156	12,31	0,485	145	14,02	0,552	145	14,24	0,560	145	14,09	0,555
						150	14,02	0,552	150	14,24	0,560	150	14,09	0,555
						155	14,02	0,552	155	14,24	0,560	155	14,09	0,555
						160	14,02	0,552	160	14,24	0,560	160	14,09	0,555
						162	14,02	0,552	162	14,24	0,560	162	14,09	0,555

The "LHR Double-Handed Greased Line", of 13 feet, is a clear cousin to the "AHE Wood" (compare tapers). A foot longer, and "...the best length and type of rod for greased line fishing. Light Fly Action." (L.R. Hardy). Handle 23 in. long.

The "Wye" is sort of a workhorse and one of the most popular salmon rods Hardy's have ever produced. Through its long time of production (1914-1978) it was made in 10' 6", 11', 12' 6", 13' 6" as three piece rods, and in 10' 6" and 11' as two piece rods. "Butt action, powerful rod for long casting, will Spey cast" (L.R. Hardy). Handle length 13' 6" rods: 26 in., 12' 6" rods: 24 in.

Numbers in blue are put in as possible continuation of last measured value in front of handle.

Tab. 7

Hardy Wye 13' 6" # 10 p.n. (1914-1978) without varnish			Hardy Wye 12' 6" # 9/10 Nr. E 98184 (1955) over varnish			Hardy Wye 10' 6" # 9 Nr. H 19515 (1958) over varnish			Hardy AHE Wood Nr. 3 12' 0" # 8/9 Nr. H 19227 (1958) over varnish			Playfair Grant Vibration 13' 2" # 10 Nr. 4971 without varnish Greenheart		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
1	3,20	0,126	1	3,14	0,124	1	2,81	0,111	1	2,85	0,112	1	3,67	0,144
5	3,65	0,144	5	3,75	0,148	5	3,24	0,128	5	3,20	0,126	5	4,28	0,169
10	4,30	0,169	10	4,30	0,169	10	3,91	0,154	10	3,80	0,150	10	4,98	0,196
15	4,97	0,196	15	4,83	0,190	15	4,45	0,175	15	4,45	0,175	15	5,73	0,225
20	5,60	0,220	20	5,22	0,206	20	4,76	0,187	20	4,88	0,192	20	6,58	0,259
25	6,08	0,239	25	5,54	0,218	25	5,04	0,198	25	5,31	0,209	25	6,89	0,271
30	6,46	0,254	30	5,90	0,232	30	5,31	0,209	30	5,70	0,224	30	7,33	0,289
35	6,94	0,273	35	6,45	0,254	35	5,59	0,220	35	6,25	0,246	35	7,79	0,307
40	7,50	0,295	40	6,92	0,272	40	5,99	0,236	40	6,63	0,261	40	8,25	0,325
45	7,95	0,313	45	7,35	0,289				45	7,08	0,279	45	8,66	0,341
50	8,25	0,325	50	7,55	0,297	50	7,22	0,284						
						55	7,50	0,295	50	7,80	0,307	56	9,57	0,377
60	9,00	0,354	55	8,40	0,331	60	7,94	0,313	55	8,00	0,315	60	9,95	0,392
65	9,30	0,366	60	8,72	0,343	65	8,19	0,322	60	8,30	0,327	65	10,24	0,403
70	9,55	0,376	65	9,15	0,360	70	8,56	0,337	65	8,65	0,341	70	10,63	0,419
75	9,90	0,390	70	9,47	0,373	75	8,87	0,349	70	8,85	0,348	75	10,92	0,430
80	10,30	0,406	75	9,76	0,384	80	9,09	0,358	75	9,20	0,362	80	11,14	0,438
85	10,48	0,413	80	10,02	0,394				80	9,40	0,370	85	11,35	0,447
90	10,72	0,422	85	10,33	0,407	85	9,51	0,374	85	9,65	0,380	90	11,52	0,454
95	11,00	0,433	90	10,54	0,415	90	10,21	0,402	90	9,90	0,390	95	11,86	0,467
100	11,35	0,447	95	10,81	0,426	95	10,39	0,409	95	10,10	0,398	96	12,07	0,475
105	11,80	0,465				100	10,74	0,423						
			105	11,38	0,448	105	11,19	0,441	100	10,20	0,402	108	13,09	0,515
115	12,30	0,484	110	11,57	0,456	110	11,51	0,453	105	10,60	0,417	110	13,57	0,534
120	12,60	0,496	115	11,81	0,465	115	11,51	0,453	110	11,20	0,441	115	13,76	0,542
125	13,00	0,512	120	12,05	0,474	120	11,51	0,453	115	11,70	0,461	120	13,99	0,551
130	13,50	0,531	125	12,42	0,489	126	11,51	0,453	120	11,90	0,469	125	14,35	0,565
135	13,90	0,547	130	12,42	0,489				125	12,30	0,484	130	14,72	0,580
140	13,90	0,547	135	12,42	0,489				130	12,30	0,484	133	14,81	0,583
145	13,90	0,547	140	12,42	0,489				135	12,30	0,484	135	14,81	0,583
150	13,90	0,547	145	12,42	0,489				140	12,30	0,484	140	14,81	0,583
162	13,90	0,547	150	12,42	0,489				144	12,30	0,484	145	14,81	0,583
												150	14,81	0,583
												155	14,81	0,583
												158	14,81	0,583

AHE Wood, of Cairnton on Deeside, inventor and pioneer of "greased line fishing", used the rods built after his design one-handed. All three of them are 12 feet long. The lightest one, "AHE Wood No. 1", weighs 12 oz 6 dr. The No. 2 weighs 12 oz 10 dr. The strongest, **No. 3**, weighs 13 1/2 oz., "medium stiff." (L.R. Hardy). Handle length 21 in. A "Corona No. 7 Fine Salmon Line" was recommended for the Nr. 3, = approx. AFTM 8.4

The "**Grant Vibration**", of measured 13' 2", is the shortest one of the series. Its somewhat thicker butt calibrations, purposely made so for this short rod, makes it suitable for occasional overhead casting, too. The longer models are "smoother" in the butts, and were designed for spey- (or switch-) casting only.

Tab. 8

Pezon & Michel Parabolic Saumon 13' 0" # 9/10 No. 285599 (1959) without varnish			Pezon & Michel Parabolic Saumon 12' 0" # 9 without varnish			Hørgård Namsen 15' 10" # 12 over varnish			Hørgård Orkla 14' 6" # 10/11 over varnish			Sharpe's Spliced 12' 0" # 8/9 impregnated		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
2	3,70	0,146	2	3,25	0,128	1	4,80	0,189	1	2,94	0,116	1	2,92	0,115
5	3,88	0,153	5	3,45	0,136	5	5,30	0,209	5	3,54	0,139	5	3,60	0,142
10	4,38	0,172	10	3,83	0,151	10	6,00	0,236	10	4,32	0,170	10	4,03	0,159
15	4,75	0,187	15	4,25	0,167	15	6,70	0,264	15	4,98	0,196	15	4,86	0,191
20	5,26	0,207	20	4,70	0,185	20	7,35	0,289	20	5,48	0,216	20	5,20	0,205
25	5,68	0,224	25	5,02	0,198	25	7,75	0,305	25	5,97	0,235	25	5,75	0,226
30	6,14	0,242	30	5,42	0,213	30	8,15	0,321	30	6,35	0,250	30	5,96	0,235
35	6,50	0,256	35	5,76	0,227	35	8,37	0,330	35	6,77	0,266	35	6,55	0,258
40	6,82	0,269	40	6,10	0,240	40	8,50	0,335	40	7,13	0,281	40	7,16	0,282
45	7,25	0,285	45	6,25	0,246	45	8,60	0,339	45	7,56	0,297	45	7,65	0,301
50	7,65	0,301				50	8,70	0,343	50	8,07	0,318	50		
			50	7,08	0,279	55	8,7	0,343	55	8,45	0,332	55		
55	8,30	0,327	55	7,41	0,292	60	8,80	0,346	60			60	8,80	0,346
60	8,65	0,341	60	7,73	0,304				65	9,92	0,391	65	9,01	0,355
65	9,00	0,354	65	7,88	0,310	65	10,30	0,406	70	10,37	0,408	70	9,12	0,359
70	9,40	0,370	70	8,23	0,324	70	10,90	0,429	75	10,90	0,429	75	9,35	0,368
75	9,70	0,382	75	8,55	0,337	75	11,60	0,457	80	11,30	0,445	80	9,71	0,382
80	10,00	0,394	80	8,93	0,352	80	12,00	0,472	85	11,85	0,467	85	10,08	0,397
85	10,30	0,406	85	9,36	0,369	85	12,50	0,492	90	12,15	0,478	90	10,28	0,405
90	10,50	0,413	90	9,68	0,381	90	13,00	0,512	95	12,40	0,488	95		
95	10,80	0,425	95	9,88	0,389	95	13,20	0,520	100	12,70	0,500	100		
100	11,16	0,439				100	13,50	0,531	105	12,90	0,508	105	10,87	0,428
			100	10,12	0,398	105	13,70	0,539	110	13,10	0,516	110	11,00	0,433
105	11,55	0,455	105	10,72	0,422	110	13,90	0,547	115			115	11,35	0,447
110	11,90	0,469	110	10,82	0,426	115	14,00	0,551	120	14,45	0,569	120	11,36	0,447
115	12,00	0,472	115	10,85	0,427	120	14,00	0,551	125	15,10	0,594	125	11,93	0,470
120	12,10	0,476	120	11,03	0,434	125			130	15,80	0,622	130	11,93	0,470
125	12,22	0,481	125	11,19	0,441	130	15,60	0,614	135	16,40	0,646	135	11,93	0,470
130	12,46	0,491	130	11,30	0,445	135	15,90	0,626	140	16,80	0,661	140	11,93	0,470
135	12,60	0,496	135	11,50	0,453	140	16,10	0,634	145	17,25	0,679	144	11,93	0,470
140	12,84	0,506	140	11,64	0,458	145	16,40	0,646	150	17,50	0,689			
145	13,05	0,514	144	11,78	0,464	150	16,56	0,652	155	17,50	0,689			
150	13,25	0,522				155	16,80	0,661	160	17,50	0,689			
156	13,40	0,528				160	17,10	0,673	165	17,50	0,689			
						165	17,10	0,673	170	17,50	0,689			
						170	17,10	0,673	174	17,50	0,689			
						175	17,10	0,673						
						180	17,10	0,673						
						185	17,10	0,673						
						190	17,10	0,673						

Note:

"Namsen" and "Orkla" are names of Norwegian salmon rivers

Tab. 9

Sharpe's Spliced 13' 0" # 9			HLL Salmon 15 15' 0" ca. 1900 - 1910 2 mids 3 tips without varnish			HLL Salmon 16 16' 0" ca. 1935 1 mid 2 tips without varnish			HLL Salmon 18 18' 0" ca. 1900 - 1910 2 mids 3 tips over varnish			Payne 223 11' 6" 1951-1974 over varnish		
Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)	Length (in)	Diam. (mm)	Diam. (in)
1	3,56	0,140	1	2,55	0,100	1	3,02	0,119	2	3,60	0,142	1	2,28	0,090
5	3,92	0,154	5	3,04	0,120	5	3,31	0,130	5	3,70	0,146	5	2,58	0,102
10	4,37	0,172	10	3,68	0,145	10	3,91	0,154	10	4,20	0,165	10	2,98	0,117
15	4,90	0,193	15	4,10	0,161	15	4,42	0,174	15	4,76	0,187	15	3,56	0,140
20	5,30	0,209	20	4,51	0,178	20	5,18	0,204	20	5,25	0,207	20	4,08	0,161
25	5,90	0,232	25	4,92	0,194	25	5,85	0,230	25	5,97	0,235	25	4,50	0,177
30	6,33	0,249	30	5,37	0,212	30	6,18	0,243	30	6,42	0,253	30	4,88	0,192
35	6,80	0,268	35	5,81	0,229	35	6,62	0,260	35	7,00	0,276	35	5,20	0,205
40	7,20	0,283	40	6,21	0,244	40	7,04	0,277	40	7,38	0,291	40	5,52	0,217
45	7,77	0,306	45	6,60	0,260	45	7,57	0,298	45	7,90	0,311	45	5,80	0,228
48	8,05	0,317	50	6,96	0,274	50	7,83	0,308	50	8,48	0,334			
			55	7,19	0,283	55	8,23	0,324	55	9,00	0,354	50	6,22	0,245
61	8,80	0,346	58	7,49	0,295	60	8,47	0,333	60	9,44	0,372	55	6,66	0,262
65	8,98	0,354				62	8,63	0,340	65	9,85	0,388	60	7,08	0,279
70	9,27	0,365	65	7,77	0,306				70	10,20	0,402	65	7,54	0,297
75	9,52	0,375	70	8,32	0,327	68	8,95	0,352				70	7,80	0,307
80	9,80	0,386	75	8,78	0,345	70	9,16	0,361	80	11,30	0,445	75	8,16	0,321
85	10,06	0,396	80	9,15	0,360	75	9,56	0,376	85	11,50	0,453	80	8,50	0,335
90	10,35	0,407	85	9,59	0,378	80	9,89	0,389	90	11,90	0,469	85	8,84	0,348
95	10,65	0,419	90	9,97	0,393	85	10,18	0,401	95	12,40	0,488	90	9,14	0,360
			95	10,21	0,402	90	10,58	0,417	100	12,79	0,504			
116	12,20	0,480	100	10,45	0,411	95	10,98	0,432	105	13,30	0,524	95	9,42	0,371
120	12,47	0,491	105	10,69	0,421	100	11,46	0,451	110	13,75	0,541	100	9,82	0,387
125	12,80	0,504	110	11,17	0,440	105	11,98	0,472	115	14,30	0,563	105	10,22	0,402
130	13,20	0,520	115	11,62	0,457	110	12,43	0,489	120	14,80	0,583	110	10,64	0,419
135	13,47	0,530	117	11,65	0,458	115	12,68	0,499	125	15,00	0,591	115	13,00	0,512
140	13,47	0,530				120	12,96	0,510	130	15,40	0,606	120	13,00	0,512
145	13,47	0,530	124	12,51	0,493	125	13,33	0,525	135	16,00	0,630	125	13,00	0,512
150	13,47	0,530	125	12,53	0,493							130	13,00	0,512
155	13,47	0,530	130	13,09	0,515	132	14,20	0,559	150	16,50	0,650	135	13,00	0,512
156	13,47	0,530	135	13,47	0,530	135	14,23	0,560	155	17,00	0,669	138	13,00	0,512
			140	13,86	0,546	140	14,55	0,573	160	17,62	0,694			
			145	14,40	0,567	145	15,00	0,591	165	18,16	0,715			
			150	14,87	0,585	150	15,25	0,600	170	18,80	0,740			
			152	15,08	0,594	155	15,60	0,614	175	19,29	0,759			
			154	15,26	0,601	160	16,17	0,637	180	19,90	0,783			
			155	15,40	0,606	165	16,64	0,655	185	20,60	0,811			
			156	15,57	0,613	166	16,70	0,657	186	20,68	0,814			
			157	15,84	0,624	167	16,87	0,664	187	20,76	0,817			
			180	16,00	0,630	168	17,55	0,691	189	21,44	0,844			
						169	18,43	0,726	190	22,70	0,894			
						192	18,44	0,726	216	22,70	0,894			

Fig. 5

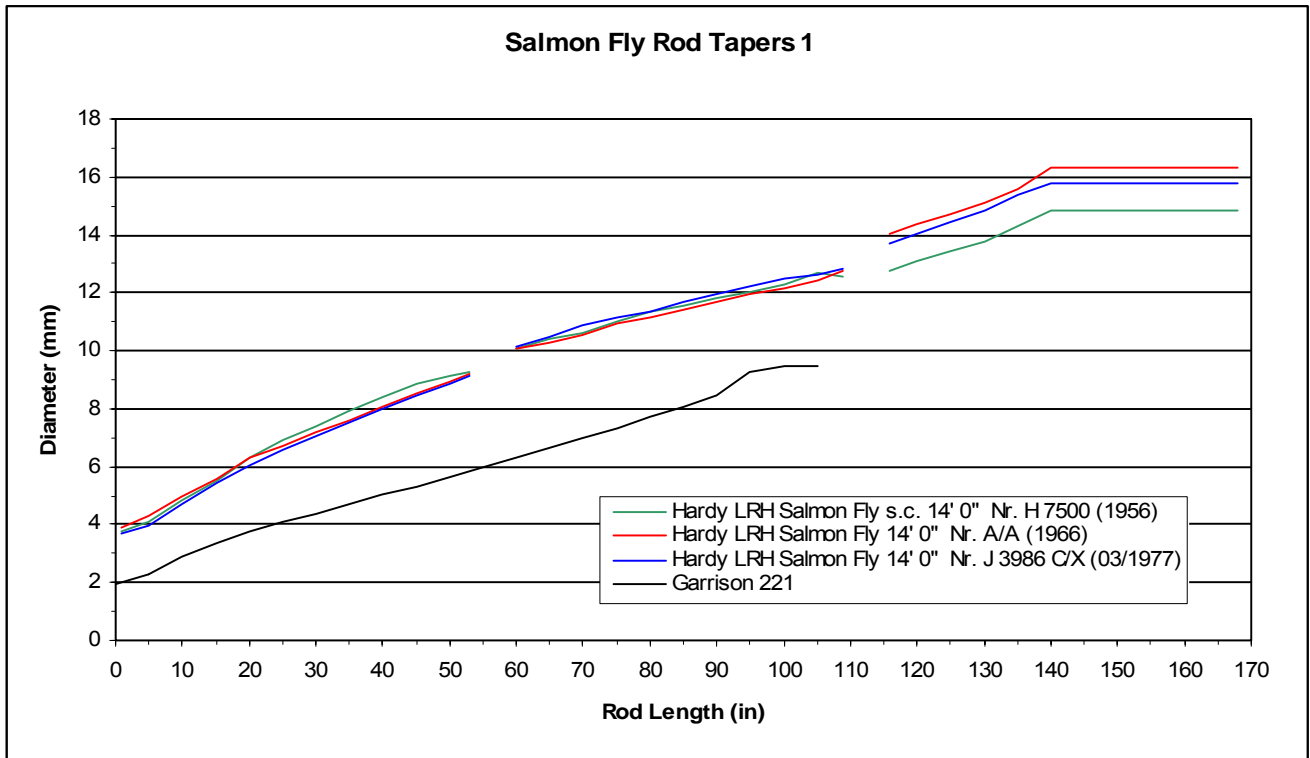


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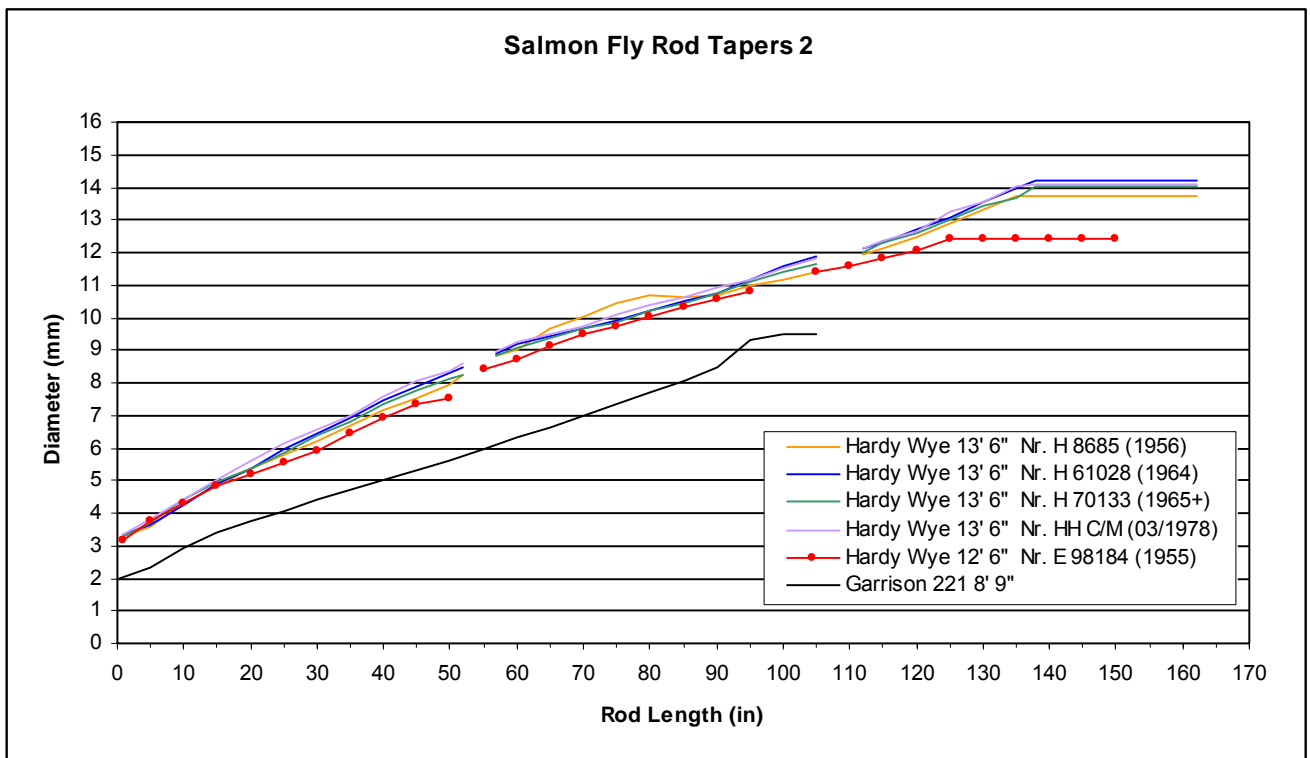


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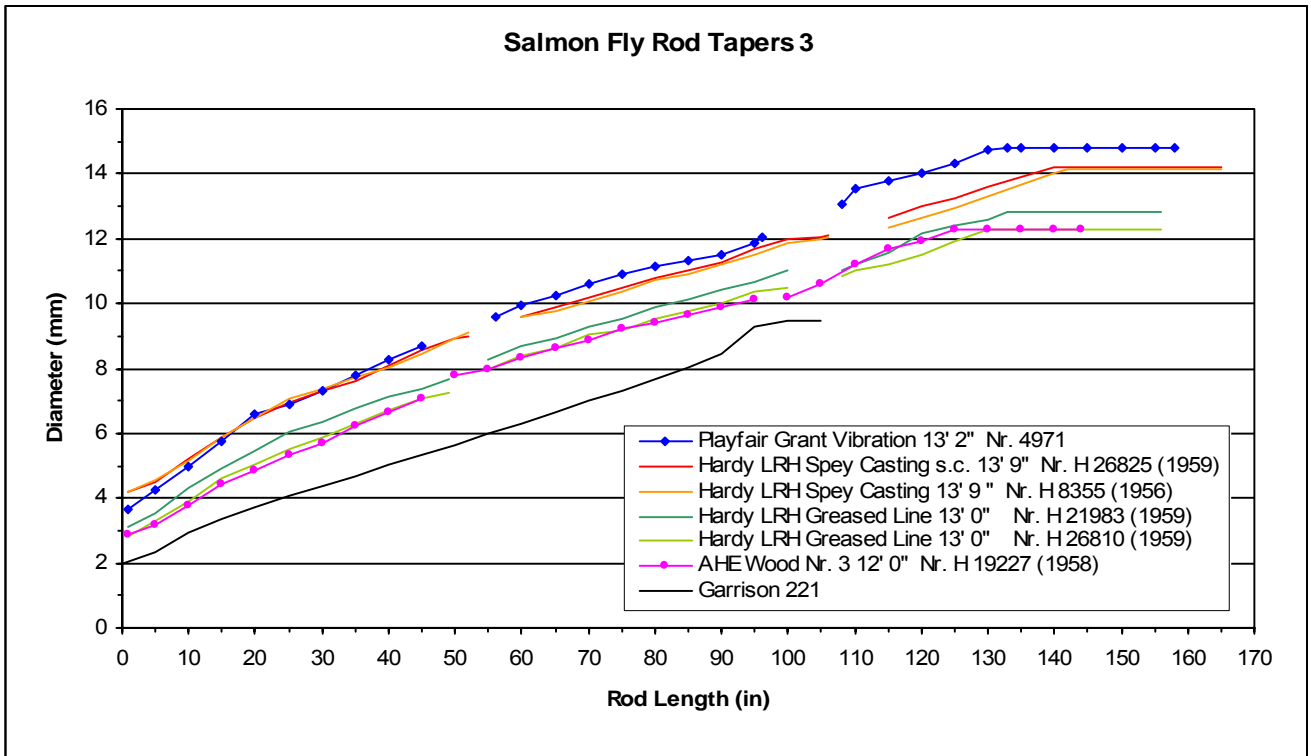


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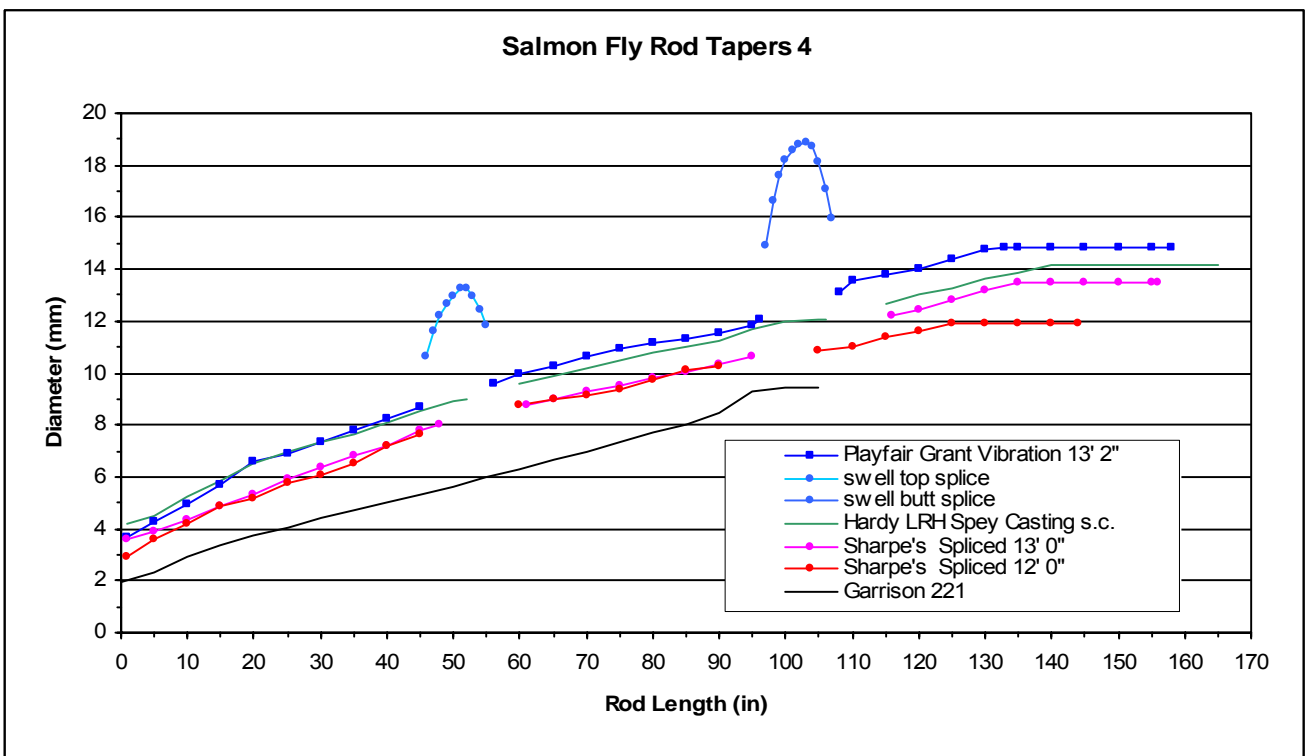


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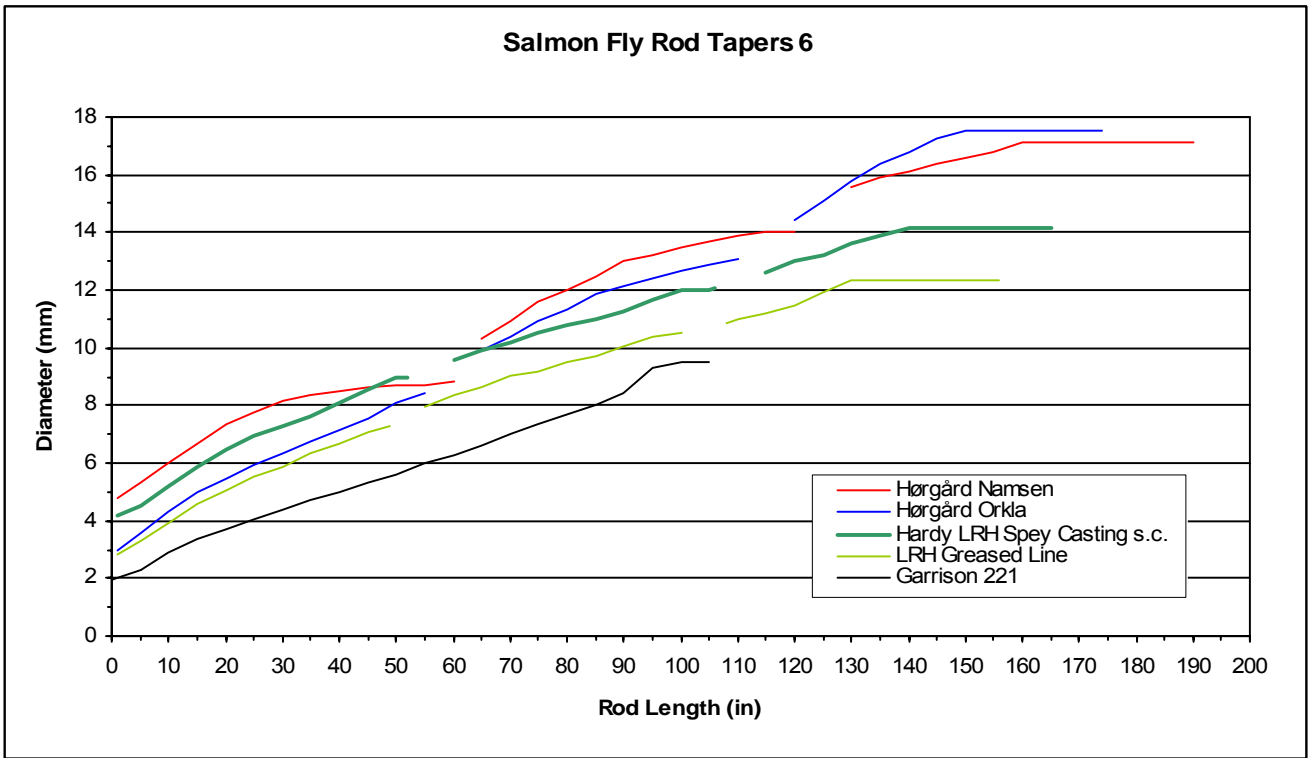


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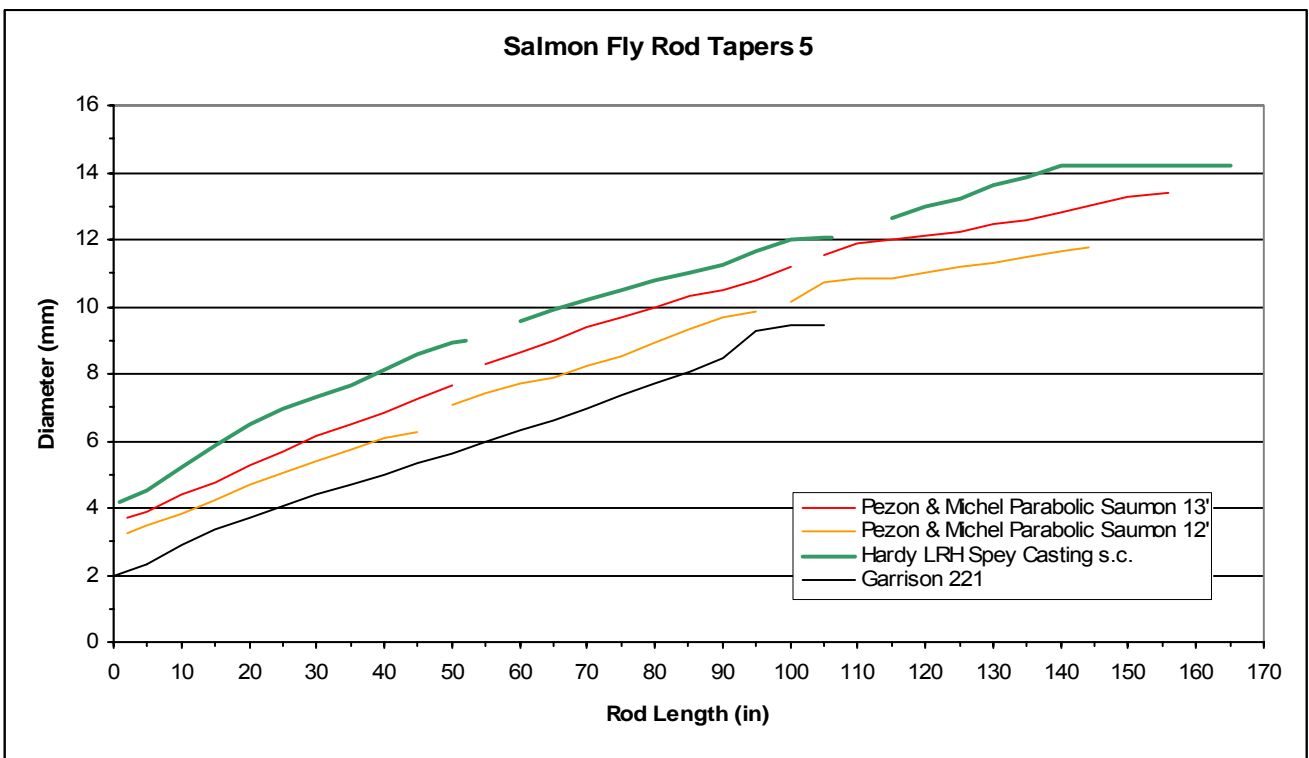


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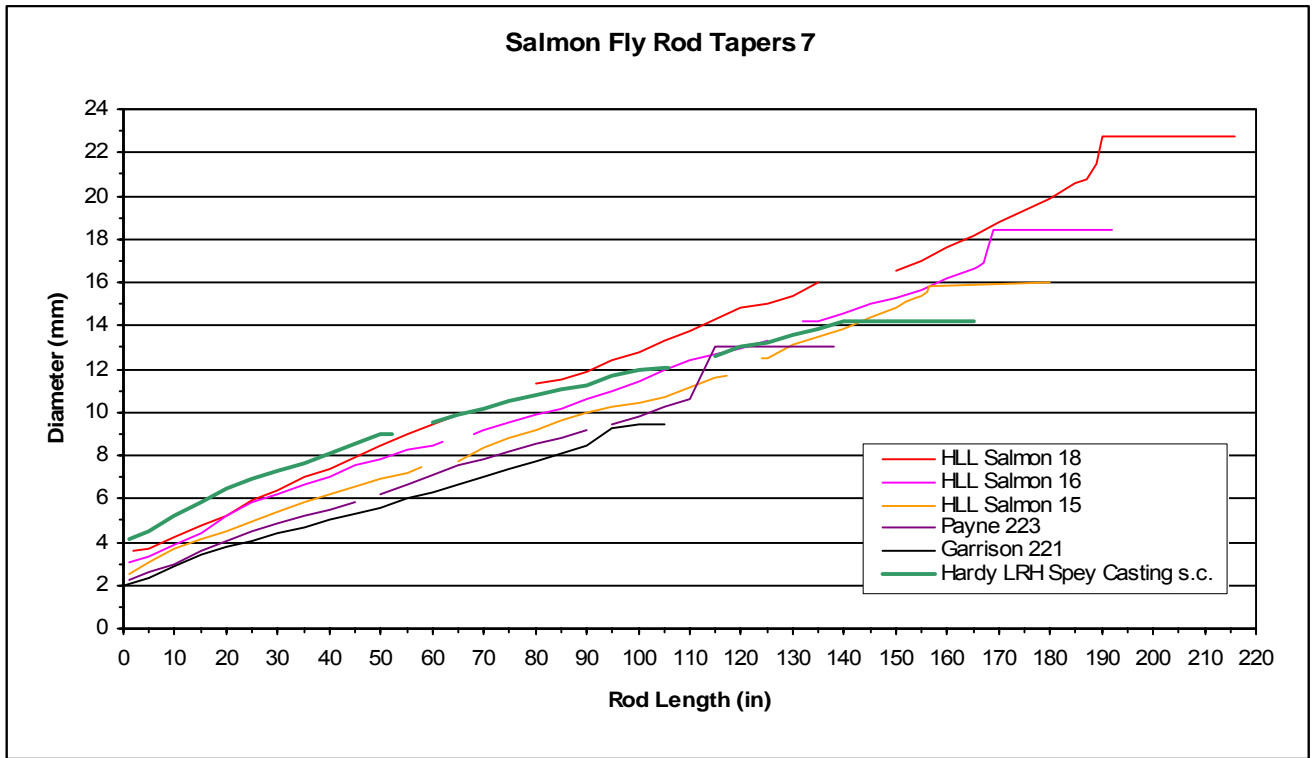
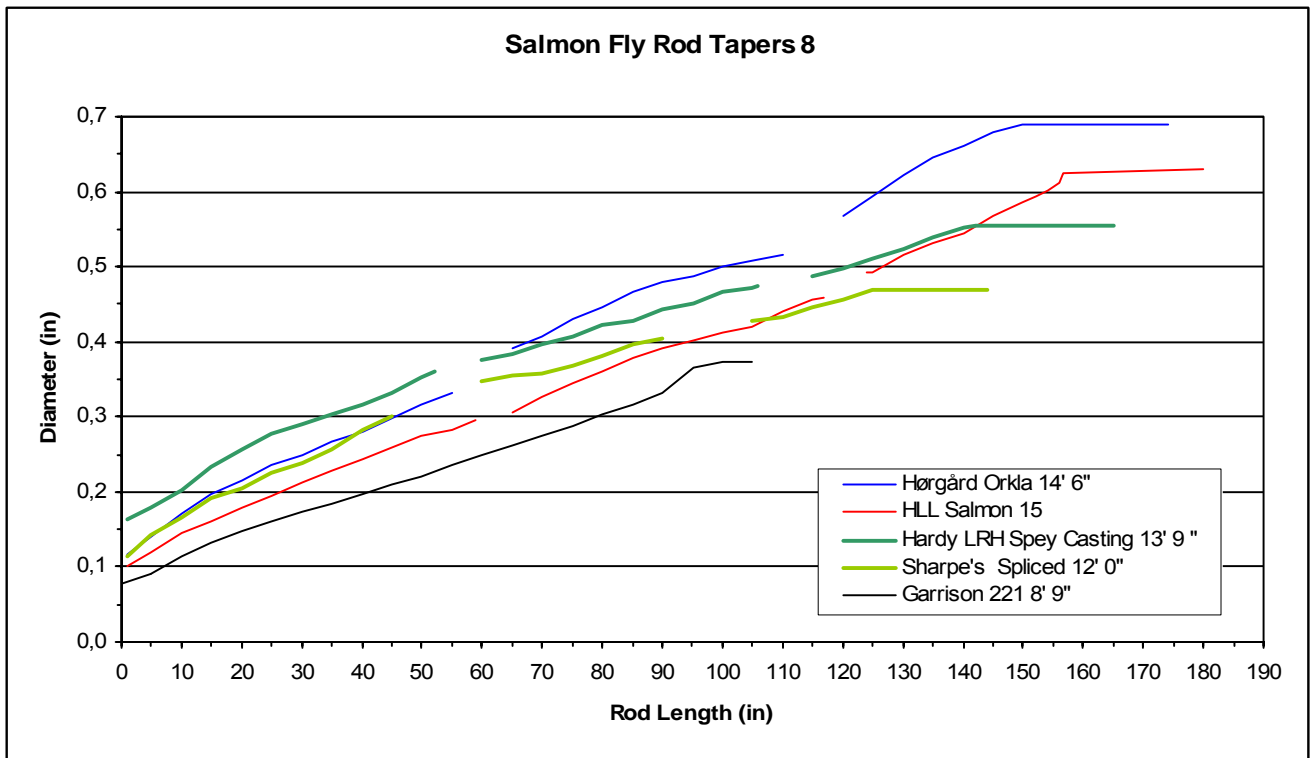


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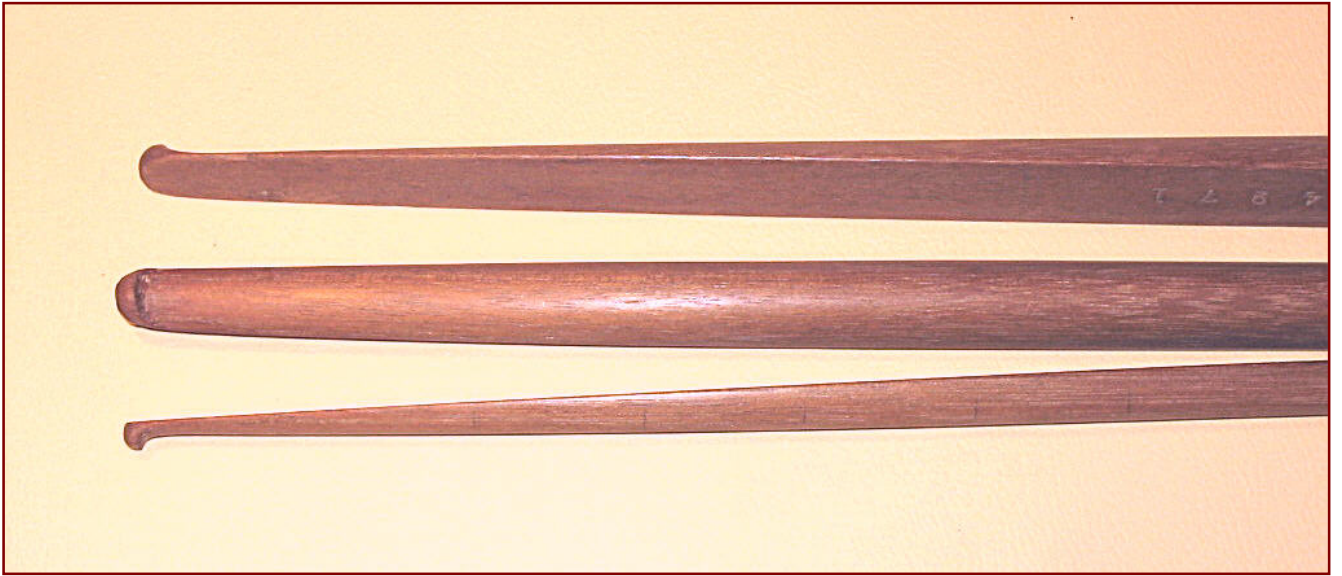


Fig. 13: Splices of butt, lower mid, and top joint of the “Grant Vibration”, with their turned up ends. Stamped into all flats: “Grants Patent”, and the rod No. 4971 (see top right on photo). The splices are 11” and 7 ½ “ long, respectively.



Fig. 14a + b: “Grant Vibration”, bottom and top splices joined with tape. The severe swell over the splices is clearly visible, (cf. Fig. 8). Also pictured the splice protectors, with rod length and number stamped into the flats.

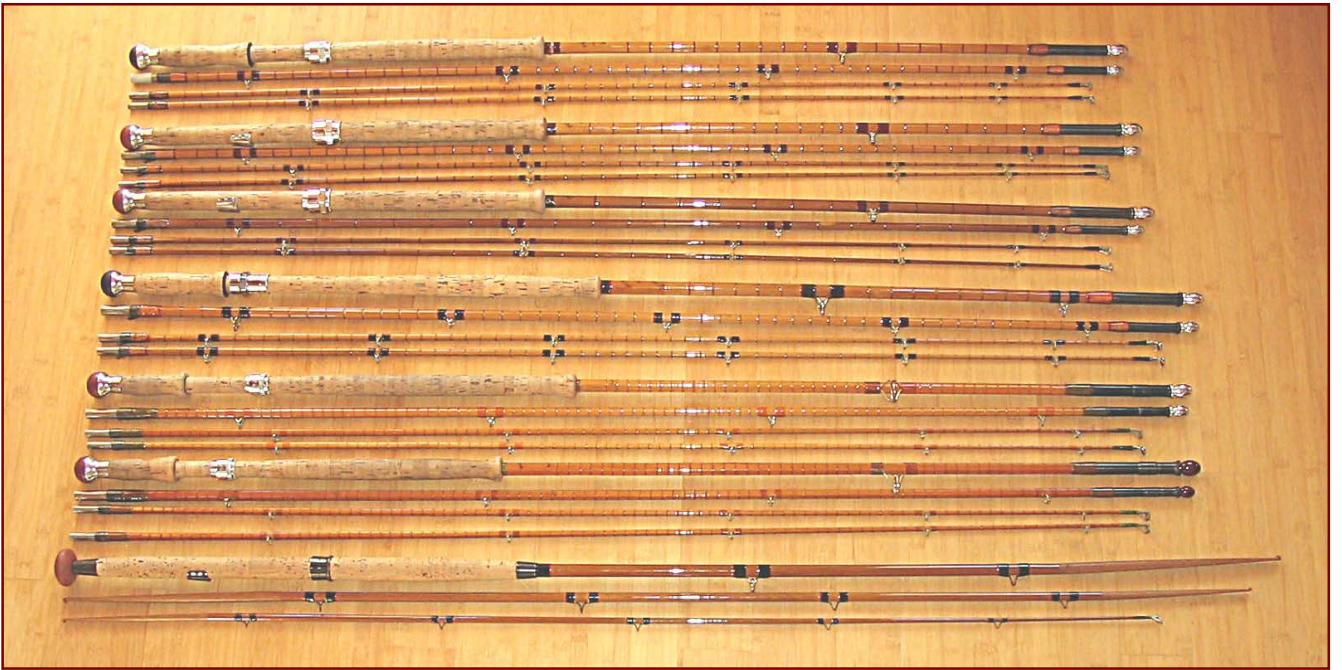


Fig. 15:

Six Hardy Salmon Rods. From top: three "Wye", 13' 6", the third one "dark cane", one "LRH Salmon Fly", and two "LRH Spey Casting", all with two tops. Note the different handle-lengths of the latter two. The bottom rod is a Play-fair "Grant Vibration", of Greenheart, spliced, single tip, splice protectors removed.

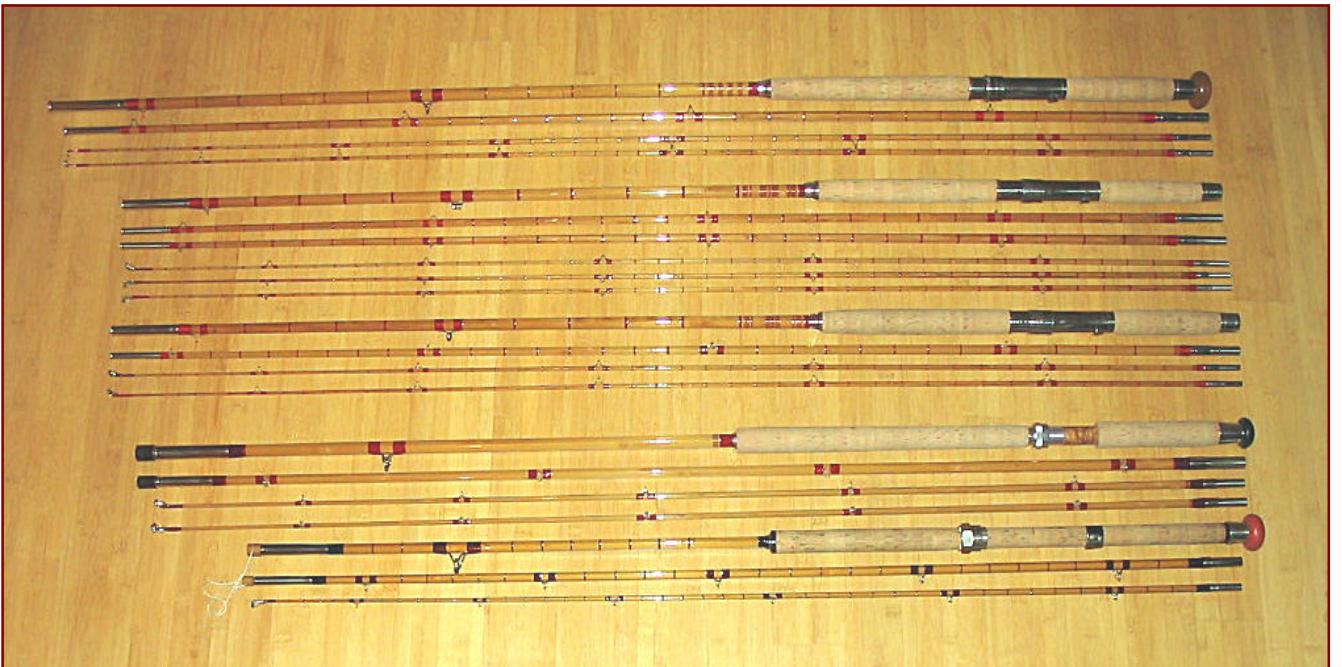


Fig. 16:

From top: HLL Salmon Rod, 16', one mid two tops, HLL Salmon Rod, 15', two mids three tops, HLL Salmon Rod, 15', one mid two tops. Further a 14' # 10/11 Salmon Rod (two tops) and one of 12' 6" # 9/10, (single top) with titanium ferrules. The former an all-round/overhead rod, the latter a spey rod. Both rods made by the author.

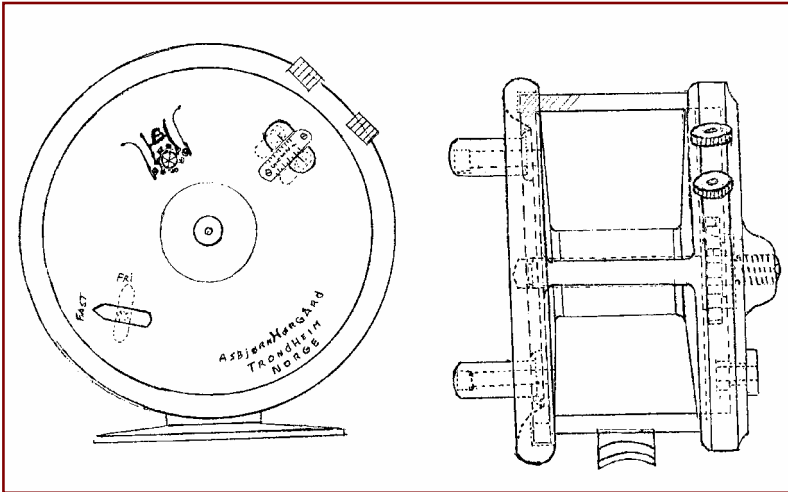


Fig. 17a, b, c

Left: Drawings (part) of a fly reel, which Asbjørn Hørgård made in February 1945 on toilet paper while in prison during WW II. The reel was produced, with some changes from the drawing (the brake system is different), from right after the war to 1984 in 4 1/4 in diameter and simply named "Hørgård Laksesnelle" (Hørgård Salmon Reel). He never made any other sizes. The legendary reel was synonymous with rigidity and served generations of salmon anglers as a sturdy and reliable work horse, and complimented the Hørgård Salmon Rods. Frame and spool aluminum, reel foot brass, internal parts brass and steel, weight 472 grams (16.65 oz).

Below: Photos of the reel.

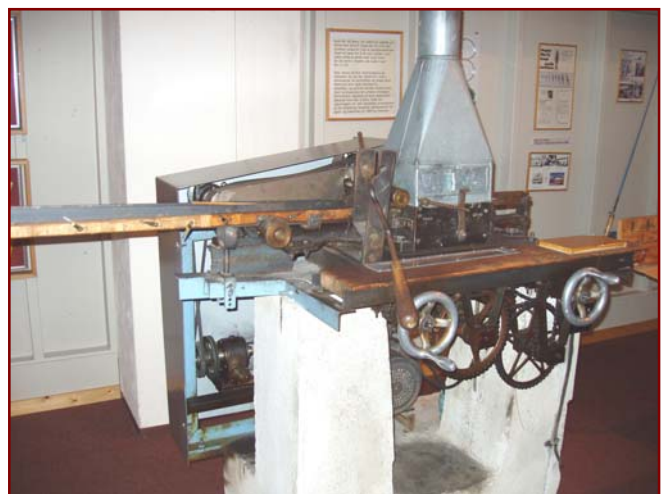
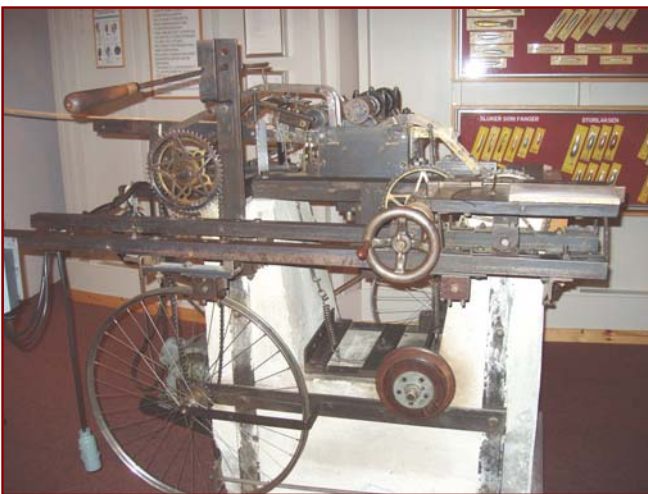
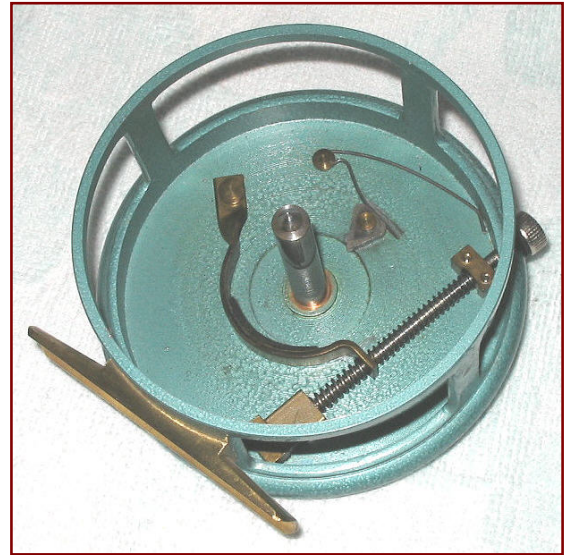
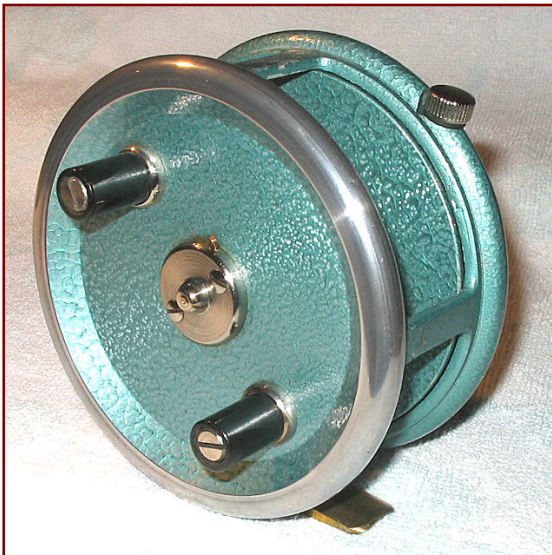


Fig. 18: Hørgård rough milling machine

Fig. 19: Hørgård taper milling machine

Both mills and other items are displayed at the "Norsk Skogbruksmuseum" (Norwegian Forestry Museum) in Elverum/Norway.