



# MATCHING SINKING/ FLOATING TIPS

Choosing the right tip - Sinking or Floating

There are many different types of sink tip on the market; here is a guideline of when to use which:

## “T” Tips



The “T” series are level, fast sinking lines that can be cut to the length and weight of an individual’s preference. With no tapers these tips have the most punch at the front end, and are better for casting the biggest flies. The tips are available in T-8, T-11, T-14, T-17 and T-20 sizes. The number refers to the weight in “grains per foot”. For example “T-14” weighs 14 grains per foot. The bigger the fly, and the deeper you want to go, the heavier the tip you should use.

## 15ft Sink Tips



These tips have a tapered front end that allows for a much better presentation than level tungsten (“T”) tips. They are mostly available in five different densities; floating, intermediate, slow sinking (Type 3), fast sinking (Type 6) and extra fast sinking (Type 8), and have welded loops in both ends for easy attachment. 15 ft tips are available in numerous different sizes as well as densities, and go from a #4 to a #12 to best match the line weight they are being attached to.

→ **It is important to match the right size sink tip to Skagit shooting head to ensure a balance that is easy to cast. The following guideline is a good place to start. However, anglers should vary their tip size and take into account fly size (heavier fly, heavier tip) and water/weather conditions.**

## 10ft Sink Tips



These shorter version of the 15 ft tip are ideal for shorter rods, tight casting situations, or smaller rivers. They are available in four different densities; floating, intermediate, slow sinking (Type 3) and fast sinking (Type 6), and have welded loops on both ends for easy attachment. 10 ft tips are available in numerous different sizes as well as densities, and go from a #4 to a #9 to best match the line weight they are being attached to.

## MOW/ iMOW Tips



These extraordinarily easy casting and fishing tips are perfect for Skagit heads. The majority of tips are 10 ft long, which allows for a very efficient casting stroke. As a general guideline, the length of the tip you fish, should not exceed the length of the rod, making these tips ideal for spey rods between 11 ft and 14 ft. “MOW” tips have a floating back section (if dual density), while “iMOW” tips have an intermediate back section. iMOW’s tend to fish slower and deeper than MOW tips, and are generally the best choice between the two.

With floating based MOW tip

With intermediate based iMOW tip



HEAD SIZE	10ft Tip	15ft Tip	MOW/iMOW	Level
Less than 300gr	#4	#4	Light	T-8
300 – 375gr	#5	#5	Light	T-8
375 – 450gr	#6	#6	Light	T-8
450 – 500gr	#7	#7	Medium	T-11
500 – 550gr	#8	#8	Medium	T-11

HEAD SIZE	10ft Tip	15ft Tip	MOW/iMOW	Level
550 – 575gr	#9	#9	Medium	T-11
575 – 625gr	-	#10	Heavy	T-14
625 – 700gr	-	#11	Heavy	T-14
700gr +	-	#12	Ex. Heavy	T-17