

HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT RIO SPEY LINE



for 90% of your customers in three easy steps

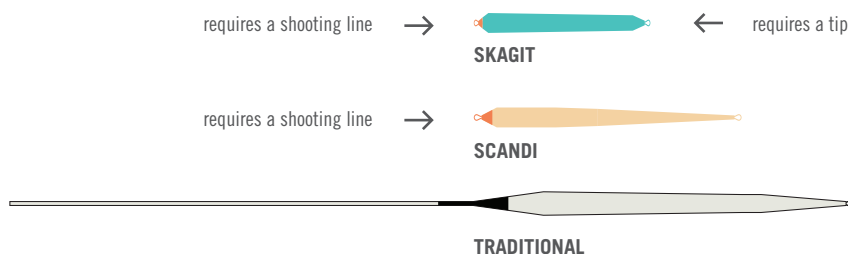
1 Choose the line type:

There are three families of Spey lines: “Skagit”, “Scandinavian” and “Traditional”

Skagit: Best for big flies and sinking tips – easy to cast.

Scandinavian: Ideal for smaller flies and better presentation – easy to cast

Traditional: Suitable for better casters, not for beginners.



- Choose a Skagit line for anglers wanting to cast big flies and/or sink tips
- Choose a Scandi line for customers who want to fish a floating line, or with smaller flies
- If your customer doesn't ask about a Traditional Spey line, they are probably not going to want one!

2 Choose the right line weight.

“Spey” gets complicated because some lines are measured in “grains” not “line size”. Knowing the grain range per line size helps you match a suitable grain weight line to a customer's rod. Here's a grain weight to line size conversion guideline (not for single-handed rods). **Novice casters should err towards the upper end of the grain range for Skagit heads and towards the lower end for Scandi heads.**

Line Size	Grains	Grams	Line Size	Grains	Grams
#5	300-375gr	20-24g	#8	500-575gr	32-37g
#6	375-450gr	24-29g	#9	575-650gr	37-42g
#7	450-525gr	29-34g	#10	650-725gr	42-47g

3 Choose the right head length.

Shorter Spey and “Switch” rods require a shorter head length to cast. RIO has made it easy to choose the right line by using the word “Short” in the product name. If the rod is 12' 6” or less, choose a “Short” line — a Skagit Max Short or a Scandi Short VersiTip (depending on point 1 above) for example. If the rod is longer than 12' 6”, don't go with the “Short” versions.



KEEPING IT SIMPLE

Skagit and Scandi heads require a shooting line at the back, and a tip or leader at the front to fish effectively. If a customer has none, and you don't want to have to think about matching the right sized tip and shooting line to each head, we've got a solution for you.



The **Skagit Max VersiTip** comes with a Skagit Max shooting head, an appropriately sized ConnectCore shooting line, and a selection of three MOW tips, balanced to the size of the head.



The **RIO Scandi Kit** comes with a RIO Scandi shooting head, an appropriately sized ConnectCore shooting line, and a selection of three VersiLeaders, balanced to the size of the head.

RESOURCES

RIO provides many detailed resources to help explain the complex nature of Spey casting and Spey lines. For anyone who wants a little more detail, try these three to start:



SCAN THIS CODE with your smartphone to see a detailed list that matches hundreds of Spey rods to the correct line size.
OR VISIT
<http://www.rioproducts.com/RIO-Spey-Line-Recs.pdf>



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