



AFS 101

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A true Scandinavian influenced Spey line. Rio's AFS is ideal on rods in the 13'9" to 16' range. The AFS features expedient lengths of 31' to 42' with a long stealthy front taper. An European favored line, it does give way to the new Steelhead Scandi as it relates to Switch and Spey rods in the 11' to 13'6" range.

The AFS comes in several different formats;

- Shooting Head. Size 4/5 to 10/11, 31 foot to 41 foot floating heads. When used in conjunction with Rio's 10 foot or 15 foot SpeyVersi leaders this base head becomes the AFS Versi-Tip. Do note, that in the Versi-Tip concept the conventional 15 foot sink-tips that all or most of you have heaps of is the **wrong** call on this style head. The SpeyVersiLeaders are specifically designed for the AFS Head of which the Floating SpeyVersi Leader is perfect for anchoring when casting with Scandinavian style shooting heads (this applies to the sinking leaders as well). Believe us in that this is not a sales gimmick but rather a demand by design. Connect AFS Head with Rio's Powerflex Core Running line in size .030 (.024 and .035 also available).
- Intermediate Tip AFS Head. Size 7/8F/I to 10/11F/I. This 15 foot intermediate tip has proven to be a wicked casting line, particularity in windy mid-day conditions.
- Hover. Size 6/7 S/1 to 10/11 S/1. The 1 inch per second "Hover" line is largely an Atlantic Salmon tool but can be a very effective Winter Steelhead line with the 5.6 & 7.0 Rio 10' and 15' Spey VersiLeaders as a deep running compensator style set up. Application as a Puget Sound beach line as well.
- AFS S2/S3 & S3/S4- These AFS lines provide density compensation in a pure sense especially when combine with the 6' Spey VersiLeaders. The front 15 feet of a given line will feature the faster of the two sink rates while the back end will follower with the slower portion. An example of this could be seen as with AFS 7/8 in the new S2/S3. In this example the 7/8 37' in total head length, the front 15' will feature type 3 while the back 22' is made up of type 2 completes the 37' of total AFS head in the 7/8 size. The 2/3 will see application for summer and fall run steelheading. The 3/4 will find itself along the

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banks during winter. Atlantic salmon anglers of Europe and Russia will find these to be the preferred line in late May into June. It might also be noted the design element of these lines provides for ease of lift within the cast along with high line speed wind-slicing attributes.

Once again note the above heads are indeed shooting heads, requiring the use of a shooting line such as Rio's Powerflex Core Running line in size .030 (.024 and .035 also available).

This is a loop to loop connection between the running line and shooting head. The SpeyVersi leaders have a loop and will connect to the front welded loop of the shooting head. This makes the entire system a loop to loop connection from front to back or back to front.

AFS Outbound Integrated Shooting Head

This line has the same shooting head taper as the AFS Shooting Heads but the body (Head) continues seamlessly into a thin shooting line. It is ideal for those that don't want a connection between the shooting head and running line. Available in 4/5 F to 10/11 F, total length is 115ft to 130ft. This is an especially effective lake and beach line with distance capability beyond any standard single-handed capability. Please note that this is not a true Outbound single handed line but through the integration of head and running line it is inspired by the name of its cousin, the Outbound Series.

AFS Shooting Head Kit

The super package comprising of a floating AFS Shooting Head (Sizes 6/7 to 10/11), a .030 Powerflex Core Shooting Line along with a wallet with 3 different density VersiLeaders (floating, intermediate and fast sinking). Other length and or type (density) VersiLeaders can be purchased separately.

Rio's Spey VersiLeaders

These come in 6, 10 and 15 foot lengths (with 10' being default/most versatile). Floating, 1.5 ips, 2.6 ips, 3.9 ips, 5.6 ips, 7.0 ips. The high floating spey leaders are camo olive in color and are perfect for anchoring when casting with Scandinavian style shooting heads, along with providing the utmost in presentation. Sinking leaders provide VersiTip ease of change for varying conditions and water types. Each leader features an ultra smooth welded loop in the butt end, making it easy to connect with base head welded loops.

Spey VersiLeader Selections

Available in 6, 10 or 15 foot length in complete sets from floating through 7.0 ips. Total of 6 leaders in either 10 or 15 foot lengths, 5 leaders in the 6' kit (no floater), complete with Rio's high quality wallet. One stop selection for all conditions makes this the complete VersiLeader kit for any AFS or Steelhead Scandi format line.

AFS Shooting Heads

<u>AFS Head</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Grains</u>
4/5	31'	300
5/6	33'	340
6/7	36'	400
7/8	37'	460
8/9	38'	520
9/10	39'	580
10/11	42'	640