

Comprehensive Guide to Sage Z-Axis & VXP

Spey/Two-Handed Rods

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Welcome,

As you read about the various offerings of **Sage Spey Rods**, along with line and reel match ups, please take note that the different line match variations do have specific usage. Line choice will be dictated by such factors as seasonality, method, casting style, water temperature and fly type. In other words, an ideal line for the Deschutes on Labor Day is a different animal than the ideal line for the Hoh/Queets/Sol Duc in early March.

- **Steelhead Scandi. New Fall 2010:** A Pure Northwest Steelhead Use Scandi Taper. ***See Scandi/ology for details***
- **Skagit Line.** The focused tool for Sink-tip use with the ability for pure full floating fly line adaptation. ***See “Skagit/ology” for more details.***
- **AFS (Advanced Flight Spey) Line.** The summer/fall choice with Versi Leader versatility. ***See AFS 101***
- **WindCutter Line.** A historical choice with long time advocates.
- **PowerSpey Line.** The summer/fall floating line of the traditional long line caster.

Z -Axis European (Fast) Action 2-Handed Rod

5126-4 Z Axis- 12’6” 4 piece for a #5 Line. This rod is ideally suited for such rivers as the Rogue, Grande Ronde and Deschutes. This rod is small but mighty and plays bigger than it is, doubles as an effective large trout swinging streamer stick.

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 350, AFS 5/6 Floating, Skagit Flight 375
- **Sink Tip:** 15’ 109 & 129 grain type 3, 6 and 8. T-8, T-11 in 10’ & 12.5’. Spey VersiLeader 10’ all types (SH Scandi/AFS)
- **M.O.W. Match:** Light/T-8, Medium/T-11
- **Reel Match:** Sage 6080, Sage 4210, Tibor Everglade, Sage 3810

6126-4 Z Axis- 12’6” 4 piece for a #6 Line. Ideally suited for a multitude of steelhead, light salmon and big trout duty. A really good choice for the brace rod below the #8 that everyone owns. A Deschutes favorite along with a Tierra Del Fuego small rod

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 385, Skagit Flight 400, Skagit Short 425, WindCutter 5/6
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15’ 129 grain tips in type 3, 6 and 8. T-8/T-11 from 10’ and 12.5’
- **M.O.W. Match:** Light/T-8, Medium/T-11
- **Reel Match:** Sage 3810, Sage 4210, Sage 6010, Tibor Signature 7-9

7136-4 Z Axis- 13’6” 4 piece for a #7 Line. The perfect summer run rod that can see duty for big Alaskan rainbows and TDF Sea Run Browns as well. Grande Rhonde, Deschutes, Rogue or Umpqua this is the ideal year round rod in Oregon. This is a rod every spey enthusiasts everywhere-should own.

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 480 @ 34’, AFS 7/8, Skagit Flight 525, WindCutter 7/8/9
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15’ 150 grain in type 3, 6 and 8. T-8/T-11/T-14 in 10’ and 12.5’ lengths.
- **M.O.W. Match:** Light/T-8, Medium/T-11, Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Sage 6010, Tibor Signature 8-10, Sage 3810, Tibor Riptide

8129-4 Z Axis- 12’9” 4 piece for a 8 Line. Super tactical spey rod. From Kings in Alaska to winter runs on the Sol Duc to tight casting quarters on the North Umpqua. This is an ideal 2nd rod for spey enthusiasts. Don’t be fooled by the 12’9” length, long casts come surprisingly easy with minimal effort.

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 550, Skagit Flight 600, AFS 8/9, Skagit Short 625
- **Sink Tip Match:** 15’ 150 grain type 3, 6 and 8. T-11/T-14 10’, 12.5’ & 15’. T-17 in 11’, 13’ & 15’ lengths.
- **M.O.W. Match:** Medium/T-11, Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Tibor Signature 8-10, Sage 6010, Tibor Riptide

8134-4 Z Axis 13'4" 4 piece for a 8 Line. The perennial steelhead spey rod has arrived. Be it spring or fall, summer or winter this rod will prove hard to beat anywhere in the steelhead theatre. Rather its your first northwest spey rod or another arrow in the quiver, this light, smooth, powerful tool without fatigue puts this rod atop the list of stealer Sage steelhead spey rods.

- **Line Match:** Skagit Flight 550, Steelhead Scandi 550, AFS 8/9, Skagit 550 with/without 2.5 cheater, PowerSpey 8/9
- **Sink Tip Match:** 15' 150 grain type 3, 6 and 8. T-14 in 10', 12.5' & 15' lengths T-17 in 11' & 13' lengths.
- **M.O.W. Match:** Medium/T-11, Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Tibor Signature 8-10, Sage 6010, Tibor Riptide

9143-4 Z Axis- 14'3" 4 piece for a 9 Line. The ideal winter steelhead, King Salmon combo rod has arrived (for those traveling to the Kola Peninsula this is your stick). The Clackamas to the Skagit, the Kispox to the Kola, this is the rod to "get-er-done".

- **Line Match:** Skagit Flight 625, Steelhead Scandi 550, AFS 9/10, WindCutter 9/10/11, PowerSpey 8/9
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15' 150 & 166 grain type 3, 6 and 8. T-11/T-14 in 10' 12.5' and 15' lengths. T-17 in 11', 13' & 15'.
- **M.O.W. Match:** Medium/T-11, Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Tibor Riptide, Sage 6012, Tibor Signature 8-10

10150-4 Z Axis- 15' 4 piece for a 10 Line. A focused specialty rod. B.C.'s Thompson River, B.C. & Alaskan Kings, Norwegian and Kola Peninsula Atlantic Salmon.

- **Line Match:** Skagit 750 with 5' Skagit Cheater #12, PowerSpey 10/11, AFS 10/11, Skagit Flight 750 (no Cheater) WindCutter 10/11/12.
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15' 150, 166 & 190 grain type 3, 6 and 8. T-14/T-17 in 12.5', 13' and 15', 15' Spey Versileader all types (AFS)
- **M.O.W. Match:** Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Tibor Gulfstream, Sage 6012

10160-4 Z Axis- 16' 4 Piece for a 10 Line. Usage and match ups are the same as 10150-4. This is the ultimate longball performer.

VXP Spey Rods *NEW FALL 2010*

New September 2010 The VXP spey rods replace the VT2 spey rods featuring a more powerful taper coupled with a simmer shaft design that reduces weight and increases overall line speed plus cleaner and classier components.

6129-4 12'9" for 6 line. Shall prove to be an instant favorite for summer-run fisheries such as the Deschutes, Rogue and Grande Ronde. Alaska Rainbows and Sea-Run Dollies round out the menu.

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 435, Skagit Flight 450, AFS 6/7, Powerspey 6/7
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15' 129 & 150 grain in type 3, 6 and 8 densities. T-8/T-11 in 10' and 12.5'. 10' Spey Versileaders all types (SH Scandi/AFS)
- **M.O.W. Match:** Light/T-8, Medium/T-11
- **Reel Match:** Sage 3810, Sage 4210, Redington Delta 9/10

7133-4 13' 3" for 7 line. Versatility, killer performance and price-point all meet on the curve in this new lightweight performer. All around Steelhead, big Alaskan Rainbows, Sea-Run Browns & Dollies all fit the use profile of this stellar new rod.

- **Line Match:** Steelhead Scandi 510, Skagit Flight 525, WindCutter 8/9/10, PowerSpey 7/8
- **Sink Tip Use:** 15' 129 & 150 grain in type 3, 6 and 8. T-8/T-11/T-14 in 10' and 12.5' lengths.
- **M.O.W. Match:** Light/T-8, Medium/T-11, Heavy/T-14
- **Reel Match:** Sage 3810, Tibor Riptide, Sage 4210