



INTUITIVE PERFORMANCE, FINE-TUNED ACTIONS



Revolution 8 Technology – Shaping eight revolutions in how we fish

WHAT MAKES A GREAT SPEY ROD?

Smooth | Efficient | Instinctive

The Spey angler’s arena is exacting and exhausting. Seams and structure are often in the middle or far side of the river; bushes behind and trees above complicate casting the necessary distance. Deep and fast currents, combined with slick bedrock and boulders make wading arduous. All the while, extreme weather - rainforest deluges, high desert glare, or never-ending daylight - continuously test resolve. Nevertheless, the simple fact remains that the more time the fly is in the water, the better the odds of an encounter. To maximize their chances, the Spey angler needs a rod that delivers the fly precisely, time and time again, with minimal fatigue. They need a rod that’s Intuitive and easy to cast, optimized and Fine-Tuned for their application.

By utilizing our proprietary Revolution 8 graphite, SPEY R8 rods heighten the smooth transfer of energy throughout the three key components of the Spey cast, allowing anglers to effectively Lift line off the water, Load the rod sufficiently, and Deliver the fly to the target. Casts become instinctive and consistent. Simultaneously, we Fine-Tuned rod models and actions to match the vast array of Spey situations found around the globe. The result is a Spey Casting Synergy that’s enjoyable and approaching effortless. Be it steelhead, Atlantic salmon, Chinook salmon, or sea-run brown trout; Skagit, Scandi or Traditional lines. SPEY R8 rods capitalize on each cast, increasing the likelihood of the almighty moment that we all are devoted to.

INTUITIVE PERFORMANCE | Bringing R8 Technology Into Spey

An effective Spey cast is dependent on efficient transfers of energy in each of its three key components: the Lift, Load, and Delivery. Utilizing our proprietary Revolution 8 graphite technology along the full length of double-handed rod tapers results in a blank with an unmatched ability to capture and carry power, plus exceptional tracking. Energy produced during the cast and applied directly to the rod are transmitted entirely into the line, so Spey casters aren’t required to compensate for lost energy or imprecise rod reactions. With SPEY R8, casts are smooth, instinctual, and consistent.

Lift - Adequate stiffness, power, and responsiveness paired with light weight ensure no efforts are wasted and fatigue is minimum when lifting long or heavy heads, sink tips and flies.

Load - R8 Technology maximizes the amount of energy collected in sweep or touch-and-go moves, carries it into the D-Loop, and transfers it smoothly into the rod.

Deliver - Responsiveness and tracking abilities of R8 Technology diminish lost energy and reduce lateral movements upon the forward stroke, increasing power and accuracy.

CLASSIC AESTHETICS | In Homage Of Our Two-Handed Heritage

Sage’s history designing and building Spey rods dates back to the late-1980’s - nearly the beginning of the company itself - when America’s Spey Revolution was just beginning. While the SPEY R8 family’s performance is a culmination of our most-advanced material technology, blank designs, and rod weight-length configurations to date, we’ve chosen the aesthetics as a nod to our deep Spey rod history, the pioneers of this niche within fly fishing, and of course, the anadromous fish themselves. Every detail is a thoughtful mix of functional intention and traditional looks. The overall look feels fresh yet familiar, is distinctively Sage, and inspires you to pick up the rods and fish them.

Blank Color - Rich and warm, Ale colored blanks paired with black and gold trim wraps signify the meeting of history, culture, and innovation.

Wood Reel Seat - A traditional deep walnut insert paired with Granite machined aluminum componentry follows a classic theme and is complementary to the Ale blank color.

Cork Handles - Excels in the majority of Spey fishing situations and are best suited to handling a mix of line types and casting styles.

FINE-TUNED ACTIONS | Matching Actions To Applications

In designing our new SPEY R8 rods, we recognized there isn’t a single rod action appropriate for the wide variety of Spey fishing applications found around the globe. We identified four distinct Spey rod applications, each with its own unique set of requirements. This new approach matches rod action to application, ensuring anglers have the most fine-tuned Spey rod for their fishing. Across the family, our Revolution 8 Technology ensures a remarkably smooth and intuitive feel, no matter the line configuration.

Action: Switch - *Compact Casts In Tight Quarters* | 7116-4 8116-4

When tenuous wading and compromised space for D-Loops call for situational and creative Spey casts, Switch rods are ideal - often essential - tools. The SPEY R8 Switch rods are built for Spey casting in the closest of quarters, where maximum distance isn’t required but getting the fly to turnover and into the zone is critical. Efficient, capable, and dynamic, these models pack a punch and allow anglers to alter their cast and change approaches according to the surroundings. Despite their shorter length of 11’6”, they cast both Skagit and Scandi lines to necessary and even surprising distances. In core sizes of 7- and 8-weight, they’re scaled to match a variety of species from trout to salmon and steelhead.

Action: Lightweight Line Speed - *Accurate Distance With Light Spey Lines* | 5126-4 6130-4

Our Lightweight Line Speed models are designed specifically for summer-run steelhead, smaller salmon, and oversized trout. While fly size and desired depth may be modest when targeting these fish, placement is absolutely critical; you have to fish where the fish are. To cover the water effectively, anglers need high line speeds to cut through wind and turn over flies completely so the swing engages immediately. This is especially true when fishing bulky, wind-resistant surface flies. At the same time, the tool must match the quarry and shouldn’t be over-powered. Our Lightweight Line Speed models, available in a 5- or 6-weight, shine in these scenarios, where winds arrive daily and potential holding water extends from bank to bank.

Action: Max Versatility - *The Spey Casting Multi-Tool* | 7126-4 7130-4 7136-4 8130-4 9130-4

At the heart of the SPEY R8 family are the collection of models designed with a Max Versatility action. These rods excel in the majority of Spey fishing situations and are the best suited to handle a mix of line types and casting styles. Available in rod weights appropriate for summer and winter steelhead, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, and other sea-run targets, the assorted Max Versatility models are proficient at casting the typical combinations of lines, leaders, tips, and flies that each season requires. With core lengths of 12’6” to 13’6”, lines can be controlled when on the water, and rivers big or small are all in play. Steelheaders looking for their go-to, multi-application Spey rod will find it here.

Action: Most Powerful - *Maximum Power, Distance & Control* | 8126-4 8136-4 9140-6 10150-4

Targeting the biggest and brightest Atlantic salmon, winter steelhead, or Chinook on vast and deep rivers is the most demanding form of anadromous angling and our Most Powerful SPEY R8 models are required. With additional blank strength and rod lengths up to 15’, these rods offer maximum amounts of power and control. For the angler, this translates into increased abilities to move and lift long and heavy lines from the water, then carry them through the entire Spey cast, all in the face of extreme conditions. In technical situations where line and loop control, casting range, and fish-fighting strength are paramount and none can be compromised, choose the Most Powerful models of the SPEY R8 family.

SWITCH

LIGHTWEIGHT LINE SPEED

MAX VERSATILITY

MOST POWERFUL

COMPACT CASTS IN TIGHT QUARTERS

When tenuous wading and compromised space for D-Loops call for situational and creative Spey casts.

ACCURATE DISTANCE WITH LIGHT SPEY LINES

High line speeds ideal for desert rivers, light Scandi lines, and wind-resistant surface flies.

THE SPEY CASTING MULTI-TOOL

Excels in the majority of Spey fishing situations and are best suited to handling a mix of line types and casting styles.

MAXIMUM POWER, DISTANCE & CONTROL

Ideal when long-belly lines and long casts, or sinking heads and heavy tips are in the playbook.

7116-4

All-Around Switch

Application

- Tight Quarters Baby Spey
- Summer & Winter Steelhead

Fishery

Coastal Pacific Northwest, Tight Quarters Desert Fisheries

Target Lines

- Skagit 450-500
- Scandi 400-450
- Rec Skagit 475 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 440 Scandi Launch

8116-4

Heavy-Duty Switch

Application

- Tight Quarters Baby Spey
- Winter Steelhead
- Light King Salmon
- Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Coastal Pacific Northwest, Small Water B.C., Gaspé

Target Lines

- Skagit 500-550
- Scandi 450-500
- Rec Skagit 525 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 470 Scandi Launch

5126-4

Ultralight Spey

Application

- Half-Pounder Steelhead
- Grilse Atlantic Salmon
- Heavy-Duty Trout Spey

Fishery

Rogue River, Deschutes, Newfoundland

Target Lines

- Skagit 350-400
- Scandi 300-350
- Rec Skagit 375 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 320 Scandi Launch

6130-4

Light-Duty Spey

Application

- Summer Steelhead
- Dry line skaters
- Grilse Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Deschutes, Klickitat, Rogue, Grande Ronde

Target Lines

- Skagit 400-450
- Scandi 350-400
- Rec Skagit 425 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 380 Scandi Launch

7126-4

Short-Length All-Around Spey

Application

- Small-Medium Water
- Summer & Winter Steelhead
- Light Atlantic & Pacific Salmon

Fishery

Deschutes, Olympic Peninsula, Coastal Oregon

Target Lines

- Skagit 500-550
- Scandi 450-500
- Rec Skagit 525 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 470 Scandi Launch

7130-4

Mid-Length All-Around Spey

Application

- Summer & Winter Steelhead
- Pacific & Light Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Deschutes, Olympic Peninsula, Klickitat

Target Lines

- Skagit 500-550
- Scandi 450-500
- Rec Skagit 525 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 470 Scandi Launch

8126-4

Short-Length High Power Spey

Application

- Small-Medium Water
- Sinking Heads, Heavy Tips, Heavy Flies
- Winter Steelhead & Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Scandinavia, UK, Coastal Pacific Northwest

Target Lines

- Skagit 575-625
- Scandi 520-580
- Rec Skagit 600 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 520 Scandi Launch

8136-4

Long-Length High Power Spey

Application

- Big Water
- Sinking Heads, Heavy Tips, Heavy Flies
- B.C. Summer Steelhead
- Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Skeena, Clearwater, Scandinavia, UK

Target Lines

- Skagit 575-625
- Scandi 520-580
- Rec Skagit 600 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 520 Scandi Launch

7136-4

Long-Length All-Around Spey

Application

- Big Water
- Long Belly Traditional Lines
- Summer & Winter Steelhead

Fishery

Olympic Peninsula, Sandy River, Skeena

Target Lines

- Skagit 500-550
- Scandi 450-500
- Rec Skagit 525 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 470 Scandi Launch

8130-4

Mid-Length Heavy Duty Spey

Application

- Big Water
- B.C. Summer Steelhead
- Light King Salmon

Fishery

Olympic Peninsula, Oregon Coast, Skeena

Target Lines

- Skagit 550-600
- Scandi 500-550
- Rec Skagit 575 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 520 Scandi Launch

9130-4

Mid-Length Heavy Duty Spey

Application

- Long Distance Heavy Skagit
- All Around King Salmon
- Atlantic Salmon

Fishery

Kanektok, Alagnak, Nushagak, Kvichack, Scandinavia

Target Lines

- Skagit 600-650
- Scandi 550-600
- Rec Skagit 625 Skagit Max Power
- Rec Scandi 580 Scandi Launch

9140-6

Long-Length Long Line Spey

Application

- Traditional Lines & Flies
- Go-To Atlantic Salmon
- 6-Piece For Destination Travel

Fishery

UK, Scandinavia, Skeena, Clearwater, Snake

Target Lines

- Skagit 625-675
- Scandi 550-610
- Rec Skagit 650 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 580 Scandi Launch
- Rec Traditional 710 Mid Head Spey

10150-4

Long-Length Longest Line Spey

Application

- Traditional Long-Belly Lines
- Big Water Atlantic Salmon
- Longest Casts

Fishery

Scandinavia, UK, Skeena

Target Lines

- Skagit 675-750
- Scandi 610-670
- Rec Skagit 725 Skagit Max Launch
- Rec Scandi 640 Scandi Launch
- Rec Traditional 785 Mid Head Spey