

RIO's InTouch Scandi 3D

How to bring the river depths to new heights



What's all the craze about 2D and 3 D lines, well here's a little insight as to how they will increase your hook ups by getting fly into the zone and keeping it there in nearly all water currents.

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The need to keep a swinging fly in the zone in heavy currents & deeper runs has just become easier!

- Comparing RIO's InTouch Scandi 3 D (Float / Hover / Intermediate) to a 2D (Hover / Intermediate).
- Tested Swinging Flies for Steelhead & Salmon on New York's Salmon River with 8 & 9 wt spey rods.

Why I Prefer RIO's InTouch Scandi 3D Heads.

I had the opportunity to compare a Hover / Intermediate 2 D line, which is currently only available in the U.K., to the Float / Hover / Intermediate RIO InTouch Scandi 3D Head.

Fishing them both extensively this fall I determined both fished quite well when looped to or without the RIO's Density Compensated sink tips.

(You may want to read up on the advantages of density compensated tips and how they work.)

With or without the tips, the 2 D lines cast well in most conditions, while RIO's 3D is noticeably smoother compared to the slightly clunkier 2D.

Importantly, I also experienced that the RIO 3D moved and lifted out of the water with less considerably effort when compared to the 2D.

Both lines fished well in lower fast water. I noticed the 2D to be less forgiving in staying in touch with the fly and during the swings the 2 D had a tendency to want to hang up much more. From my observation, it may be due that the 2D combined integrated sinking lines acts more like level sinking lines.

With this 2D design I can see it may be better suited to lake vs. river fishing, but can still work effectively in both.

RIOs sink like a density compensated line with the 3 shorter sections compared to the longer sections of 2D line. The 3D Line has three configurations that will adapt to nearly every fast and deep water situation including lake fishing. RIO's Low Stretch Core adds sensitivity for those lighter grabs and allows for easier and more hook sets.

Another huge advantage to the 3D is that when fighting a fish it is much easier to lift the line to the surface and out of the water to quickly eliminate that heavy underwater tippet breaking line drag.

Both these lines are heads and I'd prefer to have an integrated shooting line.

4 Dimensional Two-Handed Spey and Switch Rod Fly Fishing

Take the RIO's InTouch Scandi 3 D to the 4th Dimension by utilizing RIO's D.C. Replacement Tips for even more versatility.



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FLOAT/1IPS/2IPS

Floating/Hover/Intermediate: The ideal head for swinging flies in the top three feet of the water column. The floating back portion makes mending and pickups easy, while the hover midsection and intermediate tip keeps the fly fishing below the surface.

1IPS/2IPS/3IPS

Hover/Intermediate/Sink 3: This head is built for deeper presentations or heavier currents, swinging the fly, on average, two to five feet below the surface. The Hover back section allows for easy casting and line control, while the intermediate mid-section and Sink 3 tip hold the fly at fish level.

2IPS/3IPS/5IPS

Intermediate/Sink 3/Sink 5: When you really have to get down to the fish, this is the fastest sinking, deepest-fishing head we make. It swings the fly, on average, between four and 10 feet deep, and yet the graduated density still allows for outstanding line control and easy casting.

- Triple density head design for maximum fishing control
- Ultra-low stretch ConnectCore for maximum performance
- Effortless casting design for distance and presentation
- RIO's Easy ID to easily identify head size and density

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