

## FLY SIZE TO TIPPET SIZE GUIDELINE

The general “rule of thumb” is to take the hook size and divide by 3 to determine the Tippet “X” size to use. This is a starting point.

Using a larger size will provide more strength and better turnover, but less movement. Go this way for heavy cover or larger fish in heavy current.

Using a smaller size will move more freely in slow mixed currents or in still water tespecially in clear bright light conditions.

Tippet Size	Fly Size	Diameter	Strength*
04X	4/0 to 2/0	.015	16 lb.
02X	2/0 to 1/0	.013	14 lb.
0X	1/0 to 2	.011	12 lb.
1X	2 to 4	.010	10 lb.
2X	4 to 6	.009	8 lb.
3X	6 to 8	.008	6 lb.
4X	10 to 12	.007	5 lb/
5X	14 to 16	.006	4 lb.
6X	18 to 20	.005	3 lb.
7X	22 to 24	.004	2 lb.
8X	26 to 28	.003	1 lb.

*\*Strength is an average of all brands and varies widely.*

### Relative hook sizes

Size 16



Size 12



Size 8



Size 4



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