

Sonik SK4 £29.99



Colour: Ivory.
Profile: Tip 2 ft. Head 47 ft (front taper 11 ft; belly 25 ft; rear taper 11 ft). Running line 32 ft. Overall length 81 ft.
Features and extras: "Attach this end to reel" sticker. No loops.

MIKE WEAVER

I had absolutely no awareness of the budget price when testing this line. Lovely presentation at 20 feet and very good performance at longer distances and when roll casting. A good choice for anyone seeking real value for money.

RATINGS Performance 9 Value for money 10 Overall 9.5

RICHARD SLOCOCK

A fine all-rounder. Lovely ivory-white colour. High floater. Excellent shooter.

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Sonik: 0845 307 6300; www.soniksports.com

Orvis Wonderline Generation 3 £49.50



Colour: Blue dun.
Profile: Tip 6 in. Head 37 ft (first front taper 3 ft 8 in; second front taper 1 ft 10 in; belly 24 ft 6 in; rear taper 7 ft). Running line 53 ft. Overall length 90 ft 6 in.

Features and extras: Welded loop. Velcro line wrapper. Line-weight reminder sticker. "Attach this end to reel" sticker.

MIKE WEAVER

Super presentation at short range and longer casts were made effortless by its slick surface. Smooth pick-up for roll casts and very visible on the water. At the upper end of the price range.

RATINGS Performance 10 Value for money 8 Overall 9

RICHARD SLOCOCK

Very high rider resulting in outstanding roll casting. As slick as any. Faultless at any distance with any cast. Tiny criticism – the welded loop was not the neatest (there was a noticeable lump at the back of the doubled section). This could have been a one-off problem with the line supplied for test.

RATINGS Performance 10 Value for money 9 Overall 9.5

Orvis: 0870 066 4177; www.orvis.co.uk/fishing

Ron Thompson Energizer £19.99



Colour: Yellow.
Profile: Tip 3 ft. Head 48 ft (front taper 10 ft; belly and rear taper 38 ft). Running line 49 ft. Overall length 100 ft.
Features and extras: Two pre-mounted loops. "Attach this end to reel" sticker. Line-weight reminder sticker.

MIKE WEAVER

Very good overall casting performance at all distances. Smooth roll casts. Highly visible. It was a real surprise when the price was revealed – I'd had no inkling of the very low price while testing. Great value for money.

RATINGS Performance 8 Value for money 10 Overall 9

RICHARD SLOCOCK

The colour is not my favourite: custard yellow. The crudest/bulkiest of the braided loops supplied – one even pulled off and I had to resort to a figure-of-eight knot – but superb performance. High floater, great for roll casting, but colour not preferred.

RATINGS Performance 9 Value for money 10 Overall 9.5

Ron Thompson (Svendsen): 029 2079 1700; www.svendsen-sports.co.uk

G. Loomis East Fork £39.99



Colour: Yellow.
Profile: Tip 1 ft. Head 32 ft (front taper 8 ft 3 in; belly 22 ft 1 in; rear taper 1 ft 8 in). Running line 49 ft. Overall length 82 ft.
Features and extras: Supplied with rigid zip box for holding flies or a spare spool. Integral braided loop. Line-weight reminder sticker. "Attach this end to reel" sticker.

MIKE WEAVER

An excellent line at a reasonable price. First class at all distances, delicate presentation, and easily visible on the water. The braided loop seemed a bit stiff at first but did not impair presentation.

RATINGS Performance 9.5 Value for money 8.5 Overall 9

RICHARD SLOCOCK

Another fluorescent yellow line. Someone must love these bright colours. Has a very long braided loop sleeve and presentation was expected to suffer, but it didn't. Excellent all-rounder – no faults except colour. Perhaps slightly bulkier than most of the others, but this didn't seem to affect performance.

RATINGS Performance 9 Value for money 9 Overall 9

G. Loomis: 01386 425 824; www.gloomis.com