



## Winston Boron II Rods

I'VE SPENT MOST of my fishing time in recent years chasing exotic species around the globe, and felt like I was losing touch with my trout-fishing roots. So 2006 became the “Year of the Trout” for me.

In August an 8.5-foot, 4-weight version of Winston's new Boron II rod arrived. These traditional (read “medium”) action trout rods are based on Winston's second-generation boron/graphite technology, and now that I was a bonafide trout bum again I wasted no time packing it off for a week in Montana, followed by another week in Colorado.

Boron II rods are available in 3-, 4- and 5-weight models from 7.5 to 9 feet in length—all are 4-piece designs packed in classy looking, travel friendly, green-painted aluminum tubes with brass appointments. Sporting classic Winston-green paint jobs, they feature to-scale grips of impeccable, hand-turned cork, your choice of black-anodized uplocking aluminum reel seats with green graphite inserts (pictured), or more traditional nickel-silver uplocking reel seats with burled box elder inserts, and an unconditional lifetime warranty.

A day with the Boron II on Depuy's spring creek in Paradise Valley, throwing ridiculously small flies to surprisingly big trout, convinced me that this was the trout rod of my dreams. Weighing only 2.5 oz., it delivered the most delicate dry-fly presentations imaginable, with plenty of reserve power for longer casts.

Cast a Boron II at a fly shop (\$625), or contact **R. L. Winston Rod Co.**, P.O. Box 411, Twin Bridges, MT 59754; Tel.: (406) 684-5674; Web: [www.winstonrods.com](http://www.winstonrods.com)—*Bill Battles (As appeared in Fly Fish America's 2007 Gear Guide)*

