



Winston Boron II-MX Rods

OVER THE LAST half dozen years or so, R. L. Winston has transformed itself from a quirky little Montana rod company that built nothing but soft-tipped, spring-creek trout rods into a major technical innovator in the industry. It's also the only rodmaker that spent the time and R&D dollars to perfect the marriage of boron and graphite in modern fly rod construction.

Winston's new Boron II-MX rod represents the pinnacle of technical achievement in boron/graphite composite construction. "MX" stands for "maximum"—as in maximum power, maximum distance, and maximum fish-fighting ability. We've spent many hours on stream and in saltwater with both 5- and 8-weight Boron II-MXs over the last several months, and they are immensely powerful, highly responsive, and superbly accurate. In a word, they do everything right—so "right," in fact, that we consider them to be among the ten best technical casting rods of all time.

Boron II-MXs are offered in 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10- and 12-weight models. All are 9-foot, fast-action, 4-piece designs featuring hand-turned, premium cork grips, uplocking nickel-aluminum reel seats with dual locking rings, emerald green painted blanks, tip-over-butt ferrules, twin dual-foot strippers, and hard-chrome snakes and tip-top. The 5- and 6-weights are fitted with a half-Wells grip, while the 7- through 12-weights have a full-Wells grip with cork fighting butt. All come packed in a green and gold aluminum rod tube, and include an unconditional lifetime warranty.

See them at your local fly shop (\$655 to \$715), or for more details contact **R. L. Winston Rod Co.**, Dept. FFA; Tel: (406) 684-5674; Web: www.winstonrods.com—*Bill Battles (As appeared in Fly Fish America's 2008 Gear Guide)*

