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TETON FLY REELS (Non-Large Arbor)

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Tackle Type: Fly Reel
Manufacturer: Teton
Product: #3 & #5
SRP: \$175 & \$195
Reviewer: Chris H.
Overall score: **8.20**



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Manufacturer's Description:

"Fly reels machined from bar stock aluminum provide the maximum in strength and durability. Using only premium aircraft grade aluminum alloy, Teton employs the latest computer numeric controlled machining technology. Our reels are machined to the tightest tolerances in the industry for extremely smooth operation. Teton's patented disc drag systems feature discs made of delrin, a superb material because of its rugged durability and ability to disperse heat. These qualities ensure your drag will perform flawlessly even through the longest run. A neoprene washer incorporated in the drag design provides a shock absorbing effect to lessen the impact of the sudden taking of line when a fish initiates its run."

- Spools and Frames Machined from Solid Bar Stock Aluminum
- Full Cage Construction
- Sealed Components = Salt Water Durability
- Interchangeable Regular and Large Arbor Spools
- Patented Disc Drag System
- Lifetime Warranty
- All Teton reels are anodized

Specifications:

Model	Diameter	Wt/oz	Fly Line Rec.	Backing
3	2.50"	3.5	3	WF3+75yds./20 lb.
4	2.75"	3.8	4	WF4+85yds./20 lb.
5	3.00"	4.1	5	WF5+125yds./20 lb.
6	3.30"	4.7	6	WF6+150yds./20 lb.
7	3.50"	6.4	7	WF7+200yds./20 lb.
8-10	3.75"	7.2	8-10	WF8+250yds./20 lb.
9-11	4.00"	7.6	9-11	WF10+250yds./30 lb.
12	4.50"	8.4	12	WF12+450yds./30 lb.

First Impression:

A great looking reel with lots of high-end features at less then \$200? Almost too good to be true...

Ratings: (out of 10)

Criteria	Rating	#
Performance:		7
Price:		9



Performance:

This reel has performed to my expectations-it's been very reliable and relatively hassle free.

Price:

You'd be hard pressed to find a reel of this quality in a similar price range.

Construction/Quality:

The materials are similar to that of the high-end reels, and the construction is solid overall.

Design:

I'm not a big fan of the full cage design for reels. I like to be able to easily attach a spool without having to make sure that the fly line and/or leader doesn't get caught between the reel and the spool. That's a question of preference for the most part though. The sealed disc drag is a nice feature, requiring no maintenance.

Features:

A good full featured reel at an affordable price.

Plus / Minus:

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<p>Good price point for a machined, disc drag reel</p> <p>Large arbor spool interchangeability</p> <p>Easily adjustable drag knob</p> <p>Appearance</p> <p>Lifetime Warranty</p>	<p>Reel seat is a little narrow, which can contribute to a loose fit with the rod</p> <p>Tolerances seem to be dependant on the drag tension-if the drag is loose, some chatter may occur</p>

Conclusions:

These reels have been a source of confidence in my rod setups. They work well time after time, and require no maintenance. The only problems that I have had are that when stripping line out, the reel squeaks a bit (if the drag is on the loose side), and the crank knob came loose on the smaller #3 model. A little Loctite on the crank screw and the crank knob is fine now. I recommend this reel to anyone looking for a modestly priced machined reel.

Where to Buy:

Just about anywhere that sells fly gear. Here's a local vendor [Baldwin Bait & Tackle](#) or check out Teton's [Dealer Search](#) link on the top navigation bar under "locations".

Other Products in this line:

- 3LA 2 wt \$175.00
- 4LA 3/4 wt \$185.00
- 5LA 5 wt \$195.00
- 6LA 6 wt \$210.00
- 7LA 7 wt \$220.00
- 8-10LA 8 wt \$230.00
- 9-11LA 10 wt \$240.00
- 12LA 12 wt \$270.00

Spare Spool Pricing:

3	\$70.00
4	\$75.00
5	\$80.00
6	\$85.00
7	\$90.00
8-10	\$110.00
9-11	\$120.00
12	\$125.00
3LA	\$70.00
4LA	\$75.00
5LA	\$80.00
6LA	\$85.00
7LA	\$90.00
8-10LA	\$110.00
9-11LA	\$120.00
12LA	\$125.00

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Additional Staff Comments:**Long Term Test:****03/04**

I've been using the #5 on my 5wt setup for a few years now, and it does everything I need it to do. It's easy to tighten up the drag if needed during the fight of a fish, and the reel has held up well to the amount of fishing that I do every season.

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