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## Field Reports on MONIC™ Fly Lines

Field tests on the new and innovative Flow Tek MONIC fly lines were initiated at four tropical locations: Key West, Belize, Baja, and South Padre Island.

### Capt. Rick Murphy, Key West, Florida.

Captain Murphy was one of the earliest to evaluate our lines. Murphy, who guides out of Tavernier, Florida, was instrumental in helping us develop what has become the Flow Tek MONIC lines. As a result of his recommendations, we've reduced the weight-forward section from a 40-foot to a 28-foot belly. Murphy felt the shorter belly permitted quicker casts, as well as made casting easier for less experienced anglers when sight-fishing for tarpon. Total line length is 90 feet.

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### Doug Jorgensen, Turneffe Flats, Belize.

"I have fished the MONIC line exclusively for the past year, putting somewhere between 200 and 250 hours on the line. I have caught uncountable numbers of bonefish in all conditions, sometimes maybe too easily. Much of this success I attribute to the line. It casts effortlessly, and the slickness adds distance to the cast. Being absolutely transparent seems to be a great help in hooking otherwise 'lockjaw' fish. I have cast into schools of difficult bone fish and not spooked them. I cannot say enough good things about the line, and will continue to think of it as the line of choice when fishing a floating line at Turneffe Flats."

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### Lani Waller, Baja, Mexico.

"I took [the MONIC transparent line] to Baja and fished it continuously for four days. I used the number eleven for dorado and tuna. The line handled perfectly in the heat and wind. There was no tangling on the deck, and the

coils laid in place even in the wind. . . . I was using different types of flies, but what impressed me the most was the line's ability to turn over a number 2/0 salt water popper. The line shot very well, too, and I deliberately did not clean or dress it while I was there. It stayed clean and continued to shoot very well. . . . I thought it was very, very good – a terrific line, in fact.”

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**Dr. Gonzalo Vargas and Gib Little, South Padre Island, Texas.**

One of Dr. Vargas' favorite areas for redfish and speckled trout is South Padre Island, where he has been testing our experimental clear lines for more than 18 months. Gib Little, who operates a lodge and guide service on South Padre Island, has been using MONIC clear lines exclusively since May 1995.

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In early August, Mr. Little and Dr. Vargas both competed, along with over 1,100 other participants, in the 57th Annual Texas International

Fishing Tournament. In the fly fishing category, Little and Vargas placed first and second. The men credited their success to the clear, floating MONIC lines, which they said gave them a distinct advantage over their competitors.

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Ongoing evaluations are being made locally by Brad Befus and Ron Young Jr. of Front Range Anglers in Boulder, Colorado. Ron caught his first permit with one of our clear lines in Placencia, Belize, in May 1994 while fishing the lagoon. Conditions that day were typical, with a water depth of two feet and a dead calm. When he cast to the permit, he overshot the fish – the clear line touched both the dorsal fin and the

tail without spooking. The permit then turned and took the crab.

MONIC fly lines emerge as an exciting alternative choice for tropical fly fishing. Fly tackle suppliers who are receptive to technological developments will find MONIC lines an outstanding advancement – especially today, when fly fishing is enjoying its greatest level of popularity. It is my belief that this growth will continue, as more and more enthusiasts discover the challenge, serenity, and reward of fly fishing.

Bob Goodale

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