

Hardy Spool Capacities

Series	Model / Size	Diameter	Approx. Capacity (Line + Backing)
LIGHTWEIGHT (Classic Click)	Flyweight	2.50"	WF2 + 33yd (20lb)
	Featherweight	2.87"	WF3 + 33yd (20lb) / DT3 + 15yd
	LRH Lightweight	3.18"	WF4 + 55yd (20lb) / DT4 + 20yd
	Princess	3.50"	WF5 + 66yd (20lb) / DT5 + 40yd
	St. Aidan	3.75"	WF7 + 150yd (30lb)
	St. Andrew	4.12"	WF9 + 200yd (30lb)
	St. John (Mk 2)	3.87"	WF7 + 100yd (Narrow spool, limited backing)
MARQUIS (LWT & Vintage)	LWT 2/3	2.58"	WF3 + 22yd (20lb)
	LWT 4	2.79"	WF4 + 30yd (20lb)
	LWT 5	3.05"	WF5 + 40yd (20lb)
	LWT 6	3.28"	WF6 + 45yd (20lb)
	LWT 7	3.47"	WF7 + 67yd (20lb)
	Salmon No. 1	3.90"	WF10 + 170yd (30lb)
	Salmon No. 2	4.15"	WF11 + 280yd (30lb)
	Salmon No. 3	4.15"	WF12 + 400yd (30lb)
PERFECT (Heritage/Wide)	2 7/8" (Standard)	2.87"	WF3 + 45yd (20lb)
	3 1/8" (Standard)	3.12"	WF5 + 55yd (20lb)
	3 3/8" (Standard)	3.37"	WF7 + 60yd (20lb)
	3 7/8" (Taupo/Wide)	3.87"	WF7/8 + 150yd (30lb) (Switch/Spey)
	4" (Wide Spool)	4.00"	WF10 + 250yd (30lb)
	4 1/4" (Wide Spool)	4.25"	WF12 + 250yd (30lb)
BOUGLÉ (Heritage)	3"	3.00"	DT2 + 70yd / WF3 + 75yd
	3 1/4"	3.25"	DT4 + 100yd / WF5 + 100yd
	3 1/2"	3.50"	DT6 + 70yd / WF7 + 100yd
	3 3/4"	3.75"	DT9 + 150yd (Spey/Salmon)
	4"	4.00"	WF10 + 350yd (Spey/Salmon)
CASCAPEDIA (Classic Look)	4/5 (Trout)	3.00"	WF5 + 75yd (20lb)
	6/7 (Sea Trout)	3.50"	WF7 + 85yd (20lb)
	8/9 (Light Salmon)	3.75"	WF9 + 190yd (30lb)
	10/11 (Salmon)	4.00"	WF11 + 290yd (30lb)
ULTRALITE (Modern Disc)	3000	3.50"	WF4 + 45yd (20lb)
	4000	3.70"	WF5 + 75yd (20lb)
	5000	3.90"	WF6 + 80yd (20lb)
	6000	4.10"	WF7 + 100yd (20lb)
	8000	4.40"	WF9 + 160yd (30lb)
	10000	4.90"	WF11 + 260yd (30lb)
JLH ULTRALITE (Classic Click)	2 7/8"	2.87"	DT3 + 20yd
	#5	3.00"	WF5 + 50yd
	#6	3.25"	WF6 + 60yd
	#7	3.50"	WF7 + 75yd
	#8/9	3.75"	WF8 + 150yd
	Salmon	4.00"	WF10 + 200yd
SOVEREIGN (Vintage Disc)	5/6/2007	3.00"	WF6 + 45yd
	7/8	3.25"	WF8 + 70yd
	8/9	3.50"	WF9 + 125yd
	9/10	3.75"	WF10 + 165yd

The following table lists the approximate spool capacities for the most popular Hardy reel series, covering both vintage and modern reissues.

Important Notes for this Sheet:

Capacities are estimates based on modern Weight Forward (WF) or Double Taper (DT) plastic fly lines with 20lb or 30lb Dacron backing.

"Line + Backing": Amounts are in yards (yd).

Vintage vs. New: "Wide Spool" (WS) reissues have significantly more capacity than vintage "Standard" or "Contracted" drums of the same diameter.

Rule of Thumb for Vintage vs. Modern

Backing Volume: Vintage reels were designed for thin silk lines. Modern PVC lines are much thicker. If using a vintage Standard Drum Perfect or St. George, reduce line weight by one size or use Gel Spun backing to gain capacity.

Double Taper (DT): If you fish DT lines, you generally need to jump up one reel size (e.g., use a Princess for a DT4, not an LRH).