

ICE FISHING TIP-UP LEADER SELECTION

What is a Tip-up Leader and why should you use one? Leaders are extensions of the Tip-ups main line that can be customized to the size of your bait and the fish you are pursuing.

Selecting the proper Leader & Treble Hook size for the species of fish you are after will help you catch more fish! Leaders can protect your line from bite offs or make your line more invisible. They also give you the ability to quickly change or replace with a new one or to adapt to your specific fishing situation.

Line poundages / Treble hook sizes should be selected based upon the size of the fish you are pursuing and the size of your bait. The following are examples of common size ranges:

Northern Pike

20-100# Fluoro Leaders
20-60# Wire Leaders
Size 8-1/0 Treble Hooks
Bait 4-10" Minnows
Quick-Strike Size 6-1/0 Hooks

Walleye

8-15# Fluoro Leaders
10-20# Wire Leaders
Size 12-6 Treble Hooks
Bait 3-5" Minnows

Bass

10-20# Fluoro Leaders
15-30# Wire Leaders
Size 10-4 Treble Hooks
Bait 3-5" Minnows

Panfish

6-10# Fluoro Leaders
Size 16-10 Treble Hooks
Bait 1.5-3" Minnows

Stranded Wire Leaders - Used for toothy fish like Northern Pike. Stranded wire is durable and offers the most protection from fish breaking the Leader. Leader lengths 10-15".

Fluorocarbon Leaders - Used for their invisibility. These Leaders are popular with finicky fish in clear or highly pressured waters. They usually produce more bites than Wire Leaders but offer less bite-off protection. Used mostly for Walleye / Bass / Panfish. Leader lengths 12-30".

Quick-Strike Leaders - Used when fishing with larger live or dead baits (6-12" inches) for big fish like Northern Pike. They are usually composed of 2 hooks and lead to better hook sets and less fish mortality from swallowing the hooks. Leader lengths 6-15".

Treble Hook Rig



Quick-Strike Rig



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