

Tube Flies – Materials and Sources

World Wide Anglers carries most of HMH products, and a good selection from Eumer (pronounced u-mer). Mossy's has some HMH and is bringing in Pro TubeFly's unique materials. Mt View Sports carries a fair selection HMH materials exclusively. More about Pro Tube Fly and Eumer below.

HMH seems to be the major player in American tube flies at this point, but the tube world is changing fast.

Vise Adapters:	Starter Tube Tool comes with .041 and .062 pins	\$25
	Premium Tube Tool comes with .041 and .062 mandrels	\$45
	A .031 pin is available separately or as part of a starter pin set.	\$5 Ala-Carte/\$11 for the set

Tubes are available in three diameters.

Large; 1/8" OD	Packages of 5" lengths	\$6 set of 12	or pre-cut lengths 1/2" to 3"	\$5 for 20
Small: 3/32" OD	Packages of 5" lengths	\$6 set of 12	or pre-cut lengths 1/2" to 3"	\$5 for 20
Micro: 1/16" OD	Lengths of 36"	\$4.80		

Both Small and the Micro are available in a thick walled version which requires a .031 pin/mandrel.

Metal tubes in Aluminum (3/32") and Copper (3/32" & 1/8") come in pre-cut lengths 1/2' to 2". Liner and junction tubes are included with the metal tubes. Price \$6.30 to \$7 per 10

HMH Coneheads come in three different sizes, Large, Medium, and Small, for each of the three sized tubes.

Silver, brass, and black are the only color options. Packages of 10 run \$7.50, \$6.50, and \$5.50

Brass beads fit Small 3/32" and the Micro tubing. Set of 10 runs \$5.50

Links for HMH: www.hmhvise.com/tubeflytool.htm and www.hmhvise.com/tubesconeshooks.htm

Pro TubeFly System is interesting in that the standard tube has two different diameters, each side is cut to length as needed for the fly you're tying. ConeDisc, SonicDisc, SoftDisc; Flexiweights and Dropweights, are some of the add-ons they offer for their tubes. The ProTube System also offers a Tying Needle designed for their special tubes. Mossy's is carrying a selection of Pro TubeFly products

Go to: <http://www.proflytyer.com/> or <http://www.flyfishusa.com/fly-tying/pro-tube/pro-tube.htm>

For a great article see: <http://www.johnnagsteelheadguide.com/2010/11/selection-of-pro-tubefly-system.html>

Eumer is a name you will see often when searching sites for tube fly material. A European company that deals with only with authorized shops; Eumer offers a wide variety of metal bodies for tube flies. World Wide Angler carries some of their products.

For a full blown product rundown go to: <http://www.eumertube.com/flyfishing.php>

Tubology is another company offering a system approach to tube flies. The Tubeology system does use a special vise adapter, but the concept behind it is well grounded for tying. We have a local retailer for Tubeology products that is not a retail shop. Go to: <http://www.k-kustomrods.com/tubeology.html>

Visit the main site at: <http://www.tubeology.net/> for some basic product information

The Frodin Tube Fly System features 4 different tube sizes ranging from X -Small to Large. The system is designed so that the tubes will fit into the next size up, allowing combinations of tubes to balance flies.

Frodin offers a Turbo Cone in four sizes that is specifically designed to create a vortex over the fly that allows soft materials to move in the water. This is a European product that is available in the USA through retailers.

Go to: <http://www.flyfishusa.com/fly-tying/tube-fly-parts.htm> for more information.

Some other sites to visit for materials are listed below.

<http://www.bearsden.com/page1004.html> - carries both Eumer and HMH products

<http://www.caniantubeflies.com/flytying.html>

<http://tubefly.blogspot.com/> click the Tube Fly Store tab.

A great site on all things tubes is: <http://www.tubeflies.com/>