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## **ACME'S RANGE OF LURES AND JEWEL-QUALITY FINISHES HELP ANGLERS "MATCH THE HATCH" FOR GREATER SPOON FISHING SUCCESS**

### **Expert Advice on Selecting The Right Style, Size and Color of Acme Spoon For Local Forage and Conditions**

What separates the best freshwater lure fishermen from run-of-the-mill jig tossers (besides choosing to tie on a proven Acme spoon, of course)? They observe prevailing conditions on a given body of water — things like water clarity, current, temperature and the size/type of forage that gamefish are feeding on — and use this information to decide which Acme spoon and presentation style is most likely to fool the fish they're after.

Time-proven models like Acme's famous Kastmaster<sup>®</sup>, Fiord<sup>®</sup> and Super Smelt<sup>®</sup> are ideal for times when trout, landlocked salmon or even bass are keying on slender-bodied baitfish or small fry. Like most Acme spoons for casting, jigging or trolling, these lures are offered in a wide range of painted and metallic finishes. If you know what your target is feeding on — whether it's minnows, freshwater smelt or the fry of various gamefish — you can select an Acme spoon that matches the feeding pattern. The Kastmaster and Fiord can be either cast or trolled to work around structure or under schools of baitfish. The Super Smelt is designed for trolling on mono, with leadcore line or trailing behind a downrigger.

If observations and local knowledge indicate that gamefish are targeting larger forage or fry, tie on any number of Acme spoons designed to create a fat, full-bodied profile. Among the many choices that fit this description are proven fish-catchers like the Acme Little Cleo<sup>®</sup>, with its unique hump-backed shape that creates a slow, enticing wobble and full profile. With nine sizes and 36 available finishes, anglers can find a Little Cleo to match any feeding pattern and water conditions. The body of Acme's famous Phoebe<sup>®</sup> spoon features a unique hydrodynamic curvature that creates a fat, three-dimensional illusion as it moves through the water. Phoebe's lifelike appearance is enhanced by deep-cut scales and fins, as well as a range of available real-life finishes including Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Metallic Perch.

Acme's K.O. Wobbler<sup>®</sup> is another excellent choice for imitating wide-bodied baitfish like shad or sunfish fry. This spoon's extra wide body not only provides gamefish with a wide-profile target, it provides a seductive wobble at even the slowest speeds. This lure features the added attraction of metallic flashing tail, creating an extra measure of flash and sound as it moves. The K.O. Wobbler is offered in a dozen painted and metallic finishes to match a range of forage and conditions.

Whether you're trying to imitate a small, slender baitfish or a big, fat mouthful, choose an Acme lure that best matches the coloration and size/shape of the prey. Sometimes, however, freshwater gamefish key on a particular color on a given day, so don't be afraid to experiment. Rainbow trout, for example seem to have a definite weakness for lures with bright or fluorescent red coloration in just about every location. Another good general rule of thumb is to focus on plain metallic or darker colors like blues or greens in clear waters and bright sunlight, and fish bright Acme finishes like Chartreuse, Fire Tiger or Metallic Perch in stained or muddy waters.

While selecting the best Acme spoon to "match the hatch" is important, *how* you fish it is just as critical to angling success. In general, slender lures need to be retrieved or trolled faster to maximize their swimming action. With their fast sink rate and action on the fall, slender casting spoons like the Fiord, Kastmaster and Trophy Spoon® are also ideal for vertical jigging.

Full-bodied spoons often exhibit their most pronounced swimming action when worked slowly, making them a good choice when gamefish are sluggish. These spoons are made to fish "low and slow," working off points, deep rock piles and drop-offs. If you see schools of baitfish suspended on the meter, remember to work your lure underneath the school, where gamefish wait to attack. In this situation, it's a good idea to occasionally halt your retrieve to let the lure flutter down like a wounded baitfish. If you're trolling around bait schools, stopping the boat momentarily or making large "S" turns can work the same way, drawing aggressive strikes from fish holding deep.

To learn more about choosing and using Acme spoons to enhance your freshwater fishing success — or the company's full line of proven metal lures for fresh or salt water — contact Acme Tackle Co. at 69 Bucklin St., Providence, RI 02907 • Telephone: (401) 331-6437 • Or visit online at: [www.acmetackle.com](http://www.acmetackle.com).

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