



# J2 FLY HOOKS

## A FLY TYER'S GUIDE TO HOOK COMPARISONS

	J Stockard	Daiichi	Tiemco	Mustad	Gamakatsu	Partridge
<b>DRY FLY HOOKS</b>						
Down eye, standard wire, round bend	J2 105	1100	100	R50-94840	S10	L5A
Down eye, 1X long shank, standard wire and a round bend	J2 115				S10-3F	
<b>WET/NYMPH HOOKS</b>						
Down eye, 2X strong wire, 1X short, sproat bend	J2 207	1530	3769	S80-3906		G3A-L
Down eye, 1X strong, 1X long, sproat bend	J2 217	1560	3761			G3AY
Down eye, 1X strong, 2X long, round bend	J2 225	1280	5262	S82-3906B		H1A
Down eye, 1X strong, 3X long, sproat bend	J2 235	1710	5263	R73-9671		H1A-L
Down eye, 1X heavy, 3X long curved shank	J2 720H	1760	2302			
<b>STREAMER HOOKS</b>						
Down eye, 1X strong, 4X long, sproat bend	J2 245	2220	300	R75-79580		D4AF
<b>CURVED HOOKS</b>						
Multi-use Hopper Terrestrial Nymph – Straight eye, 3X long curved shank	J2 430	1270	200R			K12ST
Scud, Shrimp, Pupae, Nymph - Down eye, 1X strong, 1X short curved shank	J2 500	1120	2457	C49S	C12	K4AY/K4AH
Caddis, Emerger – Straight eye, 2X short curved shank, reversed bend	J2 510	1150	2488	C67S		K4A-SE
<b>SALMON/STEELHEAD HOOKS</b>						
Egg, Glo Bug, Short Steelhead Salmon – Straight eye, 2X strong, 5X short	J2 700	X510	105		C14S	K5AS
<b>SPECIALTY HOOKS</b>						
Jig Fly – 60-degree jig, flat eye, medium wire, bronze	J2 604	4640			J20	CS86X-J60
Bass Fly – Straight eye, 1X strong, standard length, sproat bend	J2 607				SS15	S3-ACS
Saltwater – Straight eye, 1X strong stainless, sproat bend	J2 907	2546	811S	S71DT-34007		CS52

NOTE: We have made every effort to provide the best possible comparisons. However, most comparisons are not exact matches. We welcome your input to update, correct or add to this chart.

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# A Primer on Hook Anatomy

**Total Length:** Overall length of hook from tip of eye to bend.

**Shank:** Part of the hook from behind the eye to the beginning of the bend, typically directly above the space between the point and the barb. Standard shank length is defined as the distance of twice the gape plus the width of the eye. An 'X' system is used to denote longer or shorter than standard lengths. Each 'X' represents one hook size, so a size 6, 2x long (2XL) has a shank length of a standard size 4 hook. A size 6, 2x short (2XS) would have a shank length of a standard size 8 hook. Shanks can be straight or curved.

**Bend:** Curved portion of the hook ending just before the point. Bends can be round, limerick, sproat, or reversed offset.

**Bite or Throat:** Distance from the top of the bend to its intersection with the gape.

**Gape (or Gap):** Distance between the hook shank and the point. A standard gape is slightly less than half the standard hook shank length. Hook sizes are based upon gape.

**Barb:** Sharp projection near the end of a hook that is angled away from the main point to make extraction difficult. Some hooks have mini-barb and some are barbless to facilitate 'catch & release'.

**Point:** Sharpened end of the hook that penetrates the fish's mouth.

**Eye:** Ring, hole or loop at the end of the shank to which the fly line (tippet section) is attached. Eyes can be angled straight, up, or down from the shank.

**Front Length:** Distance from top of bend to end of the point.

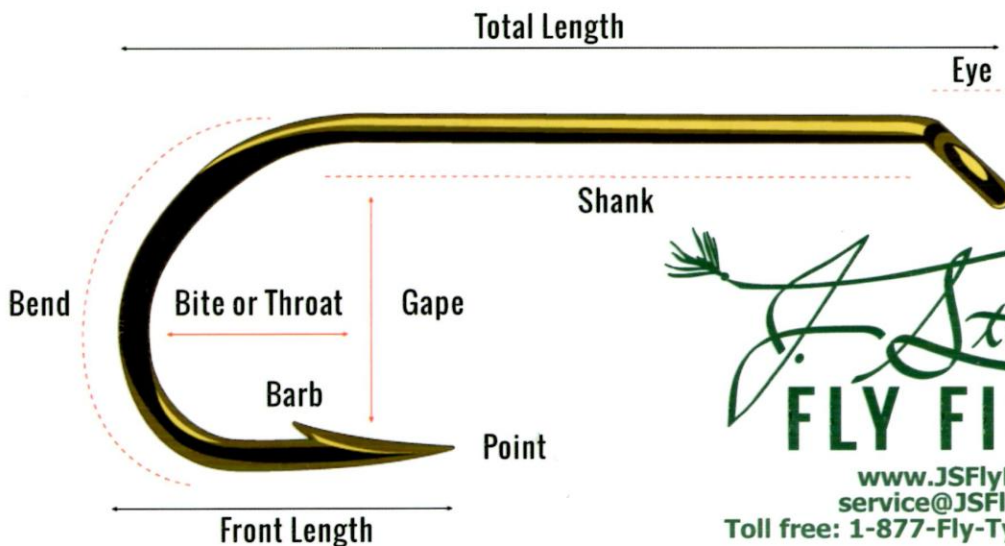
**Wire Gauge:** In addition to the parts of the hook's anatomy, hooks are also made from various standardized wire gauges or thicknesses. Gauges run from very thin wire to thicker gauge wire, often referred to as fine wire, heavy wire, extra heavy, 2X heavy, 3X heavy, etc.

*Here's a handy chart to help you match recommended hook and bead size combinations...*



Bead Size		Hook Size
millimeters	inches	
1.6	1/16	18 - 24
2.0	5/64	16 - 18
2.4	3/32	14 - 16
2.8	7/64	12 - 16
3.2	1/8	10 - 14
4.0	5/32	6 - 10
4.8	3/16	4 - 8

Hook sizes are based on a survey of 4 to 5 major hook brands and 3 or more hook styles for each brand. The size range includes the most common compatible sizes for a given bead size.



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