



Spinnerbait Blade Shapes

IMPORTANT! Please note the word “relative” as used below: The characteristics shown are not absolutes, and instead refer only as to how the blades relate to each other.

Blade Characteristics	Colorado	Turtleback	Indiana	Willowleaf
Relative running depth ¹	Shallow	Med. Shallow	Medium	Deep
Relative weedless & snagless abilities ²	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good
Angle of rotating blade to shaft	60 degrees	55 degrees	45 degrees	30 degrees
Relative visibility from the side	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good
Relative visibility from front or back ³	Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Relative water resistance	High	High	Fair	Low
Relative vibration & sound output volume ⁴	High	High	Medium	Low
Relative rotation speed	Slow	Slow	Medium	Fast
Relative frequency of sound output ⁵	Low	Low	Medium	High

Notes

The information given here is based on the best data available at the time of writing. Changes will be made as dictated by new and valid information we receive.

Except for the category dealing with weedless and snagless capabilities, the characteristics above are neutral, becoming good or bad only as applied to your immediate needs.

¹ The speed of your retrieve can have as much or more affect on the depth you maintain as will the shape of the blade you use. Remember that spinnerbaits must be allowed to helicopter down to the preferred depth prior to or at some point during your retrieve, because they seldom sink during a normal speed retrieve.

² Even the Colorado and Turtleback blades are fairly snagless, but they are far more likely to hang up in weeds than will a Willowleaf blade.

³ A wide blade such as a Colorado or turtleback rotates much farther out from the shaft, and hence is far more visible as the bait swims toward or away from a fish than is a narrow blade like a willowleaf. This becomes an important factor in stained water.

⁴ High vibration and sound output volume is highly desirable in highly stained or muddy water. Conversely, that same feature can be very undesirable in clear water.

⁵ Sound output frequency is a major factor in why different blade types “sound” different. At certain times fish prefer one sound to another, although no one really knows why.

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