



## Fishing the Thunder Bug®



There's never been a spinner like it. Unique hardly describes the Mepps Thunder Bug. Painstaking research went into every aspect of its design. The result is a truly special spinner that catches fish and actually looks like fish food.



Is stepped "segmented" body. is carved from solid brass in a shape that imitates the head and thorax of several common insects. Each is strikingly decorated in a variety of fish attracting hues which are equally appealing to both fish and fishermen.

Thunder Bug blades are shaped like insect wings. They are constructed of the highest quality brass in just the right curvature and thickness to spin easily and stand up to hard use. All blades are exquisitely finished in distinct colors and specially coated for durability. As a finishing touch, each blade is stamped with a lifelike insect wing pattern. Choose from silver, gold, white, yellow, metallic brown or metallic black.

Every dressed Thunder Bug starts with a strong, extra sharp French hook. Each is hand tied with top grade hackle, and includes a Flashabou® accent to provide extra fish attracting sparkle. Flashabou

**It's true!** Spinner fishermen can "match the hatch" with the revolutionary Thunder Bug® from Mepps. It's the spinner that looks like a bug, acts like a bug, and, to a fish, appears every bit as tasty as a bug. Four sizes. Ten different and distinct bugs. Plain or dressed.

can also be found on Mepps Spin Flies, XD's, DeepRunners and Mepps Aglia Streamers.

All Thunder Bugs are assembled on a heavy duty stainless steel shaft so they will stand-up to the strain of repeatedly landing fish.

Fish the #00 and #0 Thunder Bug for panfish, including crappie and perch, and small trout. The #1 Thunder Bug is perfect for larger trout and smallmouth bass. Slab crappie will inhale a #1 Thunder Bug. Tie on a #2 Thunder Bug and you're set to fish largemouth bass and walleye.

Tie the Thunder Bug directly to your line. Heavy snap swivels can foul the action of any spinner. If you need to get deeper, attach a couple of small split shot sinkers to your line about a foot above the Thunder Bug. This will keep your spinner on the bottom, but it won't impede the action of the lure.

When fishing for stream trout, always

wade and fish upstream. Stream trout face into the current. Food is naturally presented to trout as a tidbit moving with the current. So, position yourself so you can cast at an angle, upstream and across the current. Trout will hit your Thunder Bug when it's changing direction from tumbling downstream with the current to an across current movement.

If it's panfish you're after, fish the edge of weed beds and lily pads. Attach a small bobber and drop the Thunder Bug into holes between the pads. Vertically jig the spinner allowing the blade to flutter downward.

Fish for both walleyes and smallmouth bass on drop-offs or over rocky bars. Use a #1 or #2 Thunder Bug. Try dressed lures for big smallmouth. Match the hatch!



### Mepps® Master Angler Awards

It's easy and fun to enter your catch in the Mepps Master Angler awards program. You can either visit our web site: [www.mepps.com](http://www.mepps.com) or call us toll-free at: 800-713-3474 to learn more about the program, and get your **FREE Mepps Fishing Guide**. You'll find the rules and an application both on our web site and in the Guide. All you need to do is send us your completed application along with a photo of your Mepps catch, and we'll send you a handsome embroidered Trophy Fish Award patch along with a chevron identifying the species of fish you caught.

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### Mepps® Thunder Bug®

The **patterned wings** of the dobson fly fold delicately across its back. The blade of the Mepps Thunder Bug looks very much like the folded wings of the dobson fly and many other aquatic insects.

Note the **segmented body** of the mayfly nymph. The "stepped" body of the Mepps Thunder Bug is almost a perfect match.

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**Looks like a bug!**

**Acts like a bug!**

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