



SPINNING MANUAL

Thank you for purchasing your Zebco reel!
With proper use and maintenance, this reel will deliver the highest quality of performance for many fishing adventures to come. Before heading out on the water, read the general information provided to ensure the best use of your new Zebco product! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact our Consumer Service Department toll-free at 1-800-588-9030, or visit us online at Zebco.com.



Removing the spool

To remove the spool, turn the drag knob counterclockwise until you can pull the drag knob and spool from the shaft. To replace, slide the spool back onto the shaft. You may need to turn the spool back and forth until it is fully seated onto the shaft so the drag knob can be replaced. Turn the drag knob clockwise until you feel the drag tighten. You will now need to reset your drag to the proper setting.

Spooling line on reel

MUST open bail. Thread line through each of the guides starting at the tip until reaching the reel. Tie an overhand knot around the spool to secure the line, then trim the tag end of the line. Close the bail wire. Pinch the line to add tension while turning reel handle and filling the spool with line. Load line until there is 1/16th of an inch to the edge of the spool the capacity of the spool. After spooling to preferred capacity, cut the line and attach lure.

Using braided line

If your Zebco reel does not have a braid band, you will need to first tie on and spool at least 20 revolutions of monofilament line, with either a back-to-back uni-knot or an Albright knot. Continue to spool your reel as normal, keeping strong tension on the line to ensure the line is firmly wound onto the spool to keep from “digging in” to underlying line layers when pressure is put in the line from fighting fish.
Failure to properly spool braided line onto your reel’s spool will result in line slippage, and the impression your drag is not working properly.

Recommended Maintenance

Zebco reels that take the brunt of your fishing adventures should be thoroughly cleaned and serviced more often, while reels that are used less frequently should be cleaned and lubricated annually. After use in saltwater, the reel and spool should be rinsed off with fresh water. If dropped in sand or dirt, the reel should be cleaned and re-lubricated before using.

Warranty Information

Zebco products are warranted for a period of one (1) year from date of original retail purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials. For defective products, we encourage you to contact an authorized Zebco Warranty Center in your area. Should a service center not be located in your area, please contact Consumer Support for specific directions on how you can obtain service and/or parts for your Zebco product.



This warranty does not cover Zebco products damaged due to abuse or misuse. This warranty does not cover normal or excessive wear, including but not limited to any wear of the product caused by neglect of cleaning and lubrication required. This warranty does not cover any general service requirements due to owner’s failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance.

Zebco products not covered by the Zebco Limited Warranty may be repaired at a nominal charge to the purchaser, provided parts are available.

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The warranties described herein shall be the sole and exclusive warranties granted by Zebco and shall be the sole and exclusive remedy available to the purchaser. Correction of defects, in the manner and time period described herein, shall constitute complete fulfillment of all liabilities and responsibilities of Zebco to the purchaser with regard to this product, and shall constitute full satisfaction of all claims, whether based on contract, negligence, strict liability or otherwise. Zebco shall not be liable or in any way responsible for any damages or defects caused by repairs or attempted repairs performed by anyone other than an authorized servicer. Nor shall Zebco be liable, or in any way responsible, for any incidental or consequential personal or property damage. Zebco reserves the right to amend or change this Warranty at any time.

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The provisions of this Warranty are in addition to, and not a modification of, or a subtraction from, the statutory warranties and other rights and remedies contained in any applicable legislation. To the extent that any provision of this Warranty is inconsistent with any applicable law, such provision shall be deemed voided or amended as necessary, to comply with such law.

GETTING STARTED

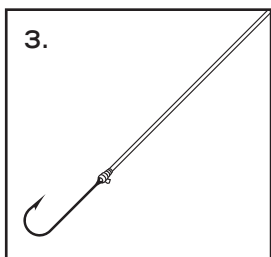
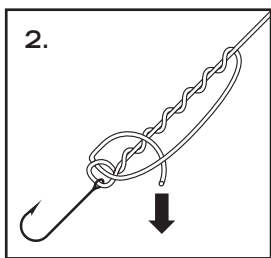
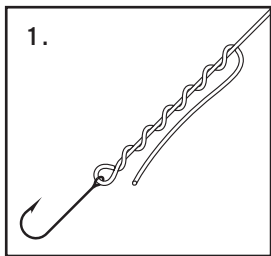
Putting reel on rod

Loosen the reel seat on the rod, put the foot of the reel in the reel seat slots, and tighten until securely attached to the rod.

Lining the rod

Open bail wire and remove line from behind line keeper on side of reel. Thread loose end of line through each of the guides on the same side of the rod until reaching the tip. Any wraps around the rod will cause issues with usability.

Tie a Knot



Setting the drag

The wide-range drag on your Zebco reel allows line to be pulled smoothly from the reel under tension without breaking. The drag, controlled by the knob on the front of the spool, may be accurately adjusted for a wide range of fishing conditions. Gradually rotate the drag control clockwise to increase the tension, counterclockwise to decrease the tension.

Casting a spinning reel

Ensure the spinning reel is secured in place and the line threaded through the guides with a lure or jig tied on. Leave about 6-inches of line hanging from the rod tip. With the spinning reel pointed toward the ground, grab line with index finger and open the bail. While holding the line in place with index finger, raise your arm, bending at the elbow, until the top of the rod just passes your ear and points directly behind you. Whip the rod forward and release line to cast. To retrieve, turn the handle in a clockwise motion to close the bail and pull the line back onto the spool.

How to Tell When You Have a Bite

The bobber on your line will be the best indicator of a fish biting onto your hook. Ordinarily, it just bobs gently on the surface. Current will jostle it, wind will jiggle it, and you'll learn to distinguish those movements from the motions that signal a fish's presence. When the fish takes the bait, or strikes, the bobber sinks or moves sharply. If you've kept your line taut, the first real tug on the line means business. Fish business!

Set the Hook

If you feel the fish has taken your bait into its mouth, a quick tug on the fishing line will bring the point of the hook through the fish's lip. The jerking motion must be strong enough to let the hook pierce, but not so hard as to tear the lip or yank the bait from its mouth. If your tug meets with another tug, you have secured the fish on your line.

Reeling in the Fish

Keep the rod tip up and ensure there is always tension on the line. When you hear the drag clicking as the fish pulls line out, stop turning the handle. If you continue to turn the handle while the fish is pulling against the drag, line twist will build up and cause tangles/reel malfunction.

TROUBLESHOOTING

REEL WILL NOT CAST LINE

Line wrapped around the end of the rod

Check your line and make sure that it's not twisted around the end of the rod

Line tangled under the spool

Remove spool and untangle line

REEL WILL NOT RETRIEVE LINE

Bail isn't closed

Make sure bail is in the closed position

If bail is CLOSED, check for:

Line tangled on the rod or within the reel

ANTI-REVERSE (SOME MODELS)

If rotor is moving freely in both directions around the spool, flip the anti-reverse switch to the ON position.

For more information, visit Zebco.com

Checklist for a Day of Fishing:

www.zebcocom/adventure/fishing-checklist