



BAITCAST 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 spool/Side plate

To remove the spool, the side plate must first be removed. To remove side plate, locate and press the small latch on the underside of the reel near the side plate. While pressing the latch, turn the side plate clockwise to release, then lift to remove. From there, the spool can be accessed and easily removed.

Spooling line on reel

Thread line through each of the guides starting at the tip until reaching the reel. Thread line through line guide on the reel. Tie an overhand knot around the spool to secure the line, then trim the tag end of the line. Pinch the line to add tension and start turning the handle to fill the spool.

Using braided line

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.

- NOTE: 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.



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GETTING STARTED

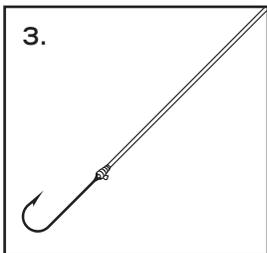
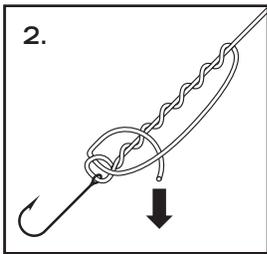
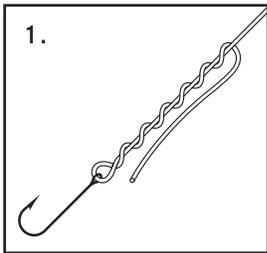
Putting reel on rod

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

Tighten the tension knob and the drag, then press the thumb bar and feed line through line guide on 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 star 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 star-shaped dial on the handle, may be accurately adjusted for a variety of fishing conditions. Gradually rotate the star drag clockwise to increase the tension, counterclockwise to decrease the tension. (General rule of thumb: Drag should be set at 1/4 - 1/3 the line weight. EX: If using 10 lb line the drag should be set ~2.5-3.3 lbs. If you don't have a scale, it is ok to start low and increase if/when needed.)

Setting cast control

Tension Knob: When using a baitcast reel, the spool tension knob must be adjusted properly to allow peak casting performance. To properly set the spool tension, perform the following procedure:

- With line, lure and rod assembled, hold the rod at a 45° angle.
- Press the thumb bar while holding the spool with your thumb.
- Finely adjust the spool tension knob until the lure slowly descends to the ground as thumb pressure frees the spool.

NOTE: If the lure does not fall when the thumb bar is depressed, turn the spool tension knob counterclockwise (left) to reduce tension on the spool. If the lure falls to the ground and the spool continues to rotate, spool tension is too loose. Rotate the knob clockwise (right) to increase tension.

- You may need to adjust throughout the day when changing lure weights

Cast control dial

When starting out, turn the cast control dial to the maximum setting. As you get more confident in using your baitcast

reel, slowly adjust dial to fit preferred casting distances and preferences.

Casting a baitcast reel

- First and foremost, properly learning to cast a baitcast reel takes a little time and patience. It is common to experience a backlash or two as you learn the process, but you will get it! Start off making soft, short casts before progressing to harder, longer casts.
- Ensure the baitcast reel is secured in place and the line threaded through the guides with a lure or jig tied on and cast control set. Leave about 12-inches of line hanging from the rod tip. With the baitcast reel on top of the rod, place thumb on spool and thumb bar using thumb to control line. While holding the line in place with thumb, depress the thumb bar. Raise your arm, bending at the elbow, until the top of the rod just passes your ear and points directly behind you. Swing the rod forward in a fluid motion and release line to cast. After casting, stop the spool with your thumb to prevent backlash. To retrieve, turn the handle in a clockwise motion and pull the line back onto the spool.

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

Once fish is on the line, keep the rod tip up and ensure there is always tension on the line while continuously turning the handle.

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 is tangled in the reel

- Untangle line from outside of reel
- If unable to access tangle, remove side plate and spool to resolve

REEL WILL NOT RETRIEVE

Thumb bar did not engage properly when reeling in

Manually push thumb bar forward to engage reel

Drag is not tight enough

Increase drag

Line is spinning on spool due to improper installation of braided line

See "Using braided line" section

BACKLASH (BIRD'S NEST)

Cast control is set up incorrectly for chosen lure/set up

Adjust cast control

Casting motion needs fluidity

If casts are whipped/jerked, it can cause spool to overspin causing backlash

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Checklist for a Day of Fishing:

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