

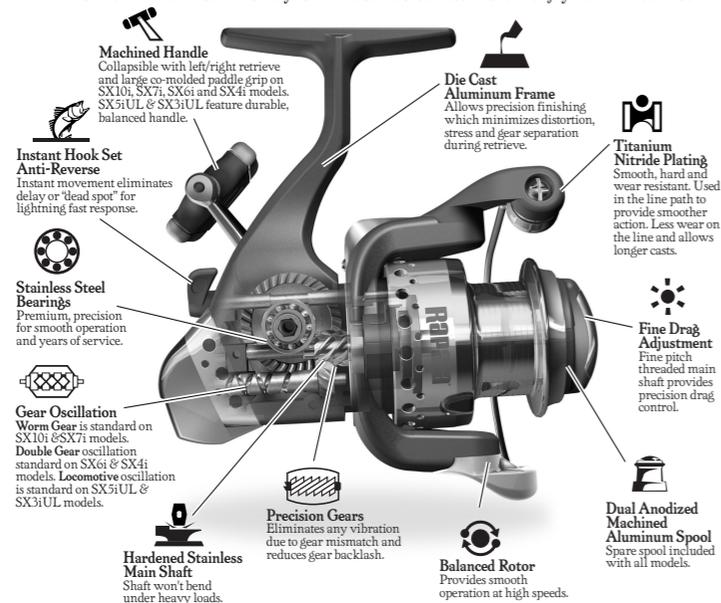
OWNERS MANUAL

Rapala® Spinning Reel Series



Congratulations on the purchase of your new Rapala reel. The culmination of over a half decade of research and development, each reel embodies traditional tackle designs that feature the most innovative and advanced technology.

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the features and operations of your reel. With routine maintenance and care you will receive countless hours of enjoyment and service.



LIMITED WARRANTY

Rapala warrants, to the original purchaser, that this reel will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase. During this period, Rapala will perform repairs or effect replacement, at their option, with no cost to you other than shipping and insurance charges incurred to our service facility. This warranty will be void if the reel is found to have been subjected to unauthorized alterations, abuse or damages by your failure to provide necessary and reasonable maintenance. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state/province to state/province.

Warranty and Non-Warranty Claims

To request warranty repairs (or non-warranty service) send your reel, postage pre-paid, to one of the Rapala Authorized warranty centers indicated below. In the case of a warranty repair request (less than 1 year) a dated sales receipt must accompany any warranty claim. If your Rapala Reel should be found to require repairs outside this warranty coverage, (more than 1 year), Rapala will perform the repair and send an invoice for parts, labor and return shipping charge.

Please follow the instructions below when sending a reel for service:

- Do not remove parts
- Enclose a brief note explaining the difficulty you are experiencing
- Properly package the reel to prevent damage during shipping
- Insure the package and make sure the shipping company can track their shipments
- Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address

Reel Service

To obtain warranty or non-warranty service and to order parts on your Rapala reel, please contact the Rapala Authorized Warranty Service Center:

Nutter Rod & Reel Service • 3383 Hwy. 411 NE • White, GA 30184-2432
Phone (770) 386-3978 • Fax (877) 475-4611
nutterrodandreel@outdoorresourcesllc.com

Setting Up Your New Rapala Spinning Reel

Reversible Handle

Designed for both right and left handed anglers, Rapala reels allow the user to position the handle on either side. To change the side the reel handle is on simply remove the dust cap assembly (ref. parts list drawing). Pull handle assembly out of drive gear hex socket and reinsert on opposite side taking care to correctly align the hex shaft with the socket. Replace dust cap assembly on opposite side and tighten securely.

Anti-Reverse Setting

Your new Rapala reel features selective anti-reverse. Anti-reverse is "ON" when the handle can be turned in only one direction. The switch is located on the back above the body trim plate for the SX10i & SX7i models. The switch is found on the bottom of SX6i, SX4i, SX5iUL and SX3iUL models. In the "ON" position the reel is in full auto mode, not allowing you to reel backwards. When the switch is in the "OFF" position it allows for free spooling or backward reeling. Under most conditions anglers prefer to leave the anti-reverse in the "ON" position which keeps the rotor from turning backwards when setting the hook on a striking fish.

Filling the Spool with Line

Mount reel on rod. Pull bail back to casting or open position. Thread end of new line through the line guides beginning at the rod tip. Secure to spool using a cinch knot. With the supply spool on the ground, reel up 10 feet of line. Stop and allow slack between rod tip and spool. If the line twists, you need to flip the spool over and continue filling spool. Keep tension as you fill your reel with the thumb and forefinger of your rod hand. Fill until 1/8" from spool rim.

Checking for Line Lay

Your reel has been set at the factory so during initial spooling and routine retrieval the line lays on the spool in an evenly distributed fashion. Over time the winding shape may change to a front load or back load distribution. In some instances, such as when using fluorocarbon or other hard lines this is favorable. You can adjust the line distribution by adjusting the number of washer found directly beneath the spool. To increase the back load, increase the number of washers. To increase the front load, remove washers.

Using Your New Rapala Spinning Reel

Setting the Drag

The drag system on reels allows line to be released under the tension of playing a fish. The drag allows you to wear down and land a fish whose weight and size outmatch the line and gear used. Adjust the drag tension by turning the drag knob clockwise to increase, counter clockwise to decrease. The most precise way to set drag tension is using a calibrated scale like the Rapala mechanical or digital scales. The drag should be adjusted to the point of slippage at 30 to 50 percent of the breaking strength of the line, for example 3 to 5 pounds of tension for a 10 pound test line.

Casting

Begin by gripping the rod with the reel hanging below the handle facing away from you. Position your hand so the stem of the reel is between your middle and ring finger. Set your bait or lure so it is hanging 3 to 6 inches from the rod tip. Turn handle until bail is closest to the reel stem. Grab and hold the line with the forefinger of your reel hand, then flip the bail until it locks open with the other hand. To begin the casting process point the rod tip slightly above your intended target. Bring the rod tip back quickly using your wrist and forearm allowing the weight of your lure to flex the rod. In an unbroken motion using your wrist and forearm quickly bring the rod tip forward, releasing the line when pointing just above target. Turn the handle to close the bail and begin retrieving taking up any slack in line. Be ready for a strike. With some practice you will be able to accurately hit your target.

Line Keeper

Rapala provide a line keeper clip, found on the spool itself, that keeps your line from unraveling during transportation or storage. Simply make a small loop with the end of your line and slip it under the clip. Pull on the line to take up any slack.

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Taking Care of Your New Rapala Spinning Reel

Cleaning

When finished fishing rinse your reel to remove any dirt, grime, algae or sand. Shake off excess water and dry exposed parts. If reel is dropped in sand or gets excessively dirty do not use until thoroughly cleaned. Remove spool by turning the drag knob counterclockwise until loose. Pull the spool straight off the shaft. Wipe away sand and dirt from all surfaces. Use an old toothbrush or pipe cleaners to reach tight areas. Lubricate as necessary. Reassemble. Rapala recommends a professional cleaning annually by our Service Center to ensure continued peak performance.

Saltwater Cleaning

After every use in saltwater, thoroughly rinse the reel with clean freshwater. Dry exposed areas.

Lubrication

Your Rapala reel ships from the factory pre-lubricated and ready for use. Depending of amount of use, at least twice a year clean and lubricate your Rapala reel. Begin by spraying a water displacing lubricant (WD40) over the body. After a few minutes rest time, wipe away dirt and grime. Remove the spool by turning the drag knob counterclockwise until loose. Pull the spool straight off the shaft. Apply a few drops of high-grade lubricating oil to the shaft. Don't over lubricate. Excess oil can get into non favorable areas.

Ordering Parts

Locate the part(s) you need from the diagram on the enclosed parts list. Use the key to identify the part number and part name. When ordering part(s), be sure to include the Rapala reel model name, the part number, the part name, quantity required and the tracking code.

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