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# SARGUS BAITCAST



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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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## Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your new Penn Sargus Baitcast reel. The Penn Sargus Baitcast was engineered for anglers preferring finesse-style fishing, but maintaining Penn's long-standing tradition of durability, reliability, and performance. Each Penn Sargus Baitcast is constructed using only the highest quality components, tapping into Penn's 70-plus years of reel building experience. In this manual are tips for basic maintenance and upkeep of your new fishing reel. On behalf of the entire company, Penn Fishing Tackle would like to thank you for the purchase of our quality fishing reel.

## Operating Instructions

**Filling the reel with line** - Thread the line through the level wind and around the spool. Use a clinch knot or other common knot to secure the line to the spool. Gently tug on the line until it is secured. (You may find it easier to remove side plate of reel and remove the spool to tie the line onto the spool after threading the line through the line guide.) Slowly turn the handle, filling the spool with line. For best results, fill the spool to within 1/8" of the spool rim. Do not overfill or underfill the spool as this will impede your ability to cast accurately and/or reduce your casting distance.

**Adjusting the Drag** - Your new Penn baitcast reel is designed with a wide-ranging drag to handle everything from Redfish and larger. It is important to set the drag properly to avoid line breakage. The star drag is located between the handle and the frame, and allows the hooked fish to take line off the spool after you have made your cast and turned the handle to engage the spool. To adjust the drag, turn the star clockwise for added tension and counter-clockwise for less tension.



**Setting the Spool Tension Knob** - It is important to properly set the spool tension knob to maximize your casts while minimizing backlashes. The spool tension knob (the round knob located between the star drag and reel housing) assists in preventing backlash when the spool turns at slower speeds. Proper adjustment is particularly important for beginning baitcasters. Place reel on rod, thread the line through the guides and attach the lure. Hold the rod at a 45 degree angle and press the thumb bar while applying pressure to the spool with your thumb. Making small adjustments, methodically loosen the tension knob until the lure slowly descends to the ground without any pressure from your thumb. When the lure touches the ground, the spool should not backlash. If it does, you will need to tighten the tension knob more. While making these adjustments, make sure the spool stops rotating by applying pressure with your thumb when the lure touches the ground.

### Penn Braking System

With this design, an adjustable six-pin centrifugal brake system is combined with an externally adjustable magnetic brake system to provide a virtually limitless range of spool control settings. Both braking systems work in conjunction with each other to provide the ultimate casting experience. The primary function of the centrifugal brake system is to control spool speed and prevent backlash at the beginning of the cast when spool RPM's are the greatest. The magnetic brake system slows the spool down near the end of the cast to prevent line overrun. The brake weights can easily be locked or "disengaged" for faster spool rotation to maximize your casting distance: the magnetic braking system is easily adjusted externally with the magnetic brake dial on the side plate of the reel. For optional casting performance, experiment for the set-up that best suits your fishing needs.

The Centrifugal Braking System is completely adjustable. By varying the position of the six brake weights that comprise the Centrifugal Braking System, the user can control the speed of the spool. Depending upon casting conditions and lure weight, you will be able to properly set the brake weights to maximize your casting distance, while minimizing backlash.

Adjusting the Centrifugal Braking System is a simple exercise. First, remove the side cover of the reel depressing the cover locking button and turning upward. The spool need not be removed from the reel as the Centrifugal Braking System is fully exposed. To determine whether a brake is "engaged" or "disengaged" simply take a close look at the Centrifugal Braking System.

The weights are disengaged when they are locked in place toward the center of the spool, thus providing a faster spool rotation and longer casts. You can engage any or all of the brake weights simply by sliding them toward the outer edge of the pins, away from the center of the spool. You will hear a "click" as the weights are engaged or disengaged.

It is important to note that the brake weights must be set in opposing pairs to maintain a balanced Centrifugal Braking System. That is, a single weight should not be "engaged" or "disengaged" by itself. The possible combinations are as follows:

1. All six brake weights "engaged".
2. Four brake weights "engaged" and two brake weights "disengaged".
3. Two brake weights "engaged" and four brake weights "disengaged".
4. All six brake weights "disengaged".

Maximum braking is obtained when all six brake weights are in the "engaged" position. For optimal performance, experiment with the Centrifugal Braking System for the set-up that will best suit your fishing needs.

Your Penn Reel is quality manufactured for maximum durability. Like any other precision-made piece of equipment, reasonable care will ensure peak performance and longevity.

After each fishing trip, the reel should be cleaned with a soap solution and fresh water, preferably warm, to remove any accumulated salt deposits.

When washing the reel, use caution not to use a driving force of water, since the water pressure will force salt deposits and/or sand into the reel. A very fine spray will help dissolve the salt on the external parts of the reel and rinse from the reel.

Dry excess moisture from the reel and then sparingly lubricate all exposed areas. A good practice is to spray a rag with a pressurized spray lubricant and wipe down the reels with the rag. Your reel should be stored in a cool, dry place. Do not store in a plastic bag, as condensation may develop.

Periodically examine your reel and tighten loose screws and fittings. Depending upon use, your reel should be overhauled at least once every season.

Frictional points in the reel should be frequently lubricated, and for best results use Penn lubricant. Penn's tubes of lube are the right formula, designed specifically for Penn Reels. Keep in mind, that a few drops of oil is usually sufficient

### **OUT OF WARRANTY SERVICE**

For non-warranty service to your Penn reel, simply return the reel with a brief note describing the service you want performed. Available on the Penn website ([www.pennreels.com](http://www.pennreels.com)) is a repair form that we suggest is completed and returned with each reel for more efficient processing. Penn strives to complete all repairs in a timely manner.

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