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Model: ABF-65 | Brand: OKUMA

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Okuma Avenger ABF-65 Baitfeeder Spinning Reel is engineered for precision and performance, integrating a tournament-grade spinning reel with Okuma's patented live line bait feeding system. This reel is designed to offer ultra-smooth operation and reliable performance for various fishing techniques.

### Key Features

- **6 Stainless Steel Ball Bearings:** Ensures smooth operation and durability.
- **Patented On/Off Auto-Trip Bait Feeding Function:** Allows for free spooling without moving the bail, with an audible alarm for bites.
- **1 Quick-Set Anti-Reverse Roller Bearing:** Provides instant hook sets and eliminates handle back-play.
- **Hydro Block Water-Tight Drag Seal:** Protects the drag system from water and debris, maintaining consistent drag performance.
- **Precision Machine Cut Brass Pinion Gear:** Enhances gear strength and longevity.

## SETUP GUIDE

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### Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the reel from its packaging. Inspect for any visible damage or missing components. Ensure all parts are present before proceeding with assembly.

### Attaching the Reel to a Fishing Rod

Place the reel foot into the reel seat on your fishing rod. Tighten the reel seat nut securely until the reel is firmly attached and does not wobble. Do not overtighten.

### Spooling Fishing Line

Proper line spooling is crucial for optimal performance. Ensure the line is spooled evenly and tightly onto the reel.

Refer to the reel's specifications for recommended line capacity and type.



Image: The Okuma Avenger ABF-65 reel securely attached to a fishing rod, ready for use. Note the golden spool and silver body construction.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### Understanding the Bait Feeding System

The Avenger ABF-65 features a unique live bait feeding system. This system allows a fish to take the bait and run without feeling the drag of the reel, which is essential for natural bait presentation.

### Engaging the Bait Feeder Function

To engage the bait feeder, locate the easy-to-reach lever on the body behind the handle. Flip this lever down. This disengages the main spool, allowing the line to run freely. The tension of this free spool can be adjusted using the rear adjustment knob, which functions similarly to a rear drag.

### Setting the Hook

When a fish takes the bait and the alarm sounds, wait for approximately three seconds to ensure the fish has fully taken the bait. To engage the main drag and set the hook, simply turn the reel handle. This action instantly switches the reel back into gear, and the conventional front drag takes over for fighting the fish.

## Official Product Video: Okuma ABF-65 Baitfeeder Reel Overview

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Video: This video demonstrates the features and operation of the Okuma ABF-65 Avenger Baitfeeder Spinning Reel, including the bait feeding system and how to engage and disengage it.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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### After Each Use

- **Rinse with Fresh Water:** After fishing, especially in saltwater, lightly rinse the reel with fresh water to remove salt, sand, and debris. Do not submerge the reel.
- **Wipe Dry:** Use a soft cloth to thoroughly dry the reel.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a small amount of reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knob, bail arm pivot, and line roller. Use reel grease on the main gear and pinion gear if accessible.

### Periodic Maintenance (Every 3-6 Months)

- **Drag System Check:** Inspect the drag washers for wear. If drag feels inconsistent or sticky, clean and re-grease the drag washers with specialized drag grease.
- **Bearing Inspection:** Check ball bearings for smooth rotation. If any bearing feels rough, it may need cleaning or replacement.
- **Line Roller:** Ensure the line roller spins freely. Clean any buildup and apply a drop of oil.

Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your Okuma Avenger ABF-65 reel.

## TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

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### Issue: Reel Handle is Stiff or Grindy

- **Possible Cause:** Lack of lubrication or internal debris.
- **Solution:** Apply reel oil to the handle shaft and knob. If the issue persists, the reel may need to be disassembled and cleaned by a qualified technician.

### Issue: Drag is Jerky or Inconsistent

- **Possible Cause:** Dirty, dry, or worn drag washers.
- **Solution:** Disassemble the drag system, clean the washers, and apply a thin layer of drag grease. Replace worn washers if necessary.

### Issue: Line Does Not Spool Evenly

- **Possible Cause:** Incorrect line tension during spooling or a bent bail arm.
- **Solution:** Respool the line with proper tension. Check the bail arm for any deformities and ensure it closes correctly.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Specification
Brand	OKUMA
Model Name	ABF-65
Hand Orientation	Ambidextrous
Color	Silver & Gray
Material	Stainless Steel
Fishing Technique	Spinning
Item Weight	16 ounces
Gearbox Ratio	4.5
Special Feature	Anti-Reverse, Bait Feeding Function
Handle Material	Stainless Steel
Bearing Number	7 (6 Stainless Steel Ball Bearings + 1 Quick-Set Anti-Reverse Roller Bearing)
Line Capacity	65/6 (0.24)
Fishing Line Type	Monofilament
Manufacturer	Okuma Fishing Tackle Corp.
UPC	739998132560

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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### Warranty Information

Okuma Fishing Tackle Corp. provides a limited warranty for its products. Please refer to the official Okuma website or your product's packaging for specific warranty terms and conditions.

### Customer Support

For technical assistance, parts, or service, please contact Okuma Customer Support:

- **Website:** [www.okumafishing.com](http://www.okumafishing.com)
- **Contact Information:** Refer to the website for the most current contact details (phone, email, service centers).