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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper use, setup, maintenance, and care of your Shimano Spirex FG Spinning Reel, model SR4000FG. Designed for reliable performance, this reel incorporates features such as QuickFire II for efficient casting and a Propulsion Line Management System for improved line handling. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your reel to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

PRODUCT FEATURES

The Shimano Spirex FG Spinning Reel SR4000FG is engineered with several key features to enhance your fishing experience:

- **QuickFire II:** Enables easy, one-handed casting for quick and efficient lure presentation.
- **Propulsion Line Management System:** Designed to improve casting distance and prevent backlashes.
- **5+1 Bearings:** Provides smooth operation during retrieves and when fighting fish.
- **Durable Construction:** Features metal components for enhanced longevity and performance.
- **Ambidextrous Hand Orientation:** The handle can be configured for both left and right-hand retrieve.



Image: The Shimano Spirex FG Spinning Reel SR4000FG, showcasing its design and components.

SETUP

1. Attaching the Reel to a Fishing Rod

1. Align the reel foot with the reel seat on your fishing rod.
2. Tighten the reel seat's locking nut until the reel is securely fastened. Ensure there is no wobble.

2. Spooling Fishing Line

1. Open the bail arm.
2. Tie the fishing line to the reel spool using an arbor knot or similar secure knot. Trim any excess tag end.
3. Close the bail arm.
4. Hold the line under tension and begin reeling slowly and steadily. Ensure the line lays evenly on the spool.
5. Fill the spool to approximately 1/8 inch (3mm) from the rim. Overfilling can cause tangles, while underfilling can reduce casting distance.

3. Adjusting Handle Orientation

The handle can be switched for left or right-hand retrieve. Unscrew the handle from one side of the reel body, insert it into the opposite side, and tighten securely.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Casting with QuickFire II

1. Hold the rod and reel comfortably.
2. Press and hold the QuickFire II trigger with your index finger. This action opens the bail arm and positions

the line for casting.

3. Execute your cast.
4. Release the QuickFire II trigger as the lure flies towards your target. The bail will automatically close upon the first turn of the handle.

2. Reeling and Retrieving

Turn the handle clockwise (for right-hand retrieve) or counter-clockwise (for left-hand retrieve) to retrieve your line. Maintain a steady retrieve speed appropriate for your lure and fishing conditions.

3. Adjusting the Drag System

The drag system is located at the front of the spool. Turn the drag knob clockwise to increase drag tension and counter-clockwise to decrease it. Adjust the drag to allow line to be pulled off the spool under pressure, preventing line breakage while fighting a fish. A good starting point is to set the drag to approximately one-third of your line's breaking strength.

MAINTENANCE

1. After Each Use

- Wipe down the reel with a clean, damp cloth to remove dirt, salt, and debris.
- For saltwater use, rinse the reel lightly with fresh water, then dry thoroughly with a soft cloth. Do not submerge the reel.
- Loosen the drag completely to prevent compression of the drag washers during storage.

2. Periodic Lubrication

- Apply a small amount of high-quality reel oil to moving parts such as the bail arm pivot points, handle knobs, and line roller.
- Apply a thin layer of reel grease to the main gear and pinion gear if you disassemble the reel for deeper cleaning. Refer to a professional for internal maintenance if you are unsure.

3. Storage

Store your reel in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use a reel cover or bag to protect it from dust and physical damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Issue: Line tangles or loops during casting.**

Solution: Check if the spool is overfilled. Ensure the line is spooled evenly. Inspect the line roller for obstructions or damage. Consider using a different line type or weight if issues persist.

- **Issue: Reel feels stiff or grinds during retrieve.**

Solution: The reel may require cleaning and lubrication. Check for debris or sand in the gears. If the issue persists after cleaning and lubricating, professional service may be required.

- **Issue: Drag slips or is inconsistent.**

Solution: Ensure the drag knob is tightened appropriately. Check if the drag washers are dry, worn, or contaminated. Clean and re-grease drag washers with specialized drag grease, or replace them if worn.

- **Issue: Bail arm does not close automatically.**

Solution: Inspect the bail spring and trip mechanism for damage or obstructions. Ensure the QuickFire II trigger is not stuck. If the bail spring is broken, it will need replacement.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	SHIMANO
Model Name	SPIREX FG
Model Number	SR4000FG
Hand Orientation	Ambidextrous
Material	Metal (Handle: Aluminum, Stainless Steel; Bearing: Stainless Steel)
Item Weight	1.1 pounds
Fishing Technique	Spinning
Special Feature	Anti-Reverse, QuickFire II, Propulsion Line Management System
Maximum Drag	20 pounds
Line Capacity (lb/yds)	8/240, 10/200, 12/160 (Monofilament)
Size	4000 (Gear Ratio: 5.7:1)
UPC	022255107037
Included Components	Shimano SR4000FG SPIREX 4000FG FRT DRAG

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

The Shimano Spirex FG Spinning Reel SR4000FG comes with a **1 year limited manufacturer warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, warranty service, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Shimano customer support. Refer to the official Shimano website or product packaging for the most current contact information.

Website: fish.shimano.com