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INTRODUCTION

The VMC Fluorocarbon Leader is designed for serious anglers requiring superior strength and stealth. This leader features a premium Sufix 100% fluorocarbon line, known for its low visibility underwater and excellent abrasion resistance. It is equipped with a high-quality ball bearing swivel and a unique Touch-Lok Snap for secure and easy lure changes. This manual provides essential information for the proper use and care of your VMC Fluorocarbon Leader.

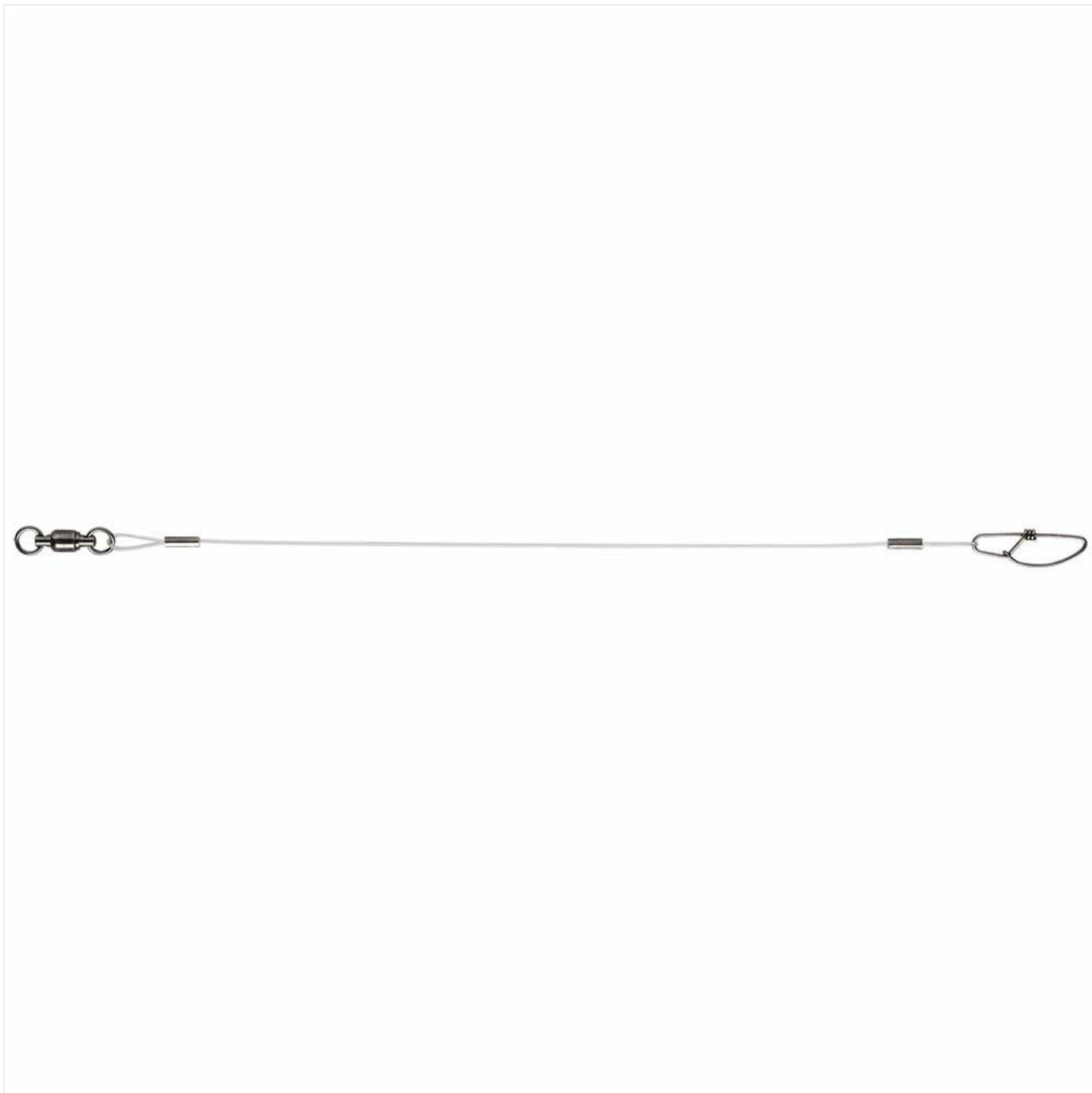


Image: The VMC Fluorocarbon Leader, showing the clear line, ball bearing swivel, and Touch-Lok Snap.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper setup ensures optimal performance and safety. Follow these steps to integrate the VMC Fluorocarbon Leader into your fishing rig:

- 1. Connecting to Main Line:** Tie the main fishing line from your reel to the ball bearing swivel end of the VMC Fluorocarbon Leader. Use a strong, reliable fishing knot suitable for fluorocarbon, such as a Palomar knot or an improved clinch knot. Ensure the knot is tight and properly seated.
- 2. Attaching Lure/Bait:** Open the Touch-Lok Snap by gently pulling the snap arm away from the leader. Insert the eye of your lure or bait into the snap. Close the snap securely by pushing the arm back into its locked position. Verify that the snap is fully closed before casting.
- 3. Inspection:** Before each use, inspect the leader, swivel, and snap for any signs of wear, damage, or corrosion. Replace the leader if any damage is observed to prevent line breakage.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The VMC Fluorocarbon Leader is designed for various fishing applications where a strong, low-visibility leader is required. Its primary function is to provide a robust connection between your main line and lure, resisting abrasion from fish teeth or underwater structures, while remaining virtually invisible to fish.

- **Casting:** Ensure your lure is securely attached to the Touch-Lok Snap. Cast your line as usual, being mindful of your surroundings.
- **Retrieving:** Retrieve your line according to the action required by your lure or bait. The ball bearing swivel helps prevent line twist, especially with rotating lures.
- **Fish Handling:** When a fish strikes, the leader's strength provides reliable resistance. After landing a fish, carefully remove the hook from the fish's mouth. If the leader shows signs of fraying or damage from the fish, it is recommended to replace it.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper maintenance extends the life of your VMC Fluorocarbon Leader and ensures consistent performance.

- **Rinsing:** After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the leader thoroughly with fresh water to remove salt, dirt, and debris.
- **Drying:** Allow the leader to air dry completely before storing. Do not expose it to direct sunlight for prolonged periods, as UV rays can degrade fluorocarbon over time.
- **Storage:** Store the leader in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Keep it away from sharp objects that could nick or cut the line.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the entire leader, including the line, swivel, and snap, for any signs of wear, nicks, kinks, or corrosion. Replace the leader immediately if any damage is found.

TROUBLESHOOTING

While the VMC Fluorocarbon Leader is designed for durability, occasional issues may arise. Here are some common concerns and their solutions:

- **Line Breakage:**
 - **Cause:** Damaged line, improper knot, excessive force, or abrasion.
 - **Solution:** Inspect the leader for nicks or fraying; replace if damaged. Ensure knots are tied correctly and securely. Avoid snagging on underwater structures.
- **Lure Detachment:**
 - **Cause:** Snap not fully closed, snap damage.
 - **Solution:** Always ensure the Touch-Lok Snap is fully closed and locked before casting. If the snap mechanism feels loose or damaged, replace the leader.
- **Line Twist:**
 - **Cause:** Using lures that spin excessively, faulty swivel.
 - **Solution:** The premium ball bearing swivel is designed to minimize twist. If line twist persists, check the swivel for proper rotation. If it's stiff or damaged, replace the leader.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the VMC Fluorocarbon Leader (Model FL15018):

Feature	Detail
Model Number	FL15018
Line Type	Fluorocarbon
Breaking Strength	150 Pounds
Length	18 inches
Color	Clear
Material	Blend (100% Fluorocarbon line)
Components	Fluorocarbon line, Ball Bearing Swivel, Touch-Lok Snap
UPC	043193109037

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information or product support, please refer to the official VMC website or contact VMC customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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