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Model: Spartacus (Left Handed)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the KastKing Spartacus Baitcasting Fishing Reel. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new fishing reel. Please read these instructions carefully before using the reel to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

## 2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The KastKing Spartacus Baitcasting Reel is engineered for performance and durability, featuring a robust design suitable for various fishing conditions. This model is specifically designed for left-handed retrieval.



Figure 2.1: KastKing Spartacus Baitcasting Fishing Reel (Left Handed)

## 2.1 Key Components

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your baitcasting reel:

- **Handle:** Used for retrieving line. On this left-handed model, the handle is on the left side.
- **Spool:** Holds the fishing line.
- **Drag Adjustment Star:** Controls the drag tension.
- **Braking System Dial:** Adjusts the magnetic braking for casting control.
- **Thumb Bar/Clutch Button:** Engages and disengages the spool for casting.
- **Line Guide:** Guides the line evenly onto the spool during retrieval.

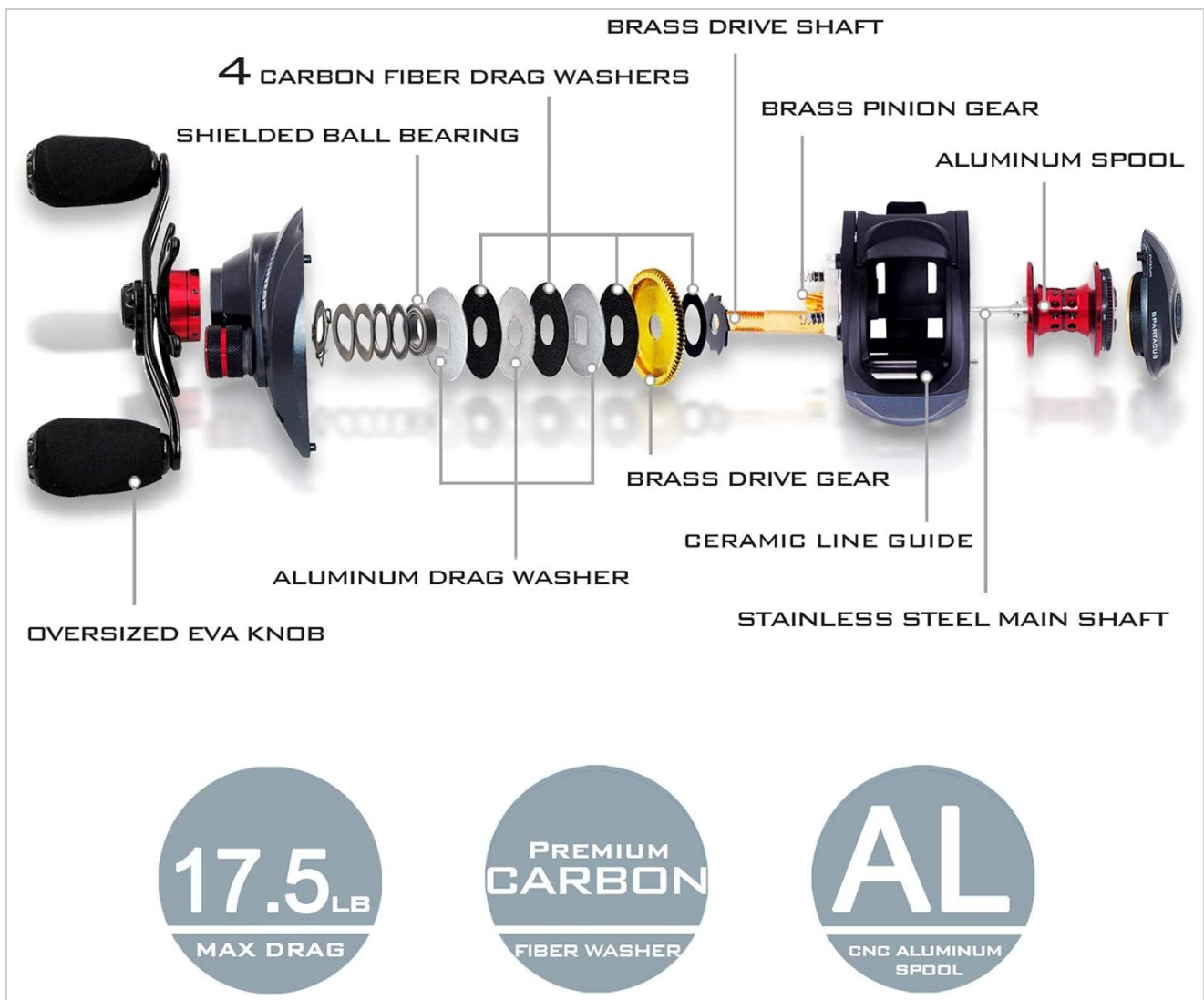


Figure 2.2: Exploded View of Reel Components

## 2.2 Identifying a Left-Handed Reel

A left-handed baitcasting reel features the handle on the left side of the reel body. This allows anglers to cast with their right hand and immediately switch to retrieving with their left hand without changing hands.

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Video 2.1: How to identify a left-handed baitcasting reel. This video demonstrates the handle placement for left-handed models.

Hold the reel as shown in the picture  
If the handle is on your left, it's a **left-handed reel**  
Please select the option **“Left”**

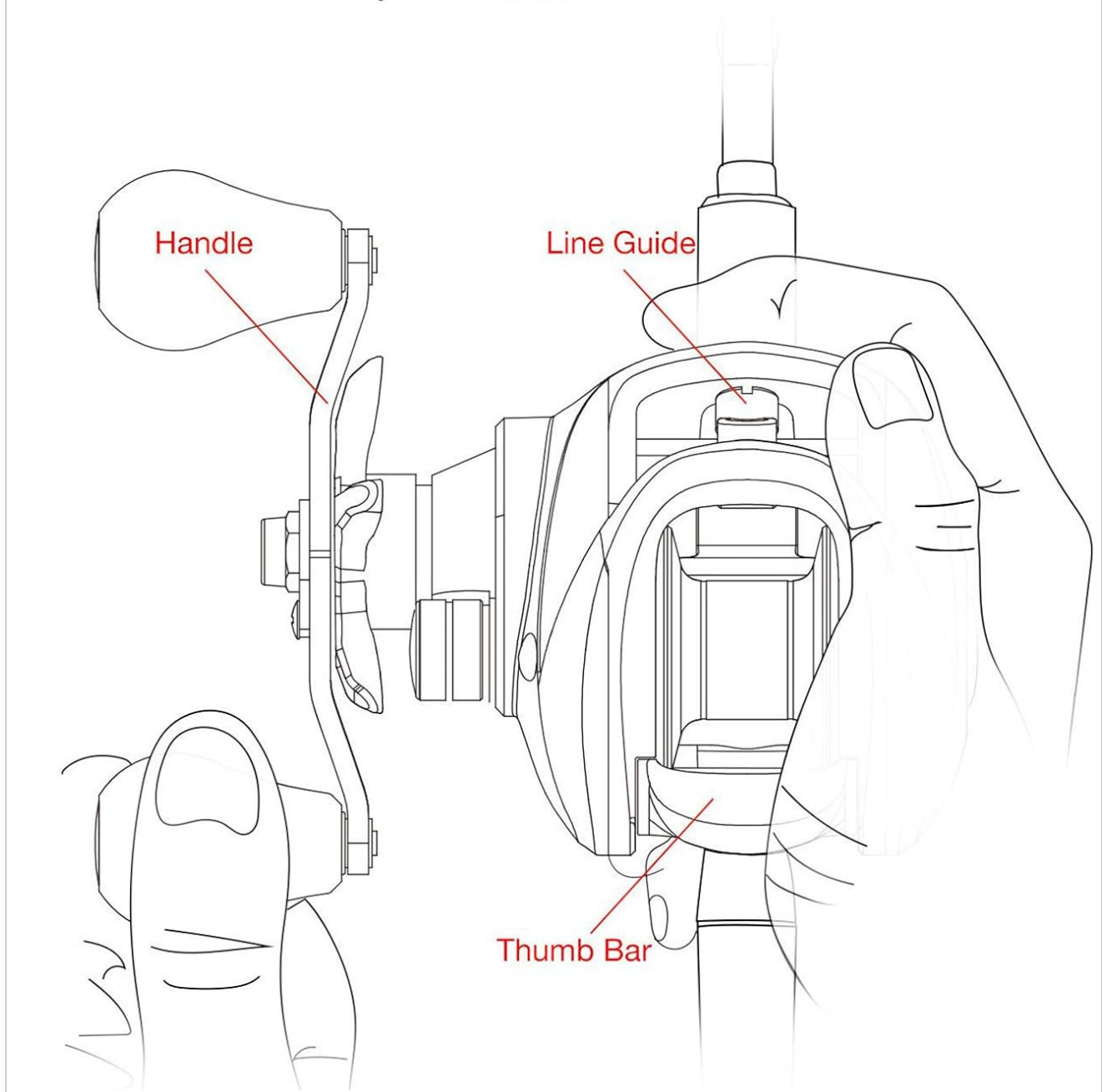


Figure 2.3: Left-Handed Reel Identification Diagram

### 3. SETUP

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#### 3.1 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.

#### 3.2 Spooling Fishing Line

1. Pass the fishing line through the line guide on the reel.
2. Tie the line to the spool using an arbor knot or a similar secure knot.

3. Close the bail (if applicable) or engage the spool.
4. Maintain light tension on the line as you reel it onto the spool, ensuring it lays evenly. Fill the spool to approximately 1/8 inch from the rim.



Figure 3.1: Reel attached to rod with line spooled

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 4.1 Casting

1. Press the thumb bar to disengage the spool.
2. Hold the line with your thumb on the spool to prevent it from unwinding prematurely.
3. Make your cast. As the lure flies, release your thumb from the spool.
4. Just before the lure hits the water, gently feather the spool with your thumb to slow it down and prevent backlash.
5. Engage the reel by turning the handle or pressing the thumb bar again (depending on the model).

## 4.2 Retrieving

Turn the handle in a clockwise direction (for a left-handed reel) to retrieve the line. The line guide will move back and forth, ensuring even line lay on the spool.

## 4.3 Drag Adjustment

The drag system controls the amount of force required to pull line from the reel. Adjust the drag by turning the star-shaped knob located next to the handle. Turn clockwise to increase drag tension and counter-clockwise to decrease it. Set the drag to approximately 25-30% of your line's breaking strength.



Figure 4.1: Multi-Disk Carbon Fiber Drag System

## 4.4 Braking System

The Spartacus reel features a magnetic braking system to control spool rotation during casting and minimize backlash. Adjust the external dial to increase or decrease the magnetic force. Higher settings provide more braking, which is useful for beginners or windy conditions. Lower settings allow for longer casts but require more thumb control.

# ***PRECISION BRASS DRIVE GEAR***



Figure 4.2: Precision Brass Drive Gear



Figure 4.3: Maxidur Shielded Ball Bearing System

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your KastKing Spartacus reel.

### 5.1 Cleaning

1. After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the reel with fresh water. Do not submerge the reel.
2. Wipe the reel dry with a soft cloth.
3. Use a cotton swab to clean hard-to-reach areas and remove any debris.

### 5.2 Lubrication

1. Periodically apply a small amount of high-quality reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knobs, worm gear (line guide shaft), and spool shaft.
2. Apply a thin layer of reel grease to the main gears if you disassemble the reel for deeper cleaning. Consult a professional if unsure about disassembly.

## 5.3 Storage

Store your reel in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Consider using a reel cover to protect it from dust and scratches.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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- **Backlash (Bird's Nest):** This occurs when the spool spins faster than the line is leaving the reel during a cast. To reduce backlash, increase the magnetic brake setting, use more thumb control, or adjust the spool tension knob (if present) to allow the lure to fall slowly when the thumb bar is pressed.
- **Stiff Handle/Grinding Noise:** This often indicates a need for cleaning and lubrication. Follow the maintenance steps in Section 5. If the issue persists, internal components may be damaged or worn.
- **Drag Slipping or Inconsistent:** Ensure the drag star is tightened appropriately. If the issue continues, the drag washers may be dirty, worn, or require lubrication with specialized drag grease.
- **Line Not Laying Evenly:** Check the line guide for obstructions or damage. Ensure the line is spooled correctly with appropriate tension.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Specification
Brand	KastKing
Model Name	Spartacus
Hand Orientation	Left Hand
Fishing Technique	Baitcasting
Material	Carbon Fiber
Item Weight	17.5 Pounds
Handle Material	Aluminum
Bearing Material	Stainless Steel
Fishing Line Type	Braided
Manufacturer Part Number	KRLCSTSP-63LSI-1
ASIN	B07MMZVSGS

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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