SHIMANO Tekota 600

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Introduction

The SHIMANO Tekota 600 Line Counter Baitcasting Reel is engineered for anglers targeting both fresh and saltwater species, particularly those who employ trolling techniques. Its robust construction, including a HAGANE Body, ensures durability and strength, while advanced features like the Super Free Spool and Cross Carbon Drag provide smooth and reliable performance. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Tekota 600 reel to ensure its longevity and optimal functionality.



An image of the SHIMANO Tekota 600 Line Counter Baitcasting Reel, showcasing its gold and silver-grey finish, handle, and line counter mechanism.

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 securely to prevent any movement during use. Ensure the reel is firmly seated.

2. Spooling Fishing Line

The Tekota 600 is designed for monofilament fishing line. Proper spooling is crucial for optimal casting and retrieval.

1. Securely tie the end of your fishing line to the reel spool using an arbor knot or similar secure knot.
2. Maintain light tension on the line as you wind it onto the spool. Ensure the line lays evenly across the spool, filling it to approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) from the rim. Overfilling or underfilling can affect performance.

3. Adjusting the Drag System

The Cross Carbon Drag system provides smooth and consistent stopping power. Adjust the drag before fishing to match the line strength and target species.

1. Turn the star drag knob clockwise to increase drag tension and counter-clockwise to decrease it.
2. A good starting point is to set the drag to approximately one-third of your line's breaking strength. Test the drag by

pulling line directly from the spool.

Operating

1. Engaging and Disengaging the Spool

- To disengage the spool for casting or deploying line, push the thumb bar (or clutch lever) down. This activates the Super Free Spool, reducing friction for longer casts.
- To re-engage the spool for retrieval, simply turn the handle forward. The thumb bar will automatically return to its engaged position.

2. Using the Line Counter

The integrated line counter provides precise depth or distance measurement, essential for trolling and repeatable presentations.

- The line counter display is typically located on the side plate of the reel.
- As line is deployed, the counter will display the amount of line released in feet or meters (depending on the model's calibration).
- To reset the line counter, locate the reset button or lever, usually near the counter display, and press or move it to zero the reading.

3. Trolling Techniques

The Tekota 600 is ideal for trolling. Use the line counter to accurately set your lure's depth or distance behind the boat.

- Deploy your lure to the desired depth or distance, monitoring the line counter.
- Engage the spool and set the drag appropriately for the target species and trolling speed.
- Periodically check the line counter to ensure your lure remains at the desired position.

4. Fighting a Fish

- When a fish strikes, allow it to take line if necessary, ensuring the drag is set correctly to prevent line breakage.
- Pump the rod up and reel down to gain line. Avoid excessive pressure on the reel handle.
- Maintain constant pressure on the fish to prevent it from throwing the hook.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance extends the life and performance of your SHIMANO Tekota 600 reel.

1. Post-Fishing Care

- After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the reel thoroughly with fresh water. Do not submerge the reel.
- Wipe the reel dry with a soft cloth.
- Loosen the drag completely before storing to prevent compression of the drag washers.

2. Lubrication

- Apply a small amount of SHIMANO reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knobs, bail arm pivot, and line roller (if applicable).
- Apply SHIMANO reel grease to the main gear and other internal components annually or as needed, especially after heavy use. Refer to a detailed service diagram for specific lubrication points.

3. Inspection

- Periodically inspect the reel for any signs of wear, corrosion, or damage.
- Check the line for nicks or abrasions and replace it if necessary.
- Ensure all screws are tight. Do not overtighten.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Tekota 600 reel.

Issue: Reel feels stiff or grinds during retrieval.

- **Solution:** The reel may require cleaning and lubrication. Follow the maintenance steps. If the issue persists, internal components may be worn or damaged, requiring professional service.

Issue: Drag is inconsistent or slips.

- **Solution:** Check if the drag knob is properly tightened. The drag washers might be dirty, dry, or worn. Clean the drag system or consider replacing the drag washers. Ensure the drag is loosened during storage.

Issue: Line counter is not working or inaccurate.

- **Solution:** Ensure the line is properly spooled and tensioned. The line counter mechanism may be jammed or damaged. Try resetting the counter. If it remains inaccurate, professional inspection may be needed.

Issue: Spool does not disengage or engage smoothly.

- **Solution:** The Super Free Spool mechanism might be obstructed or require lubrication. Clean the area around the thumb bar/clutch lever and apply a small amount of reel oil.

Specifications

- **Brand:** SHIMANO
- **Model Name:** Tekota 600
- **Hand Orientation:** Right Hand
- **Material:** Aluminum, Stainless Steel
- **Fishing Technique:** Trolling
- **Item Weight:** 16 Ounces
- **Special Feature:** Super Free Spool
- **Handle Material:** Aluminum, Stainless Steel
- **Bearing Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Fishing Line Type:** Monofilament
- **Bearing Number:** 5
- **UPC:** 022255056311
- **ASIN:** B003P504PS

Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for the SHIMANO Tekota 600 reel are typically provided with the product packaging or available on the official SHIMANO website. Please refer to these resources for the most accurate and up-to-date warranty terms and conditions.
For general information, you may visit theSHIMANO Store on Amazon.

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If you require further assistance, have questions not covered in this manual, or need to arrange for service, please contact SHIMANO customer support directly. Contact information can usually be found on the official SHIMANO website or within your product's original documentation.
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