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Model: F103BL & F2488BL Assortment

Brand: XFISHMAN

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the XFISHMAN Barbless Fly Hooks assortment, including models F103BL (Barbless Dry Fly Hooks) and F2488BL (Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks). This product is designed for fly tying enthusiasts, offering a variety of popular sizes for different fly patterns.

The assortment comes in a convenient 8-compartment hook pallet with a magnetic bottom and foam dividers, ensuring your hooks remain organized and easily accessible.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The XFISHMAN Fly Tying Hooks assortment includes 240 hooks, with 30 hooks of each size (10, 12, 14, 16) for both the F103BL and F2488BL types. Both hook types feature a black-nickel finish, are barbless, ultra-sharp, and made from high-carbon steel.

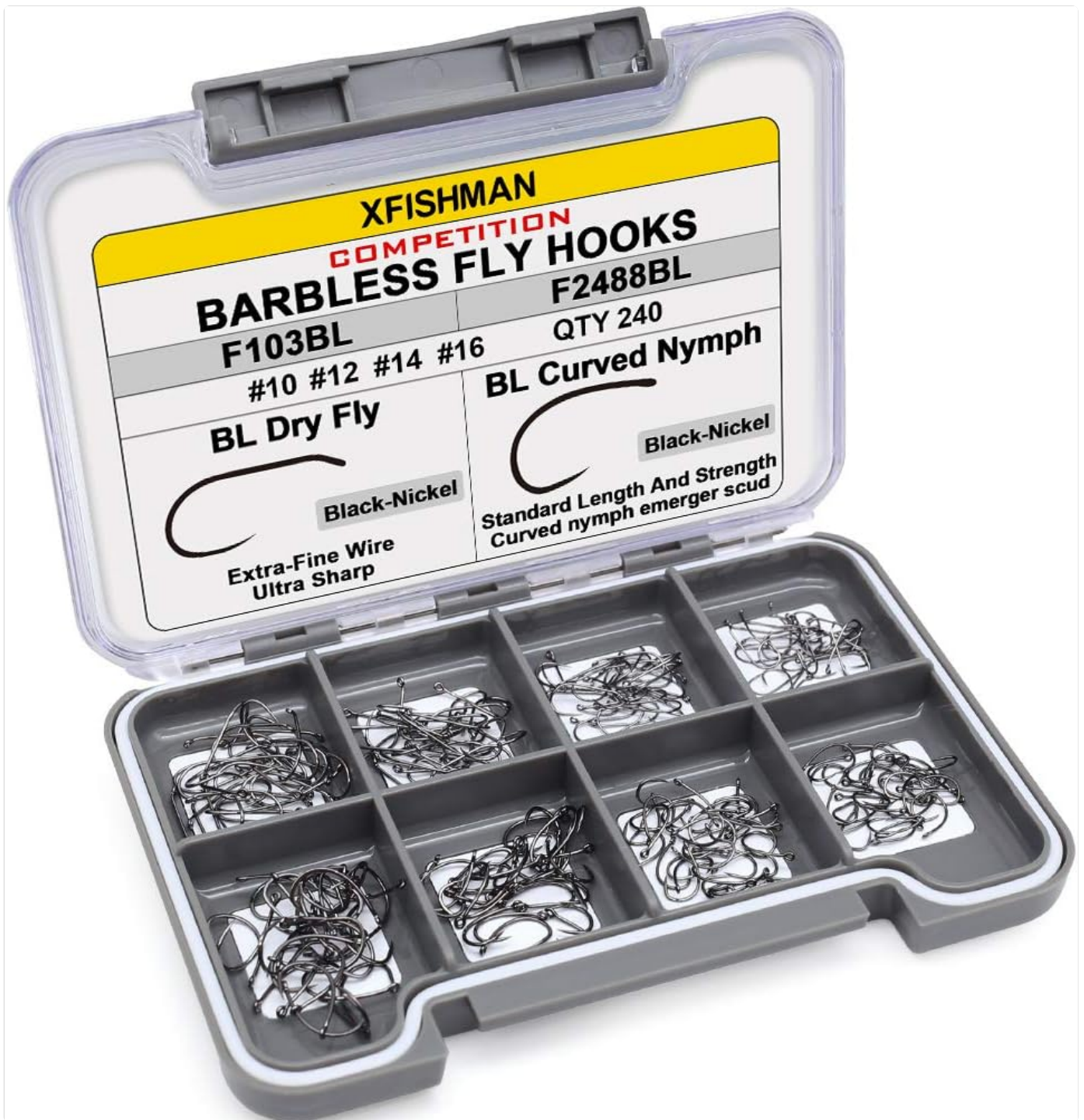


Figure 2.1: The XFISHMAN Barless Fly Hooks assortment, neatly organized in an 8-compartment clear plastic box. The box label indicates "BARBLESS FLY HOOKS F2488BL F103BL QTY 240" and specifies "BL Dry Fly" and "BL Curved Nymph" types with sizes #10, #12, #14, #16.

2.1 F103BL Barbless Dry Fly Hooks

These hooks are designed for tying dry flies. They feature a turned-down eye, standard length, extra-fine wire, 2X wide gap, and are forged for strength. The barbless design ensures minimal harm to fish, aligning with "no kill" fishing practices.

F 103BL

XFISHMAN



Turned-Down Eye

BN - Black Nickel



Barbless



Forged



Barbless Dry Fly Hooks

Specs: Dry fly, black-nickel finish, barbless, down eye, standard length, extra-fine wire, 2X wide gap, ultra sharp, high-carbon steel, forged

Figure 2.2: Detailed specifications for the XFISHMAN F103BL Barbless Dry Fly Hooks. The image shows icons for "Ultra sharp," "Turned-Down Eye," "Barbless," and "Forged," along with a "NO KILL" emblem. Hook outlines for sizes #10, #12, #14, and #16 are displayed, illustrating their shape and relative sizes. The text describes them as black-nickel finish, barbless, down eye, standard length, extra-fine wire, 2X wide gap, ultra sharp, high-carbon steel, and forged.

2.2 F2488BL Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks

These hooks are ideal for tying curved nymphs, emergers, scuds, and shrimp flies. They feature a ringed eye, standard length and strength, 2X gap, and are also forged for durability. Like the dry fly hooks, they are barbless for catch-and-release fishing.

F 2488BL

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Ultra sharp



Ringed

BN - Black Nickel



Barbless



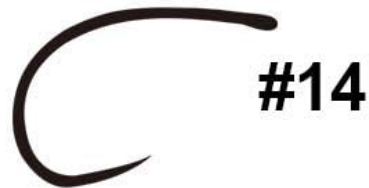
Forged



NO KILL



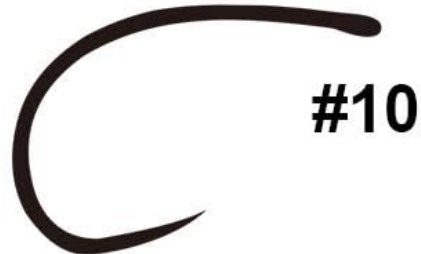
#16



#14



#12



#10

Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks

Specs: For tying curved nymph, emerger, scud, and shrimp flies. black-nickel finish, barbless, straight eye, standard length and strength, 2X gap, ultra sharp, highcarbon steel, forged

Figure 2.3: Detailed specifications for the XFISHMAN F2488BL Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks. The image shows icons for "Ultra sharp," "Ringed," "Barbless," and "Forged," along with a "NO KILL" emblem. Hook outlines for sizes #10, #12, #14, and #16 are displayed, illustrating their curved shape and relative sizes. The text describes them as black-nickel finish, barbless, straight eye, standard length and strength, 2X gap, ultra sharp, high-carbon steel, and forged.



Figure 2.4: A visual comparison of the F103BL (left) and F2488BL (right) hook types across sizes #10, #12, #14, and #16. Below the hooks, two sample flies are shown: a dry fly tied on an F103BL hook and a nymph tied on an F2488BL hook, demonstrating their intended use.

3. SETUP AND ORGANIZATION

The XFISHMAN hook assortment is designed for ease of use and organization. Upon receiving your hooks, you will find them pre-sorted into an 8-compartment hook pallet.

- **Opening the Pallet:** The clear lid of the pallet can be easily opened to access the individual compartments.
- **Magnetic Bottom:** Each compartment features a magnetic bottom, which helps to keep the hooks securely in place and prevents them from spilling or mixing. This also makes it easier to pick out individual hooks.
- **Foam Dividers:** Foam dividers separate the compartments, further aiding in organization and preventing hooks from migrating between sections.



WITH MAGNETIC COMPONENTS, KEEP YOUR HOOKS ORGANIZED AND EASY TO TAKE OUT

Figure 3.1: A hand demonstrating the magnetic components of the Xfishman hook pallet. The image highlights how the magnetic bottom helps keep hooks organized and easy to retrieve from the compartments.

4. USAGE GUIDELINES

These hooks are specifically designed for fly tying. Their barbless nature makes them ideal for catch-and-release fishing, minimizing stress and injury to fish.

- **Fly Tying:** Use the F103BL hooks for dry fly patterns and the F2488BL hooks for nymph, emerger, scud, and shrimp patterns. The assortment provides popular sizes (10, 12, 14, 16) to cover a wide range of tying needs.
- **Barbless Advantage:** The barbless design allows for easier hook removal from fish, reducing handling time and improving fish survival rates. It also simplifies hook removal from clothing or skin in case of accidental snagging.
- **Sharpness:** The precision-ground, chemically sharpened points ensure excellent hook penetration. Handle with care to maintain sharpness and prevent injury.

4.1 Hook Conversion Table

For reference, the following table provides a conversion guide for XFISHMAN hook models compared to other common brands. This can assist in selecting the appropriate hook based on familiar patterns or existing tying recipes.



Fly Tyer's Guide

Hook Conversion Table

Barbless Dry Fly Hooks					
General Description	XFISHMAN	Tiemco	Orvis	Firehole	Dohiku
Down Eye Standard Length 2X Wide Gap	F103BL	TMC 103BL	Tactical Dry	419	301

Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks					
General Description	XFISHMAN	Tiemco	vmc	Firehole	Partridge
Strength 2X Gap Curved Nymph, Emerger Scud, and Shrimp	F2488BL	TMC 2488	7078	316	K4AY/SE

Figure 4.1: A hook conversion table from the XFISHMAN Fly Tyer's Guide. It lists XFISHMAN F103BL (Barbless Dry Fly Hooks) and F2488BL (Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks) and their equivalents from brands like Tiemco, Orvis, Firehole, Dohiku, VMC, and Partridge, providing a cross-reference for general descriptions and specific model numbers.

4.2 Sample Fly Patterns

Below are examples of fly patterns that can be tied using the F103BL and F2488BL hooks, demonstrating their versatility and application in various fishing scenarios.

SAMPLE FLY PATTERNS



Figure 4.2: Four sample fly patterns. The top left and top right patterns are tied on F103BL hooks, suitable for dry flies. The bottom left and bottom right patterns are tied on F2488BL hooks, suitable for nymphs or emergers. These examples illustrate the types of flies that can be created with these hooks.

5. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Proper maintenance and storage will prolong the life and effectiveness of your XFISHMAN hooks.

- **Keep Dry:** Always ensure hooks are dry before storing them to prevent rust, especially after exposure to moisture.
- **Organized Storage:** Utilize the provided 8-compartment pallet to keep different hook types and sizes separated. The magnetic bottom will help maintain order.
- **Handle with Care:** The hooks are extremely sharp. Always handle them carefully to avoid injury. Store them out of reach of children.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

While XFISHMAN hooks are manufactured to high standards, here are some common considerations and tips:

- **Dulling Points:** If hook points become dull from repeated use or contact with hard surfaces, they can be carefully sharpened using a fine-grit hook file.
- **Rust:** Although made from high-carbon steel with a black-nickel finish, prolonged exposure to moisture can lead to rust. Ensure hooks are thoroughly dried before storage. If minor rust appears, it can sometimes be removed with a fine abrasive, but severely rusted hooks should be replaced.
- **Mixed Hooks:** If hooks accidentally mix between compartments, use the size and shape differences (dry fly vs. nymph, and numerical sizes) to re-sort them. The magnetic bottom can assist in separating individual hooks.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	XFISHMAN
Model	F103BL (Barbless Dry Fly Hooks), F2488BL (Barbless Curved Nymph Hooks)
Material	Alloy Steel, Aluminum (for packaging)
Sizes Included	#10, #12, #14, #16 (30 of each size per type)
Total Quantity	240 hooks per assortment
Point Style	Chemically sharpened, precision-ground, barbless
Finish	Black-Nickel
Item Weight	0.11 Kilograms (approx. 0.24 lbs)
Package Dimensions (L x W x H)	5.4 x 3.4 x 0.7 inches
UPC	708214203223

8. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please observe the following safety warnings:

- **Extremely Sharp Points:** Fishing hooks have extremely sharp points. Handle with extreme care to prevent punctures or other injuries.
- **Keep Away from Children:** Due to their small size and sharp nature, keep all hooks and packaging out of reach of children and pets.
- **California Proposition 65 Warning:** This product may expose you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, visit www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.



Figure 8.1: The XFISHMAN hook assortment box, showing the California Proposition 65 warning label on the lid. The warning advises users about potential chemical exposure and directs them to the P65Warnings website for more information. The image also shows some hooks outside the box, emphasizing their sharp nature.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

XFISHMAN is committed to providing high-quality fishing products. While specific warranty details are not provided in this manual, for any product-related inquiries, issues, or support needs, please contact XFISHMAN customer service through their official channels or the retailer where the product was purchased.

You can visit the XFISHMAN store for more information and product offerings: XFISHMAN Store on Amazon.