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Model: TDSF902MHFS

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Daiwa TD Surf Spinning Rod, model TDSF902MHFS. Designed for surf fishing, this 9-foot, 2-piece rod offers medium-heavy power for handling various saltwater species.



Image: The Daiwa TD Surf Spinning Rod, model TDSF902MHFS, assembled and ready for use.

SETUP

- Assemble the Rod Sections:** Carefully align the two sections of the rod. Insert the tip section into the butt section, ensuring a snug fit. Do not force the connection; a gentle twisting motion can help secure the joint.
- Attach the Spinning Reel:** Place your spinning reel onto the reel seat located on the rod handle. Tighten the reel seat locking nuts securely to prevent any movement of the reel during casting or retrieval.
- Thread the Fishing Line:** Open the bail of your spinning reel. Guide the fishing line through all the rod guides, starting from the guide closest to the reel and ending at the tip guide. Ensure the line passes through each guide smoothly without tangles.

4. **Tie on Terminal Tackle:** Once the line is threaded, tie your preferred leader, swivel, and lure or bait rig to the end of the fishing line using appropriate knots.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Daiwa TD Surf Spinning Rod is designed for effective surf casting. Follow these guidelines for optimal performance:

- **Casting Technique:** Use a smooth, controlled casting motion. For surf fishing, a two-handed overhead cast or a modified surf cast is often effective for achieving distance. Practice in an open area before fishing.
- **Line and Lure Compatibility:** This rod is rated for a line weight of 12-25 lbs and a lure weight of up to 8 ounces. Using line or lures outside these recommendations may affect casting performance and could potentially damage the rod.
- **Target Species:** This rod is suitable for targeting various surf species including Flounder, Halibut, Mackerel, and Redfish.
- **Rod Power and Action:** The medium-heavy power provides the backbone needed for fighting larger fish and casting heavier baits, while the fast action tip offers sensitivity for detecting subtle bites.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance extends the life and performance of your fishing rod.

- **Rinse After Use:** After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the entire rod with fresh water to remove salt, sand, and debris. Pay close attention to the guides and reel seat.
- **Dry Thoroughly:** Allow the rod to air dry completely before storage. Do not store the rod while wet, as this can lead to corrosion or mildew.
- **Inspect Guides and Blanks:** Regularly check all rod guides for cracks, bends, or loose inserts. Inspect the rod blank for any signs of damage, such as deep scratches or stress fractures.
- **Lubricate Ferrules:** Occasionally apply a small amount of ferrule wax or a similar lubricant to the rod joints (ferrules) to ensure smooth assembly and prevent wear.
- **Proper Storage:** Store the rod in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use a rod bag or tube to protect it from physical damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Rod Sections Sticking:** If rod sections become difficult to separate, try twisting them gently while pulling. Avoid excessive force. A small amount of ferrule wax can prevent this.
- **Line Tangles (Wind Knots):** This often occurs with spinning reels. Ensure your reel is properly spooled, avoid overfilling, and close the bail manually after a cast to prevent line twist.
- **Loose Reel:** If the reel feels loose in the reel seat, re-tighten the locking nuts. Ensure the reel foot is properly seated before tightening.
- **Damaged Guides:** Bent or cracked guides can fray or break your line. Replace damaged guides promptly.
- **Reduced Casting Distance:** Check your line for wear or excessive memory. Ensure your lure weight is appropriate for the rod's rating.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Daiwa
Model Number	TDSF902MHFS
Model Name Series	TEAM DAIWA SURF ROD
Rod Length	9 feet
Number of Pieces	2
Fishing Rod Power	Medium Heavy
Action	Fast
Line Weight	12-25 lbs
Lure Weight	Up to 8 Ounces
Material	Blend
Handle Material	Ethylene Vinyl Acetate
Item Weight	9.6 ounces
Grip Type	Full Wells
Target Species	Flounder, Halibut, Mackerel, Redfish
UPC	043178223468

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support regarding your Daiwa TD Surf Spinning Rod, please refer to the official Daiwa website or contact Daiwa customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.



Image: The official Daiwa brand logo.