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Model: MAX4X-L (Left-Handed)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile Baitcast Reel is engineered for versatility and performance across various fishing techniques. Featuring a lightweight graphite frame and sideplates, a machined aluminum spool, and a robust 5-bearing system, this reel offers smooth operation and durability. Its ergonomic design, including a compact bent handle and oversized PVC knobs, ensures comfort during extended use. The MagTrax brake system provides consistent casting control, while the Power Disk drag system delivers reliable stopping power for a wide range of fish species.



A detailed view of the Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile Baitcast Reel, showcasing its compact design and red accents. This is the left-handed model.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW AND COMPONENTS

The Max X reel is designed with several key features to enhance your fishing experience:

- **Lightweight Construction:** Graphite frame and sideplates, with a machined aluminum spool, contributing to a total weight of 7.4 oz (208 grams).
- **Smooth Operation:** Equipped with 4 stainless steel ball bearings plus 1 instant anti-reverse bearing.
- **MagTrax Brake System:** Provides consistent brake pressure throughout the cast for improved control.
- **Power Disk Drag System:** Offers smooth drag performance with a maximum drag of 15 lb (6.8 kg).
- **Ergonomic Design:** Features a compact bent handle, recessed reel foot, and large PVC knobs for comfortable handling.
- **Line Guide:** Integrated design to ensure even line spooling.
- **Gear Ratio:** 6.4:1, with a line retrieve rate of 25 inches (64 cm) per crank.



An annotated diagram highlighting key features of the Abu Garcia Max X reel, including oversized PVC knobs, 5 bearing system, MagTrax braking system, graphite frame, Power Disk drag system, and Duragear brass gears.

3. SETUP

3.1 Spooling Line

The Max X reel supports both monofilament and braided lines. Refer to the specifications for recommended line capacities:

- **Mono Capacity:** 150 yd/10 lb, 120 yd/12 lb, 85 yd/17 lb
- **Braid Capacity:** 155 yd/20 lb, 120 yd/30 lb, 80 yd/50 lb

Ensure the line is spooled evenly onto the aluminum spool. The integrated line guide assists in proper line distribution during retrieve.

3.2 Adjusting the MagTrax Brake System

The MagTrax brake system is externally adjustable, allowing you to fine-tune casting performance based on lure weight and wind conditions. Rotate the dial on the side plate to increase or decrease the magnetic braking force. Higher settings provide more braking, reducing the chance of backlashes, especially with

lighter lures or against the wind. Lower settings allow for longer casts with heavier lures.

3.3 Setting the Power Disk Drag

The Power Disk drag system is controlled by the star-shaped knob next to the handle. Rotate the star drag clockwise to increase drag pressure and counter-clockwise to decrease it. Set the drag to approximately 25-30% of your line's breaking strength. This allows the line to slip before breaking under heavy load from a fish.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Casting

1. Press the thumb bar to disengage the spool.
2. Hold the lure at a comfortable distance from the rod tip.
3. Make a smooth casting motion.
4. As the lure travels, feather the spool with your thumb to prevent backlashes.
5. Engage the reel by turning the handle or pressing the thumb bar back up.

4.2 Retrieving

Turn the handle to retrieve your line. The 6.4:1 gear ratio provides a balanced retrieve speed suitable for various lure presentations. The line guide will automatically distribute the line evenly across the spool.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Abu Garcia Max X reel.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, especially in saltwater environments, rinse the reel with fresh water. Avoid using high-pressure sprays.
- **Drying:** Allow the reel to air dry completely before storage.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knobs, worm gear, and bearings. Use reel grease for gears. Refer to the manufacturer's recommendations for specific lubrication points.
- **Storage:** Store the reel in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1 Common Issues and Solutions

- **Backlashes (Bird's Nest):** This often occurs due to improper thumb control during casting or incorrect brake settings. Increase the MagTrax brake setting and practice feathering the spool with your thumb.
- **Stiff Drag:** Ensure the drag knob is not overtightened. Clean the drag washers if necessary, as dirt or debris can cause stiffness.
- **Grinding Noise:** This may indicate a need for lubrication or that debris has entered the gear system. Disassemble (if comfortable) and clean/lubricate, or seek professional service.
- **Line Not Spooling Evenly:** Check the line guide for obstructions or damage. Ensure the line is properly threaded through the guide.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Abu Garcia
Model Name	MAX4X-L
Hand Orientation	Left Hand
Item Weight	208 Grams (7.4 oz)
Material	Graphite (Frame/Sideplates), Machined Aluminum (Spool), Stainless Steel (Bearings/Handle)
Gearbox Ratio	6.4:1
Fishing Reel Line Retrieve	25 Inches (64 cm) per crank
Fishing Reel Maximum Drag	15 Pounds (6.8 kg)
Bearing Material Type	Stainless Steel (4+1)
Fishing Line Type	Braid, Mono
Special Feature	Anti-Reverse, MagTrax Brake System, Power Disk Drag System
UPC	036282079731

8. OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEOS

8.1 Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile Product Walkthrough

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An official product walkthrough video demonstrating the features and functionality of the Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile Baitcast Reel, including its compact design, line guide, spool, drag system, and handle.

8.2 Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile 30 Sec Overview

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A 30-second video showcasing the Abu Garcia Max X Low Profile Baitcast Reel in action, highlighting its performance and design.

8.3 Abu Garcia Max Series Low Profile Reels & Combos

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An overview video of the Abu Garcia Max Series Low Profile Reels and Combos, detailing their design, features, and suitability for various fishing conditions.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product is covered by a Manufacturer's Warranty. For specific warranty details, claims, or additional support, please refer to the official Abu Garcia website or contact their customer service. You can visit the [Abu Garcia Store on Amazon](#) for more information.

10. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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