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Model: MAXPRO/701MH | Brand: Abu Garcia

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Abu Garcia Pro Max & Max Pro Low Profile Baitcast Reel and Fishing Rod Combo is engineered for optimal performance, offering a seamless fishing experience. This combo features a durable 1-piece, 24-ton graphite rod paired with a low-profile baitcast reel, designed for both sensitivity and strength. It is suitable for a variety of fishing techniques, particularly targeting species like bass and trout.



Image: The complete Abu Garcia Pro Max & Max Pro Low Profile Baitcast Reel and Fishing Rod Combo.

Key Features

- **ABU GARCIA MAX PRO 7' FISHING ROD AND REEL BAITCAST COMBO:** Experience better-than-ever Abu Garcia engineering for MAXimum performance. Abu custom integrated reel seat paired with a Split handle made for Right handed anglers.
- **10-20LB LINE RATING, MEDIUM HEAVY POWER:** The Max Pro Baitcast Combo is up for the next challenge. Lure rating of 3/8-3/4. The MagTrax brake system gives you consistent brake pressure throughout your cast.
- **RECOVERY RATE:** Recover 28" | 71cm of line for every turn of the crank. Gear ratio of 7.1:1. Lightweight and durable, graphite frame and sideplates with a machined aluminum spool. 1-piece, 24-ton graphite rod for increased sensitivity.
- **SYNTHETIC STAR DRAG:** Max: 15lb | 6.8kg. Mono Capacity yd/lb: 150/10 120/12 85/17. Braid Capacity 155/20 120/30 80/50. The Power Disk drag system gives you smooth drag performance.
- **8 TOTAL BEARINGS:** 7 stainless steel ball bearings plus 1 instant anti-reverse bearing provides smooth operation for any fishing experience. 8 durable guides are stainless steel, built to withstand tough fights.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Unpacking and Inspection

1. Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. Inspect the rod and reel for any signs of damage during shipping. Contact customer support if any issues are found.

2. Assembling the Rod and Reel

1. Ensure the reel seat on the rod is clean and free of debris.
2. Align the reel foot with the reel seat on the rod.
3. Tighten the reel seat nut securely to prevent the reel from wobbling during use. Do not overtighten.



Image: The baitcast reel properly mounted on the rod.

3. Spooling the Line

1. Open the bail arm (if applicable for spinning reels) or engage the free spool button (for baitcast reels).
2. Tie the fishing line to the reel spool using an arbor knot or similar secure knot.
3. Close the bail arm or disengage the free spool.
4. Maintain light tension on the line as you reel it onto the spool. Ensure the line lays evenly across the spool.
5. Fill the spool to approximately 1/8 inch from the rim to prevent tangles and maximize casting distance.



Image: The rod and reel combo with fishing line spooled and a lure attached.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Casting Techniques (Baitcast Reel)

1. **Thumb Control:** Place your thumb firmly on the spool to prevent backlash.
2. **Engage Free Spool:** Press the free spool button to disengage the reel.
3. **Backswing:** Bring the rod back smoothly, loading the rod tip.
4. **Forward Cast:** Accelerate the rod forward, releasing your thumb from the spool as the lure begins its forward motion.
5. **Feathering:** Use your thumb to lightly feather the spool as the lure flies to control its speed and prevent overruns.
6. **Stop Spool:** Apply firm thumb pressure to stop the spool as the lure hits the water.



Image: An angler demonstrating the proper grip on the Abu Garcia combo for casting.

2. Drag Adjustment

The Power Disk drag system provides smooth performance. Adjust the star drag located next to the handle to control the tension on the line when a fish pulls. Turn clockwise to increase drag, counter-clockwise to decrease. Set the drag to approximately 25-30% of your line's breaking strength.



Image: A close-up view of the reel's handle and star drag mechanism.

3. Retrieval

Turn the reel handle to retrieve line. The 7.1:1 gear ratio allows for a fast recovery rate of 28 inches (71 cm) per crank. Maintain a steady retrieve speed appropriate for your lure and target species.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Reel

1. After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the reel with fresh water. Do not submerge the reel.
2. Wipe down the exterior with a soft cloth.
3. Apply a small amount of reel oil to moving parts and grease to gears as recommended by Abu Garcia.

2. Rod Care

1. Wipe the rod blank and guides with a damp cloth after each use.
2. Check guides for any cracks or damage that could fray your line.
3. Ensure the reel seat is clean and free of corrosion.



Image: A close-up view of the rod guides, which should be regularly inspected for damage.

3. Storage

Store the rod and reel combo in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight. Avoid leaning the rod against walls or storing it in a way that could bend or damage the blank or guides.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Reel not casting smoothly / Backlash	Improper thumb control; Spool tension too loose; Brake system not adjusted.	Practice thumb control; Adjust spool tension knob; Adjust MagTrax brake system.
Drag slipping or inconsistent	Drag washers are dry or dirty; Drag not tightened enough.	Clean and re-lubricate drag washers (refer to a detailed reel maintenance guide); Tighten star drag.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Rod guides damaged or bent	Impact during transport or use; Wear and tear.	Replace damaged guides; Handle rod with care during transport and storage.
Reel handle stiff or grinding	Lack of lubrication; Dirt or debris inside the reel.	Apply reel oil/grease; Disassemble and clean internal components (recommended by a professional if unsure).

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Abu Garcia
Model Name	MAXPRO/701MH
Rod Length	7 Feet
Rod Power	Medium Heavy
Rod Pieces	1pc
Line Rating	10-20lb
Lure Rating	3/8-3/4 oz
Gearbox Ratio	7.1:1
Recovery Rate	28 inches (71 cm) per crank
Max Drag	15lb (6.8kg)
Bearings	8 (7 stainless steel ball bearings + 1 instant anti-reverse bearing)
Material	Graphite (rod), Aluminum (reel frame/spool)
Hand Orientation	Ambidextrous
Target Species	Bass, Trout

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Abu Garcia Pro Max & Max Pro Low Profile Baitcast Reel and Fishing Rod Combo is covered by the manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty duration, coverage, and claims process, please refer

to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Abu Garcia website.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Abu Garcia customer service. You can find contact information and additional resources by visiting the official Abu Garcia store page:

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