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Abu Garcia Blue Max Low Profile Baitcast Combo Instruction Manual

Model: BLMAXLPCBO

Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Abu Garcia Blue Max Low Profile Baitcast Reel and Fishing Rod Combo. This combo features a 7-foot, one-piece, medium-heavy, 24-ton graphite casting rod paired with a low-profile baitcast reel equipped with a 4 stainless steel ball bearings plus 1 roller bearing system and Power Disk™ drag. Understanding these instructions will help ensure optimal performance and longevity of your fishing equipment.

Product Features

The Abu Garcia Blue Max combo is designed for reliable performance. Key features include:

- 7', 1 piece, medium heavy, graphite casting rod
- 4 stainless steel ball bearings plus 1 roller bearing
- Machined aluminum spool
- Power Disk drag system
- Duragear brass gear
- MagTrax brake system
- Ergonomic handle grips



Image: The Abu Garcia Blue Max Low Profile Baitcast Reel and Fishing Rod Combo.

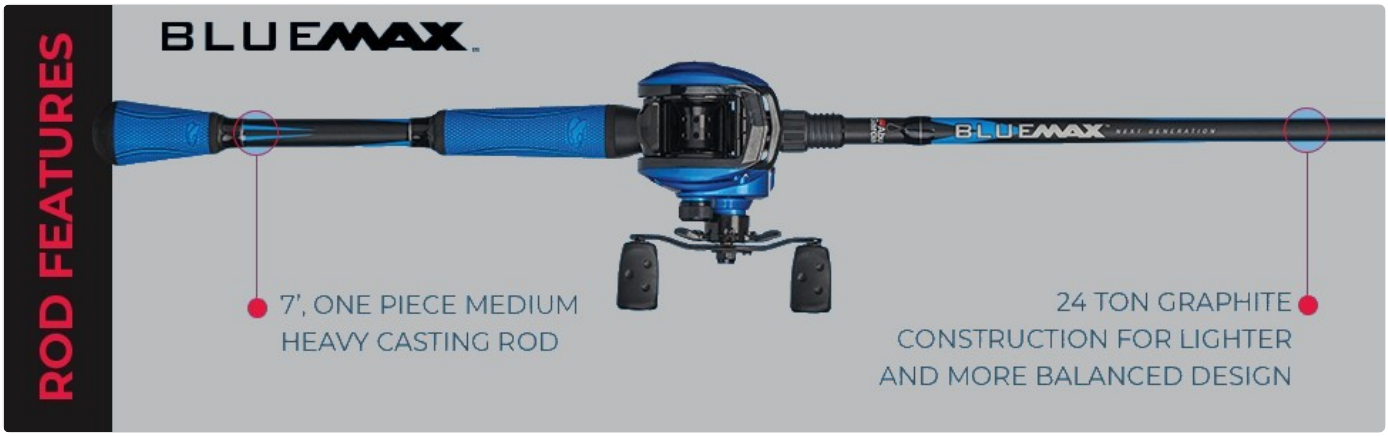


Image: Diagram highlighting rod features, including the 7' one-piece medium-heavy casting rod and 24-ton graphite construction.

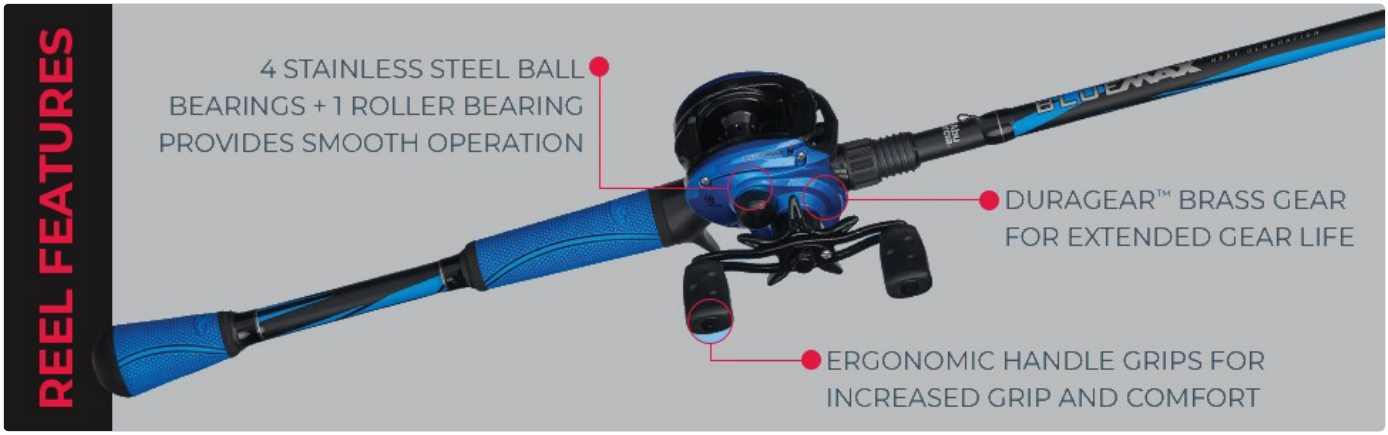


Image: Diagram highlighting reel features, including 4 stainless steel ball bearings + 1 roller bearing, Duragear brass gear, and ergonomic handle grips.

Setup

Rod Assembly

The Abu Garcia Blue Max combo comes as a one-piece rod. No assembly is required for the rod itself.

Reel Mounting

Securely attach the baitcast reel to the rod's reel seat. Ensure the reel foot is properly seated and the locking nut is tightened to prevent movement during use.



Image: A close-up view of the Abu Garcia Blue Max baitcast reel securely mounted on the fishing rod.

Spooling Line

Follow these steps to properly spool fishing line onto your reel:

1. Attach your fishing line to the reel's machined aluminum spool using an arbor knot.
2. Keep consistent tension on the line as you spool it onto the reel. The line should be spooled evenly across the width of the spool.
3. Do not overfill the spool; leave approximately 1/8 inch (3mm) from the spool lip to prevent tangles and backlashes.

Operating Instructions

Casting with the MagTrax Brake System

The MagTrax brake system helps control spool rotation during casting to minimize backlashes. Proper adjustment is crucial for smooth casting:

1. **Initial Adjustment:** Set the MagTrax brake dial (usually on the side plate) to a higher number for more braking force. This is recommended when learning or using lighter lures.
2. **Lure Drop Test:** Attach your lure. Hold the rod tip up and press the thumb bar to release the spool. The lure should fall slowly and steadily to the ground without the spool overrunning. Adjust the spool tension knob (next to the handle) until this occurs.
3. **Casting:** With your thumb on the spool, make a smooth casting motion. Release your thumb as the rod comes forward. Keep your thumb ready to feather the spool if it starts to overrun.

4. **Fine-tuning:** As you gain experience, you can gradually reduce the MagTrax brake setting and spool tension for longer casts.

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Video: This video demonstrates casting and retrieving techniques while fishing for Peacock Bass, showcasing the reel's performance.

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Video: Watch this video to see the Abu Garcia combo in action during a kayak fishing trip for Shoal Bass, illustrating practical use.

Drag System (Power Disk™)

The Power Disk™ drag system provides smooth and consistent drag pressure, essential for fighting fish:

1. **Setting the Drag:** Before fishing, pull line directly from the reel. The drag should allow line to be pulled out smoothly with consistent resistance, but not so easily that a fish can strip line without effort.
2. **Adjusting During Fight:** Use the star-shaped drag adjustment knob (located next to the handle) to increase or decrease drag pressure during a fish fight. Turn clockwise to increase drag, counter-clockwise to decrease.

Retrieving

Turn the handle to retrieve line. The Duragear brass gear ensures smooth and durable operation, providing consistent retrieve even under load.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your Abu Garcia combo.

Cleaning

After each use, especially in saltwater environments, rinse the reel and rod with fresh water. Wipe down all components with a soft, clean cloth. **Do not submerge the reel in water.**

Lubrication

Periodically apply a small amount of high-quality reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knobs, worm gear, and spool shaft. For the main gears, use reel grease if disassembling for deeper cleaning. Refer to advanced maintenance guides or seek professional service for complex lubrication tasks.

Storage

Store your rod and reel combo in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Loosen the drag completely before storage to prolong the life of the drag washers and prevent them from sticking.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your baitcast combo.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Backlashes / Bird's Nest	Spool tension too loose, brake system too low, improper casting technique.	Increase MagTrax brake setting. Tighten spool tension knob. Practice smooth casting. Keep thumb on spool during cast.
Stiff Reel Handle	Lack of lubrication, dirt/debris in gears.	Clean and lubricate the reel. If problem persists, professional service may be required.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Drag Slipping	Drag washers worn or dirty, drag set too loose.	Tighten drag knob. Clean or replace drag washers if necessary (professional service recommended).
Line Not Laying Evenly	Worm gear dirty or damaged, line guide obstructed.	Clean the worm gear and line guide. Ensure line is spooled correctly.

Specifications

Detailed technical specifications for the Abu Garcia Blue Max Low Profile Baitcast Combo:

Feature	Detail
Brand	Abu Garcia
Model Name	BLMAXLPCBO
Rod Length	7 feet
Rod Power	Medium Heavy
Rod Material	24-ton Graphite
Reel Bearings	4 Stainless Steel Ball Bearings + 1 Roller Bearing
Drag System	Power Disk™
Brake System	MagTrax™
Gear Material	Duragear™ Brass
Spool Material	Machined Aluminum
Line Capacity (Mono)	6-12 lb / 120 yds
Gearbox Ratio	7.1:1
Hand Orientation	Ambidextrous
Item Weight	0.4 kg

Warranty and Support

Warranty Information

This Abu Garcia product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, duration, and terms, please refer to the official Abu Garcia website or contact their customer service department. It is important to retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, parts, service, or any other inquiries, please visit the official Abu Garcia website or contact their customer support department directly. Their team can provide specialized guidance for your product.
Visit Abu Garcia Support Website

Additional Resources

Explore more fishing tips, product information, and real-world usage examples from Abu Garcia.

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Video: Join Vanessa Toews as she shares her fishing experiences with Abu Garcia gear, offering insights into product performance.

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Video: This video captures the essence of fall fishing with Abu Garcia, providing visual context for the product's use in different seasons.

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