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Model: Kapstan Elite 300

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your KastKing Kapstan Elite 300 Baitcasting Fishing Reel. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your reel to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Image: The KastKing Kapstan Elite 300 Baitcasting Fishing Reel, showcasing its low-profile design and robust construction.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW VIDEO

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Video: An official overview of the KastKing Kapstan Elite 300 Baitcasting Fishing Reel, demonstrating its key features and design. This video is provided by KastKing USA.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the reel from its packaging. Inspect the reel for any visible damage. Ensure all components are present.

2. Attaching the Reel to a Rod

Securely attach the Kapstan Elite 300 reel to your fishing rod's reel seat. Ensure it is firmly seated to prevent movement during casting and retrieval.

3. Spooling Fishing Line

The Kapstan Elite 300 features a braid-ready aluminum spool, eliminating the need for mono backing when using braided line. Refer to the line capacity specifications for recommended line weights and lengths.

- **Standard Mono Line Capacity:** 14 lbs / 230 yards
- **Standard Braided Line Capacity:** 65 lbs / 230 yards

To spool the line:

1. Pass the line through the rod guides and tie it securely to the reel spool using an appropriate fishing knot.
2. Begin winding the line onto the spool, maintaining light tension to ensure even and tight wraps.
3. Fill the spool to approximately 1/8 inch from the rim to prevent line overflow and tangles.

LARGE LINE CAPACITY
CNC ALUMINUM POWERFUL SPOOL

Standard Mono Line Capacity	Standard Braided Line Capacity
14lbs/230yds	65lbs/230yds

1.30IN
0.55IN

1.04IN
0.53IN

KAPSTAN ELITE 300

OTHERS

Image: Comparison of Kapstan Elite 300 spool capacity versus standard spools, illustrating its large line capacity for both

monofilament and braided lines.

4. Adjusting the Centrifugal Braking System

The Kapstan Elite 300 features an adjustable centrifugal braking system to prevent backlashes during casting. This system is easily accessed by unlocking the palm side cover using the Ergo-Twist opening mechanism.



Image: The Ergo-Twist opening mechanism on the side of the reel, allowing easy access to internal components.

1. Locate the open/close switch on the palm side cover and twist to unlock.
2. Open the cover to expose the centrifugal brake weights.
3. Engage or disengage the brake weights as needed. More engaged weights provide greater braking force, reducing the chance of backlashes, especially with lighter lures or into the wind. Fewer engaged weights allow for longer casts with heavier lures.
4. Close and lock the palm side cover securely before use.

ADJUSTABLE CENTRIFUGAL BRAKING SYSTEM



Image: Detailed view of the centrifugal braking system with adjustable weights inside the reel.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Casting

Before casting, ensure the drag is set appropriately for your target species and line strength. Use the centrifugal braking system to fine-tune casting performance and minimize backlashes.

2. Drag System

The Kapstan Elite 300 is equipped with a powerful triple disc carbon drag system, providing over 35 lbs of stopping power. Adjust the drag knob to set the desired tension. A properly set drag allows line to be pulled from the reel before the line breaks, protecting your gear and helping to tire out fish.

UP TO **35 LBS** OF MAX DRAG

PROVIDED BY TRIPLE DISC CARBON FIBER DRAG WASHERS



Image: Exploded view of the triple disc carbon drag system, highlighting its components and capacity for up to 35 lbs of drag.

3. Retrieval and Gear Ratio

The reel features a 5.4:1 gear ratio, offering a balance of speed and power for various fishing techniques. The single, machined aluminum power handle provides leverage for fighting large fish.



Image: Internal view of the reel's gearing, showing the HRB 80 oversized brass main gear, HRB 80 brass pinion gear, and stainless steel main gear shaft, indicating the 5.4:1 gear ratio.



CNC ALUMINUM POWER HANDLE

FOR MORE POWER
(WITH TWO POSITION MOUNTING HOLES)

Image: Close-up of the CNC aluminum power handle, designed for increased torque and control during retrieval.

4. Line Memory Dial

The Kapstan Elite 300 includes a line memory dial on the palm side of the reel. This feature helps you remember the pound test of the line currently spooled on your reel.

LINE MEMORY DIAL

HELPS YOU REMEMBER WHAT LINE YOU SPOOLED



Image: Detailed view of the line memory dial, indicating various line test options for easy reference.

5. Strike Alert Spool Clicker

An on/off switch for the audible spool clicker/strike alert is integrated into the reel. Engage this feature to receive an audible alert when a fish takes the bait or during trolling.

STRIKE ALERT SPOOL CLICKER

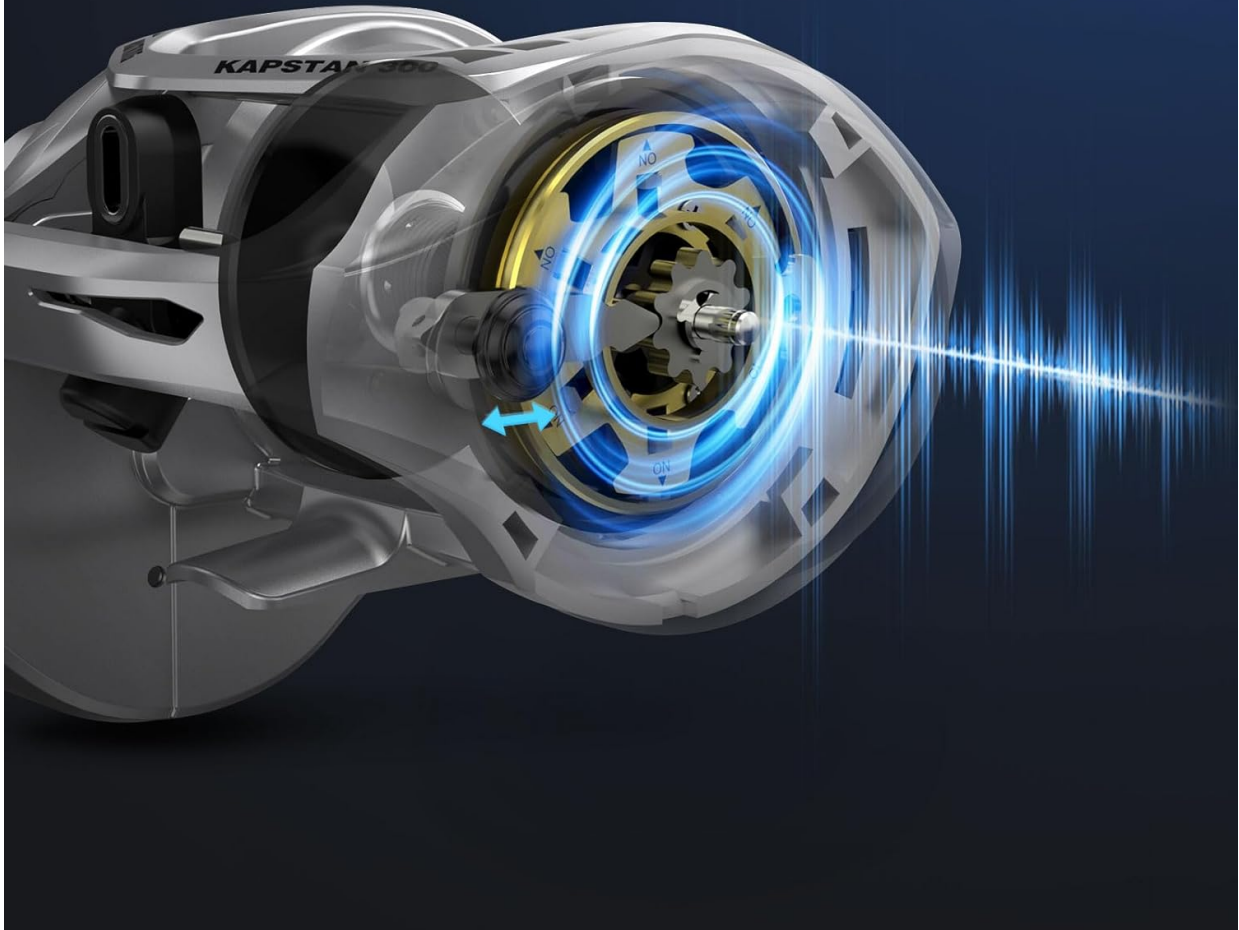


Image: Diagram showing the internal mechanism of the strike alert spool clicker, indicating its function.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning and Lubrication

Regular cleaning and lubrication are essential for maintaining the performance and lifespan of your Kapstan Elite 300 reel. After each use, especially in saltwater environments, rinse the reel with fresh water and wipe it dry with a soft cloth. Periodically apply a small amount of high-quality reel oil to moving parts and grease to gears as recommended by KastKing.

2. Bearing Care

The reel features 6 double-shielded, stainless-steel ball bearings plus an instant anti-reverse bearing. These bearings are designed for durability and smooth operation. Avoid exposing them to excessive dirt or sand. If performance degrades, professional servicing may be required.



Image: Internal view highlighting the 6+1 double-shielded stainless steel ball bearings within the reel structure, ensuring smooth operation.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions

- **Backlash during casting:** Adjust the centrifugal braking system by engaging more weights. Ensure your spool tension knob is set correctly.
- **Drag not engaging or slipping:** Check the drag knob to ensure it is tightened sufficiently. If the issue persists, the triple disc carbon drag washers may require inspection or replacement.
- **Grinding noise during retrieval:** This may indicate dirt or debris in the gears or bearings. Clean the reel thoroughly and lubricate. If the noise continues, professional servicing is recommended.
- **Spool clicker not functioning:** Verify the on/off switch for the strike alert spool clicker is in the "on" position. If it still does not work, internal components may be damaged.
- **Reel handle not engaging after free spool:** This could indicate an issue with the anti-reverse mechanism or internal gears. Ensure the reel is properly maintained and lubricated. Professional inspection may be necessary.

SPECIFICATIONS

Product Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	KastKing
Model Name	KRLCSTKP-54RBL, KRLCSTKP-54LBL
Hand Orientation	Left Hand (Right Hand models also available)
Frame Material	Graphite
Handle Material	Aluminum
Fishing Technique	Baitcasting
Gear Ratio	5.4:1
Maximum Drag	35 lbs (15.88 Kilograms)
Bearings	6+1 Double Shielded Stainless Steel Ball Bearings
Line Capacity (Mono)	14 lbs / 230 yards
Line Capacity (Braided)	65 lbs / 230 yards
Item Weight	0.65 Kilograms
Special Features	Anti-Reverse, Centrifugal Braking System, Line Memory Dial, Strike Alert Spool Clicker, Ergo-Twist Side Cover

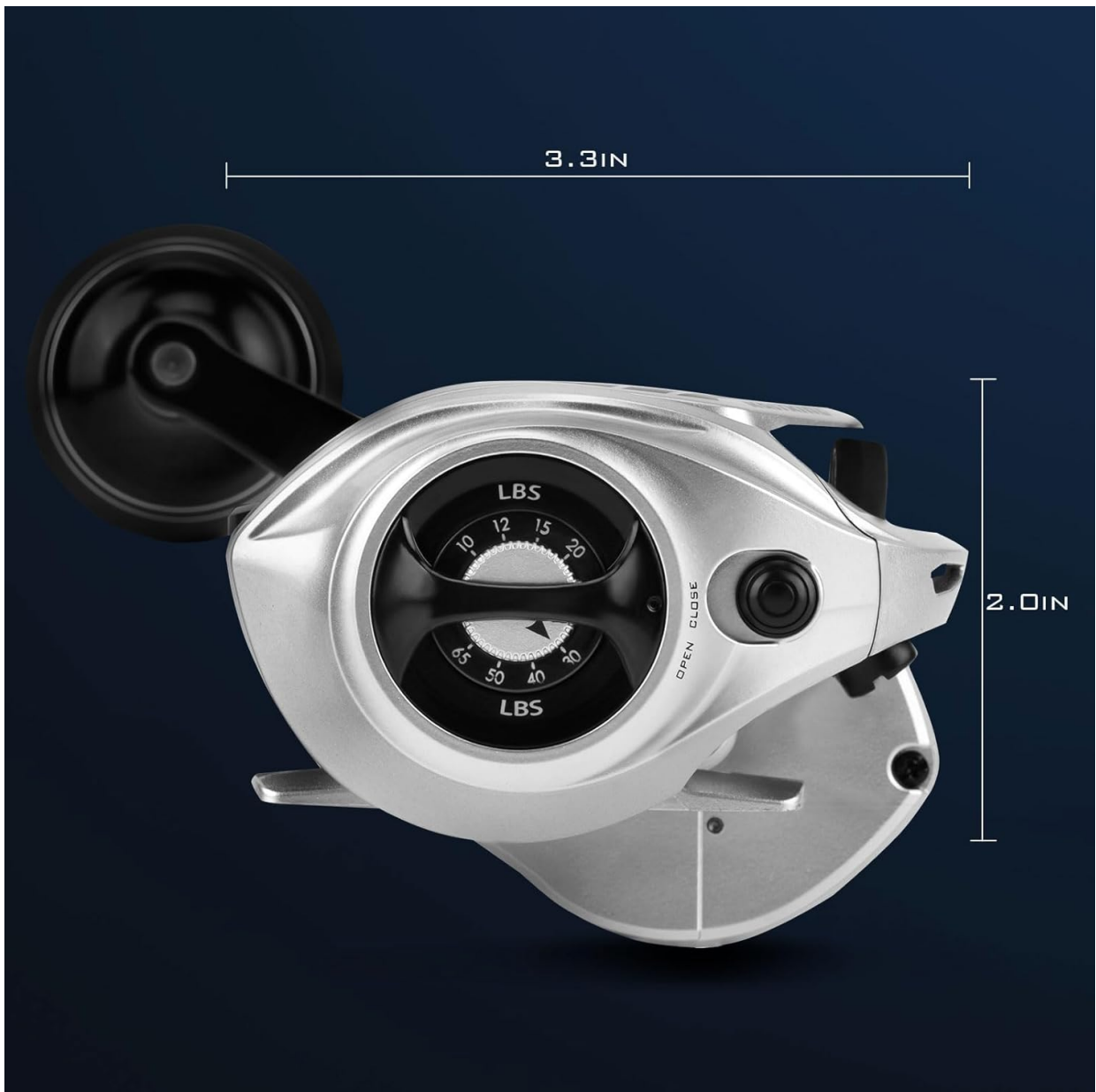


Image: Diagram showing the approximate dimensions of the Kapstan Elite 300 reel (3.3 inches in length, 2.0 inches in height).

WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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