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## KastKing KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III - KastKing Spartacus II

# KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III Spinning Fishing Reel & Spartacus II Twin Tip Fishing Rod User Manual

Comprehensive guide for setup, operation, and maintenance.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III Spinning Fishing Reel and Spartacus II Twin Tip Fishing Rod combination is engineered for anglers seeking durability, power, and comfort. This system provides a versatile solution for various fishing techniques, offering robust construction and sensitive feedback.



Image: The complete KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III Spinning Fishing Reel and Spartacus II Twin Tip Fishing Rod set, showcasing both components together.

## Key Features

- **Durable Reel Construction:** Features 10 + 1 shielded stainless steel ball bearings, precision alloy gears with a 5.5:1 gear ratio, and a stainless steel mainshaft for long-lasting performance.

- **Powerful Drag System:** Equipped with carbon fiber drag washers, providing up to 26.5 Lbs (12 Kg) of smooth drag for handling strong fish.
- **Innovative Reel Design:** Includes a CNC aluminum Shark Fin Braid Ready Spool, a high modulus corrosion-free graphite body, and a computer-balanced rotor. A spare high-strength graphite spool is also included.
- **Comfortable Rod Handle:** The Spartacus II Fishing Rod features a slip-resistant rubber cork handle, designed for exceptional comfort during extended fishing sessions.
- **Strong & Sensitive Rod Blank:** Constructed from 24-ton carbon fiber and IM6 graphite blanks, offering superior strength and sensitivity to detect even the slightest bites.

## COMPONENTS INCLUDED

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Your package should contain the following items:

- KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III Spinning Fishing Reel (Size 5000)
- KastKing Spartacus II Twin Tip Fishing Rod (Spin - 7'0" - MH Power - Fast)
- Spare high-strength graphite spool for the reel

## SETUP GUIDE

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### 1. Assembling the Fishing Rod

The Spartacus II rod is a 2-piece design with an extra tip section, utilizing a Power Transition System (PTS) for smooth assembly.

1. Carefully align the male ferrule of the tip section with the female ferrule of the butt section.
2. Gently push the sections together with a slight twisting motion until they are fully seated. Do not force.
3. Ensure the guides are perfectly aligned along the rod's spine.
4. Choose between the two provided tip sections based on your fishing needs (e.g., lighter tip for more sensitivity, heavier tip for more power).

# PTS PROVIDES SMOOTH 2 PIECE TRANSITION

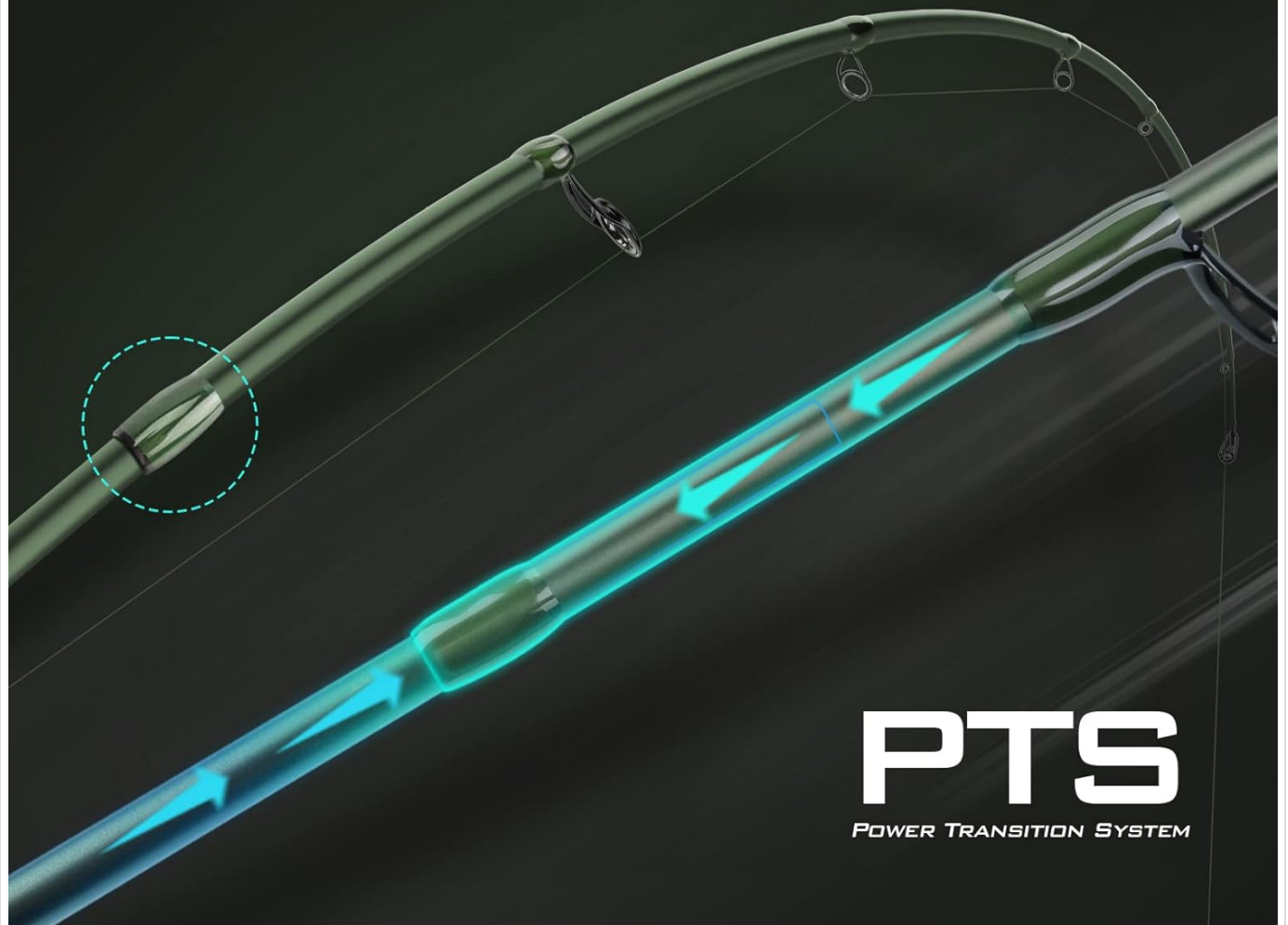


Image: Illustration of the Power Transition System (PTS) on the KastKing Spartacus II rod, showing how the two sections connect seamlessly.

# PERFORMANCE 2 PIECE RODS WITH EXTRA TIP SECTION

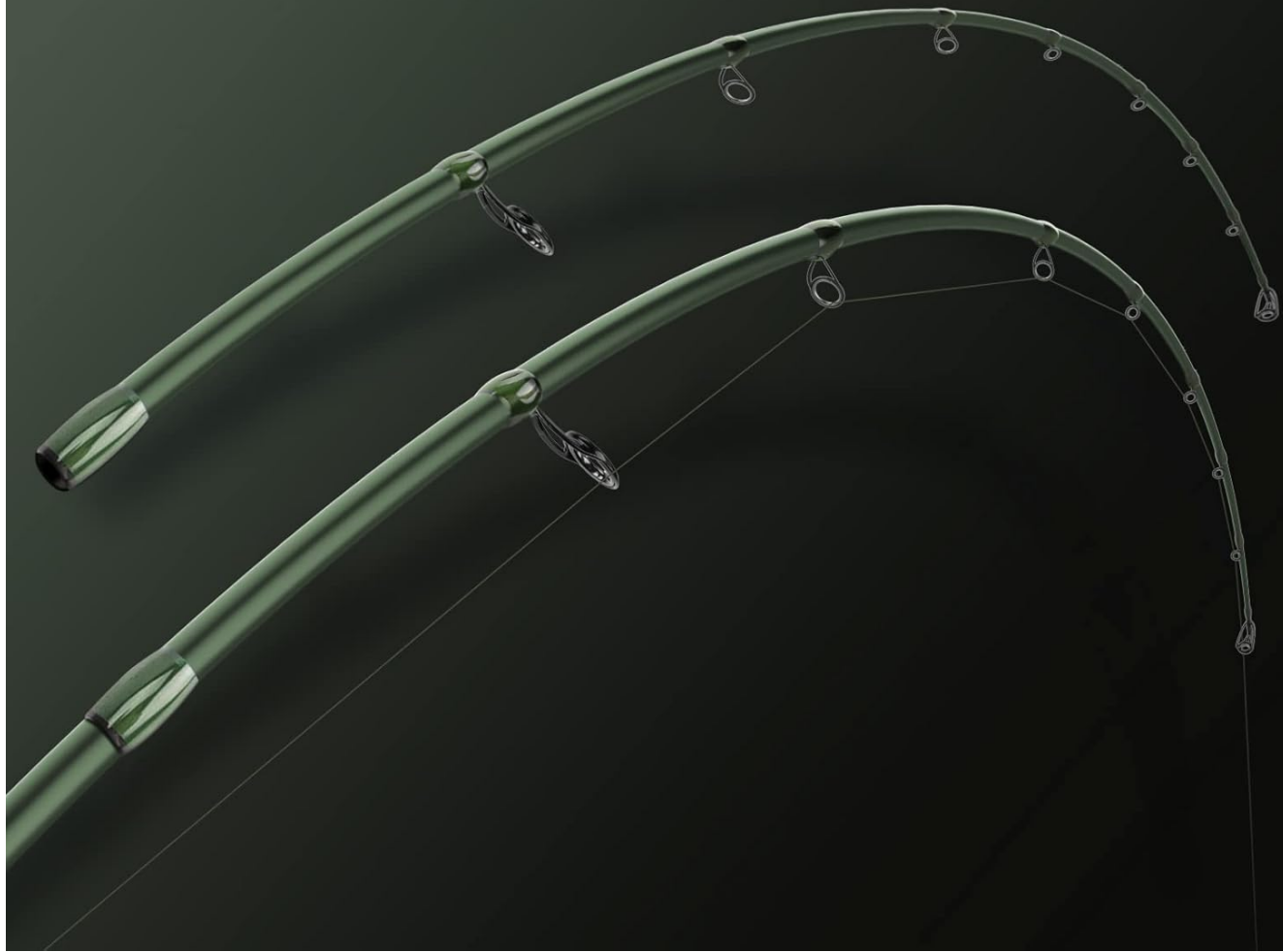


Image: The KastKing Spartacus II rod showing its two-piece construction and the additional tip section, highlighting its versatility.

## 2. Attaching the Fishing Reel

The Sharky Baitfeeder III reel attaches securely to the rod's reel seat.

1. Unscrew the locking nut on the rod's reel seat to open the reel clamps.
2. Place the reel foot into the fixed hood of the reel seat.
3. Slide the movable hood over the other end of the reel foot.
4. Tighten the locking nut until the reel is firmly secured and does not wobble.



Image: A detailed view of the KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III reel, showing its main body, spool, and handle, ready for attachment to a rod.

### 3. Spooling Fishing Line

The Sharky Baitfeeder III reel features a Braid Ready Spool, simplifying line spooling.

1. Open the bail arm of the reel.
2. Tie the fishing line to the spool using an arbor knot or similar secure knot.
3. Close the bail arm.
4. Hold the line under slight tension and begin reeling slowly, ensuring the line lays evenly on the spool.
5. Fill the spool to about 1/8 inch from the rim to prevent tangles and ensure optimal casting performance.



Image: Close-up of the KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III's spool, highlighting its "Braid Ready" feature for direct line attachment.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. Using the Baitfeeder System

The Sharky Baitfeeder III features a live liner system, allowing fish to take the bait without feeling resistance.

1. After casting, engage the baitfeeder lever (usually located at the rear of the reel). This disengages the main drag and allows the spool to rotate freely under light tension.
2. When a fish takes the bait and runs, the line will peel off the spool with minimal resistance.
3. To engage the main drag and set the hook, simply turn the reel handle forward. The baitfeeder system will disengage automatically, and the main drag will take over.
4. Adjust the baitfeeder drag knob (usually a smaller knob at the rear) to control the tension on the line when the baitfeeder is engaged.

## 2. Adjusting the Main Drag

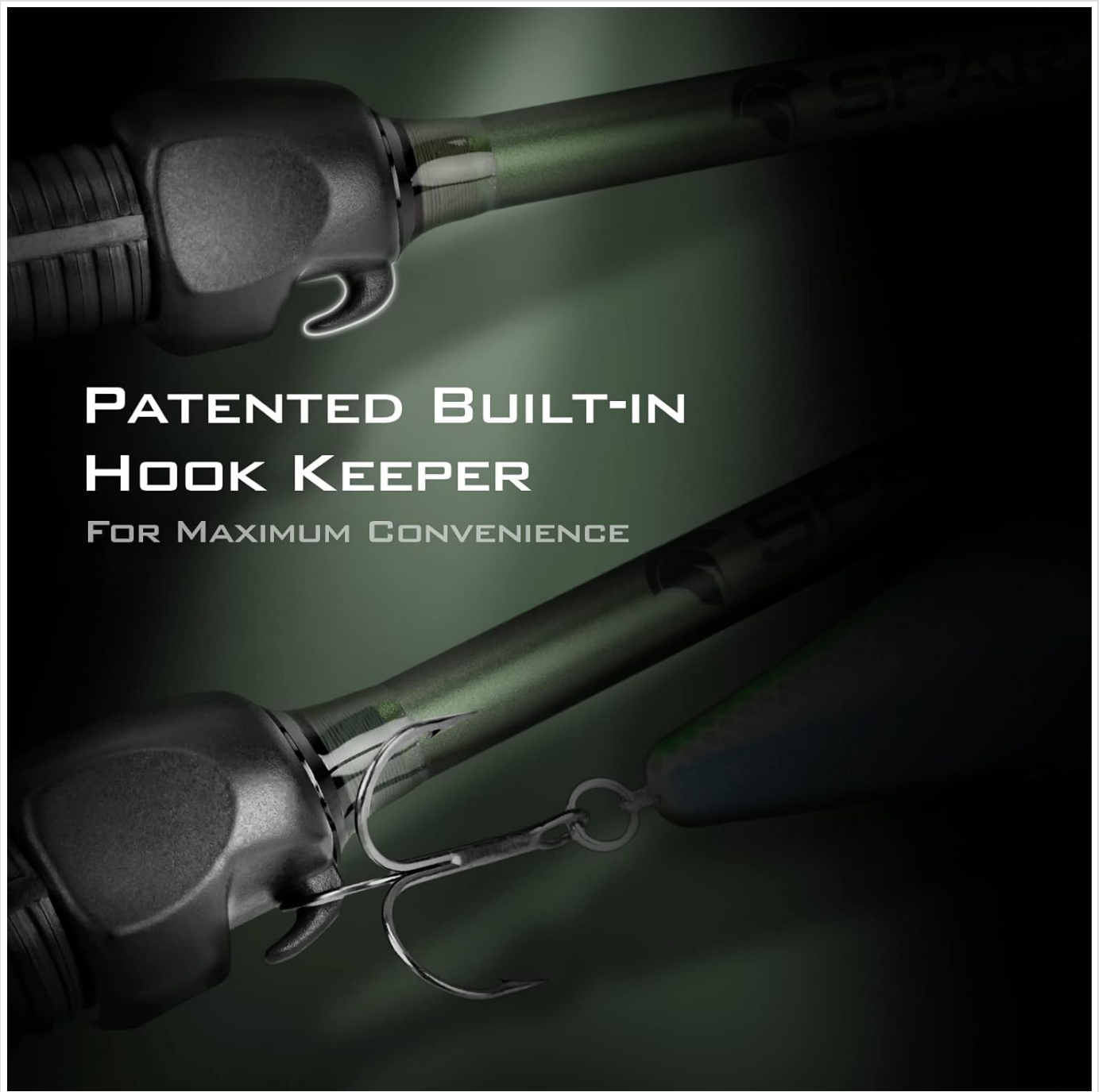
The main drag system controls the resistance on the line when fighting a fish.

- The main drag knob is located on the front of the spool.
- Turn clockwise to increase drag tension (tighter).
- Turn counter-clockwise to decrease drag tension (looser).
- Set the drag to approximately one-third of your line's breaking strength. This allows the line to slip before breaking under heavy load.

## 3. Casting and Retrieving

Proper technique ensures efficient casting and smooth retrieval.

1. **Casting:** Hold the line against the rod with your index finger, open the bail arm, and execute a smooth casting motion. Release the line with your finger at the peak of the cast.
2. **Retrieving:** Close the bail arm manually or by turning the handle. Begin reeling at a consistent speed appropriate for your lure or bait.
3. **Hook Keeper:** Utilize the patented built-in hook keeper on the rod to secure your lure or hook when not actively fishing, preventing tangles and damage.



**PATENTED BUILT-IN  
HOOK KEEPER**  
FOR MAXIMUM CONVENIENCE

Image: Close-up view of the KastKing Spartacus II rod's patented built-in hook keeper, demonstrating its use for securing fishing hooks or lures.



Image: An angler holding the KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III reel and Spartacus II rod, demonstrating the comfortable grip and balance during use.

## MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your KastKing fishing gear.

- **Rinse After Use:** After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the reel and rod with fresh water to remove salt, sand, and debris. Do not submerge the reel.
- **Dry Thoroughly:** Allow both the reel and rod to air dry completely before storage.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of reel oil to moving parts such as the handle knob, bail arm pivot, and line roller. Use reel grease on gears if disassembling for deeper cleaning (recommended annually or by a professional).
- **Line Inspection:** Regularly check your fishing line for fraying, nicks, or twists. Replace line as needed.
- **Rod Guides:** Inspect rod guides for cracks or damage that could fray your line. Clean guides with a soft cloth.

- **Storage:** Store your rod and reel in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Consider using a rod sleeve or case to protect the rod.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Reel handle is stiff or grinding.	Lack of lubrication, dirt/debris in gears, corrosion.	Clean and lubricate the reel. If problem persists, professional service may be required.
Line tangles or birds' nests frequently.	Overfilled spool, twisted line, improper casting technique, drag too loose.	Remove excess line, replace twisted line, practice casting, adjust drag.
Drag slips or is inconsistent.	Drag washers are dry, worn, or contaminated (e.g., with sand).	Clean and re-grease drag washers. Replace if worn.
Baitfeeder system not engaging/disengaging.	Mechanism obstructed or damaged.	Inspect for debris. If damaged, seek professional repair.
Rod sections stick when disassembling.	Dirt/sand in ferrules, overtightening.	Twist gently while pulling. Apply a small amount of ferrule wax if available. Clean ferrules regularly.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	KastKing
Model Name	KastKing Sharky Baitfeeder III - KastKing Spartacus II
Reel Size	5000
Gear Ratio	5.5:1
Ball Bearings	10 + 1 Shielded Stainless Steel
Max Drag (Reel)	12 Kilograms (26.5 Lbs)
Line Capacity (mm/m)	0.30/320, 0.35/240, 0.40/180
Line Capacity (lb/yds)	8/260, 10/230, 12/200
Rod Length	7 Feet (7'0")
Rod Power	Medium Heavy (MH)
Rod Action	Fast
Rod Material	24-ton Carbon Fiber and IM6 Graphite Blanks
Reel Material	Aluminum (spool), Graphite (body)
Hand Orientation	Both (Ambidextrous)
Target Species	Bass, Trout

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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