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Model: Vanford FA 4000 (VF4000A)

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Shimano Vanford FA 4000 fishing reel. Adhering to these guidelines will ensure optimal performance and longevity of your equipment. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the reel.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always handle fishing hooks and lines with care to prevent injury.
- Keep the reel away from small children to avoid accidental ingestion of small parts or injury from sharp components.
- Do not attempt to disassemble the reel beyond the scope described in this manual, as it may void the warranty and cause damage.
- Ensure the reel is securely attached to the fishing rod before casting.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Shimano Vanford FA 4000 is a high-performance spinning reel designed for various fishing techniques. Its lightweight aluminum construction and advanced features provide a smooth and reliable fishing experience.



A detailed view of the Shimano Vanford FA 4000 spinning reel, showcasing its black and red design, handle, spool, and reel foot. The reel features the 'VANFORD' branding on the spool.

Key Features:

- **Gear Ratio:** 5.3:1
- **Line Capacity (meter/diameter):** 180/0.3 mm
- **Cord Retraction:** 87 cm per crank
- **Weight:** 215 g
- **Maximum Brake Force:** 11 kg
- **Ball Bearings:** 8
- **Material:** Aluminum

SETUP

1. Attaching the Reel to a Rod

1. Loosen the reel seat nut on your fishing rod.
2. Place the reel foot into the reel seat.

3. Tighten the reel seat nut securely until the reel is firmly attached and does not wobble. Do not overtighten.

2. Spooling Fishing Line

1. Open the bail arm.
2. Tie the fishing line to the spool using an arbor knot or similar secure knot. Trim any excess tag end.
3. Close the bail arm.
4. Hold the line under slight tension and begin to reel slowly, ensuring the line lays evenly on the spool.
5. Fill the spool to approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) from the rim. Overfilling or underfilling can affect casting performance.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Casting

1. Hold the rod and reel comfortably.
2. Press the line against the rod handle with your index finger.
3. Open the bail arm.
4. Swing the rod forward, releasing your index finger at the desired point in the cast to allow the line to fly freely.
5. Close the bail arm manually or by turning the handle after the lure hits the water.

2. Retrieving

Turn the reel handle clockwise to retrieve the line. Maintain a steady retrieve speed appropriate for your lure and fishing technique.

3. Drag Adjustment

The drag system is located on the top of the spool. Turn the drag knob clockwise to increase drag tension and counter-clockwise to decrease it. Adjust the drag to allow line to be pulled off the spool under pressure, preventing line breakage and protecting your rod.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

- After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the reel with fresh water. Do not submerge the reel.
- Wipe the reel dry with a soft cloth.
- Remove any dirt, sand, or debris from the spool, line roller, and other moving parts.

2. Lubrication

- Apply a small amount of high-quality reel oil to the line roller and handle knobs periodically.
- Consult a professional for internal lubrication if needed, as improper lubrication can damage the reel.

3. Storage

Store your reel in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use a reel cover or bag to protect it from dust and scratches.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Line tangles or loops on spool	Overfilled spool, line twist, improper retrieve	Remove some line, check for line twist, ensure even line lay during retrieve.
Stiff or grinding retrieve	Dirt/debris, lack of lubrication, internal damage	Clean the reel thoroughly, apply external lubrication, or seek professional service.
Drag slips or is inconsistent	Drag washers are wet, dirty, or worn	Clean and dry drag washers. If problem persists, replace washers or seek service.
Bail arm does not close properly	Debris in mechanism, bent bail arm	Clear any obstructions. If bent, professional repair may be required.

SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Value
Brand	SHIMANO
Model Name	Vanford FA 4000
Part Number	VF4000A
UPC	022255289962
Gear Ratio	5.3:1
Line Capacity (meter/diameter)	180/0.3 mm
Line Retrieve per Crank	87 cm
Item Weight	189 Grams
Maximum Drag	11 Kilograms
Ball Bearings	8
Material	Aluminum
Fishing Technique	Longlining
Sport Type	Fishing
Fishing Line Type	Braided
Size	4000
Number of Items	1

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

This Shimano Vanford FA 4000 fishing reel comes with a **2-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accident, unauthorized modification, or normal wear and tear.

Customer Support

For warranty claims, technical assistance, or service inquiries, please contact Shimano customer support through their official website or authorized service centers. Please have your proof of purchase and reel model information available when contacting support.