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Model: JC894

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Amazon Basics Fertilizer Spreader, model JC894, is designed for efficient and even distribution of various granular materials across outdoor areas. This versatile tool is suitable for spreading grass seed, fertilizer, salt, and ice melt, making it an essential item for year-round lawn and property maintenance.

Key features include:

- Capable of covering up to 5000 square feet in a single load.
- Equipped with a multi-gear operation system for precise spreading control.
- Constructed with a durable steel frame and plastic bin, designed to withstand all-season weather conditions.
- Features a pre-installed release cable for easy assembly and operation.
- Offers a weight capacity of 33 lbs and a volume capacity of 0.53 cubic feet.

Key features

Covers 5000 square feet per load

Multi-gear system provides precise spreading

Weather-resistant construction



Figure 1: Front view of the Amazon Basics Fertilizer Spreader.

2. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Amazon Basics Fertilizer Spreader is designed for quick and straightforward assembly. The release cable comes pre-installed to simplify the setup process.

2.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all parts are present before beginning assembly.

2.2 Assembly Steps

1. Attach the handle assembly to the main frame. Secure with the provided hardware.
2. Ensure the hopper is securely seated on the frame.
3. Verify that the wheels are properly attached and rotate freely.
4. Confirm the release cable is connected to the control lever on the handle and the spreading mechanism at the

bottom of the hopper.



Figure 2: Side view of the assembled spreader.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective and safe operation of your fertilizer spreader.

3.1 Filling the Hopper

- Ensure the flow control lever is in the closed position to prevent material from spilling.
- Fill the hopper with your desired material (fertilizer, grass seed, salt, or ice melt). Do not exceed the 33 lbs weight capacity or 0.53 cubic feet volume capacity.

3.2 Adjusting Spread Rate

The spreader features a multi-gear operation and a precision control dial to adjust the flow rate of the material. This allows for accurate application based on the material type and desired coverage.

- Locate the control dial on the handle.
- Rotate the dial to the desired setting. Higher numbers typically indicate a larger opening and faster material flow. Consult the material packaging for recommended spreader settings.



Figure 3: Detail of the control dial for adjusting spread rate.

3.3 Spreading Material

- Begin walking at a consistent pace.
- Once you start moving, pull the control lever on the handle to open the hopper gate and begin spreading.
- Maintain a steady pace and overlap each pass slightly to ensure even coverage.
- Release the control lever to close the hopper gate before stopping or turning to prevent over-application in one spot.
- For best results, avoid spreading on windy days, which can lead to uneven distribution.

4. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your Amazon Basics Fertilizer Spreader.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, especially when spreading corrosive materials like salt, thoroughly clean the hopper and spreading mechanism with water. Dry all metal parts completely to prevent rust.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a light lubricant to moving parts, such as the axle and gear mechanisms, to ensure smooth operation.
- **Storage:** Store the spreader in a dry, covered area to protect it from the elements.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the frame, wheels, and control cable for any signs of wear, damage, or loose connections. Tighten fasteners as needed.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your spreader, refer to the following common problems and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Material not spreading or unevenly spreading.	Hopper gate closed. Control dial set too low. Material clumping or wet. Spreading mechanism obstructed.	Ensure control lever is pulled to open the gate. Adjust the control dial to a higher setting. Break up clumps or use dry material. Clear any debris from the spreading mechanism.
Wheels not turning smoothly.	Debris in wheel mechanism. Lack of lubrication.	Remove any obstructions. Lubricate the axle and wheel bearings.
Control lever is stiff or unresponsive.	Cable kinked or damaged. Mechanism dirty or corroded.	Inspect cable for damage; replace if necessary. Clean and lubricate the cable and associated mechanisms.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed specifications for the Amazon Basics Fertilizer Spreader model JC894.

- **Model Number:** JC894
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 35.8 x 20 x 28.7 inches
- **Item Weight:** 8.86 pounds
- **Weight Capacity:** 33 lbs
- **Volume Capacity:** 0.53 Cu.ft
- **Frame Material:** Steel
- **Hopper Material:** Durable Plastic
- **Coverage Area:** Up to 5000 square feet per load

Dimensions



Figure 4: Product dimensions.

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or product support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Amazon Basics website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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