

# The Spinning Rod and Reel



Each component of a spinning rod and reel has an important job and knowing what it does will make setting up, casting and landing fish much easier.

## The reel

### Spool

The spool holds your fishing line. When you cast, the line peels off the spool, and when you wind the handle it is retrieved back onto the spool.

### Handle

The handle is turned to retrieve your line and lure. It also gives you control when playing and landing a fish.

### Bail arm

The bail is the metal arm that opens to allow the line to leave the spool during a cast. After casting, simply close the bail to begin retrieving your line.

### Reel foot

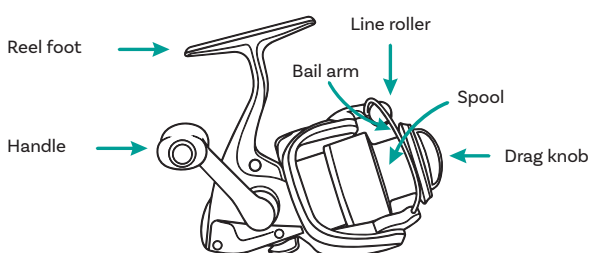
The reel foot is the part of the reel that fits into the reel seat on the rod, securely attaching the reel to the rod.

### Drag knob

The drag knob adjusts how much pressure is needed before line is pulled from the reel. A correctly set drag helps set the hook following a bite and prevents line breakages when fighting fish.

### Line roller

The line roller guides the line evenly back onto the spool as you wind the handle, helping to reduce line twist and wear.



## The rod

### Rod Tip

The rod tip is the last 10-15cm of the rod and is the most flexible part. It helps you detect bites and cushion movement from hooked fish.

**Caution:** The rod tip is the easiest part of the rod to break, so always be aware of where it is, especially when walking through vegetation or transporting your rod.

### Guides

The guides are the rings that run along the rod. They keep the fishing line close to the rod, allowing it to cast smoothly and helping distribute the load when fighting a fish.

### Reel seat

The reel seat holds the reel firmly in place. Tightening the locking ring secures the reel to the rod.

### Rod grip

The handle is usually made from cork or foam, providing a comfortable and secure grip.

