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Congratulations on the Purchase of Your New Sage Reel

Utilizing state-of-the-art manufacturing, our Sage 8000 PRO Series reel is designed with a commitment to quality and performance that is a hallmark of all Sage products.

Strong yet lightweight, the Sage 8000 PRO Series reels are made from aerospace-grade aluminum. The reels feature a fully sealed carbon fiber disc drag system and numbered repeatable adjustment for consistent operation in all conditions and a unique and secure quick-release spool mechanism for easy spool changes.

The 8000 PRO Series reels feature a curved large-arbor design for maximum line capacity, faster line retrieve, more consistent drag and reduced line coiling. This design also adds strength and rigidity while reducing weight. On a traditional small-arbor reel, the drag increases as the diameter of the line on the spool decreases. This increased drag can sometimes break off fish or snap light tippets. Since the diameter does not change significantly when line is removed from a large-arbor reel, accordingly the drag does not change significantly. The one revolution drag knob enables quick, accurate setting whether it is decreasing drag for stripping or increasing pressure for fighting fish.

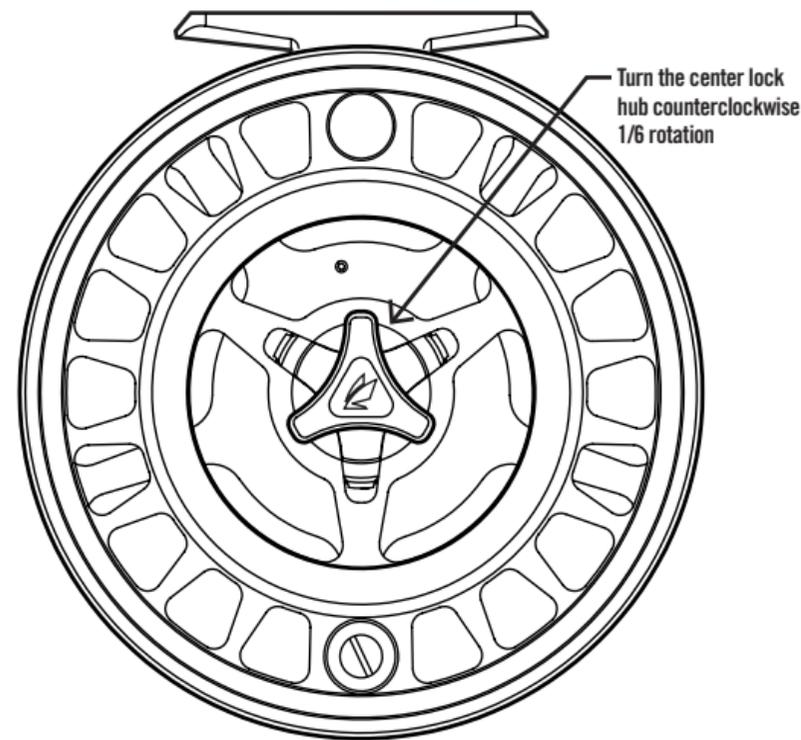
The large drag knob is used for quickly setting your desired level of drag. The perimeter of the knob features settings 1 through 20 for selecting the repeatable drag level, while half detents offer even further refinement. The secondary lettered boost dial allows you to increase the level of drag beyond the standard drag range (A). By increasing the dial from A-E, the top-end drag is increased, enabling more stopping power when fighting larger species. In addition to increasing the top end drag, the dial allows you to fine tune your preferred over spool resistance setting at the zero position. Additional features include a larger diameter spool and wide rim for palming and a grooved line keeper on the outer diameter of the frame.



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Spool Removal *(see illustration)*

The Sage 8000 PRO series reels feature a unique, quick release system to secure the spool. To remove the spool, turn the center lock hub counterclockwise 1/6 rotation to align it with the spool spokes. Remove the spool.

Reinstalling the Spool

To reinstall the spool, ensure that the lock hub is lined up with the spool spokes. Slide the spool onto the cone and align with the mating pattern, making sure it drops securely into place. Turn the lock hub clockwise 1/6 rotation until it snaps into the detents. The quick release mechanism can be turned clockwise to allow for varying levels of tightness. Finger tight is adequate. Do not over tighten. The spool is locked when the lock hub is snapped into the detents, with the arms aligned half way between the spool spokes. Turn the spool a couple of times to ensure that it is properly seated.

Retrieve Conversion

Your reel has been set at the factory for left-hand retrieve. To convert your reel to right-hand retrieve, follow these steps:

1. Remove the spool as described.
2. Set the drag to a medium level - setting 5. This is important, to properly align the drag discs and prevent damage when reinstalling the clutch bearing.
3. Use the supplied hex key to loosen the set screw on the side of the drag cap and shaft/cone assembly. Carefully loosen the drag cap by turning counterclockwise. Remove the drag cap and shaft/cone assembly.
4. Turn the reel over and lightly tap the reel in your hand to slide the silver clutch bearing from the housing.
5. For right hand retrieve, the numbers on the clutch bearing should face down (or toward the frame side of the clutch bearing housing).
6. Insert the clutch bearing into the housing making sure it lines up with the carbon disc tabs and is seated fully in the base of the housing.
7. Insert the shaft and cone assembly and turn clockwise until snug to secure the drag assembly. Use the supplied hex key to tighten the set screw to ensure the grooved cap is tight and locked.

Care and Maintenance

To extend the life of this reel, Sage recommends the following maintenance tips:

- Reduce the drag pressure to the lowest setting when the reel is not in use, and store in the neoprene reel case away from extreme heat.
- Remove all sand and grit from the reel by rinsing with cool fresh water and drying thoroughly.
- After use in saltwater, pay special attention to cleaning the reel, as saltwater can leave a sticky residue that will harden over time if not properly cleaned and dried.