

DOUBLE BEARING REEL

Abstract

A double-bearing reel includes a reel frame having an upper portion and a lower portion, a handle rotatably mounted on said reel frame, a spool rotatably mounted within the reel frame, a level winding mechanism, and a rotation-transmitting mechanism for transmitting rotation of the handle to the spool. The reel frame includes a mounting section provided in the lower portion for mounting on a fishing rod and a thumb-accommodating section provided in a front portion of the upper portion for gripping together with the fishing rod. The reel frame further has defined in the front portion between the thumb-accommodating section and the lower portion an opening for introducing a fishline into the reel. The spool is rotatably mounted within the reel frame behind the opening. The level winding mechanism has a line guide disposed between the opening and the spool, and a reciprocating motion mechanism for causing the line guide to move in a reciprocating fashion synchronously with rotation of the spool in at least one direction of rotation.

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