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- 1 Drag Knob Screw
- 2 O-Ring 1
- 3 Drag Knob
- 4 O-Ring 2
- 5 Drag Knob Clicker Spring
- 6 Drag Knob Clicker
- 7 Drag Nut
- 8 Spring Washer
- 9 Spacer
- **10** Pin
- 11 Spindle Nut
- 12 Drag Knob Stopper

13 O-Ring 3 14 Frame 15 Foot 16 Foot Screw 17 Push Plate 18 Drag Washer 19 Drag Disc 1 20 Drag Disc 2 21 Drag Disc 3 22 Spring Clip 23 One-Way Bearing 24 Bearing Bushing

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25 Spindle 26 O-Ring 4 27 Frame Lid 28 O-Ring 5 29 Brass Bushing 30 S.S. Bushing 31 Clicker Housing 32 Clicker 33 Clicker Spring 34 O-Ring 6 35 Counter Weight Screw 36 Spool

37 Counter Weight 38 Quick-Release Key 39 Quick-Release Spring 40 Quick-Release Cover Pad 41 Quick-Release Cover 42 Quick-Release Cover Screw 43 Handle Shaft 44 Handle Knob 45 Handle Washer 46 Handle Screw

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# INTRODUCTION

With a proven, sealed drag system and the benefits of a large-arbor reel, the Hydros<sup>®</sup> Reel offers maximum line pick up, optimum drag consistency, and superior fish-stopping power.

- Center line drag with a carbon and stainless steel surface to fight big fish
- Precision-machined and anodized from 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum
- Heavily ventilated for optimum weight and balance on your fly rod
- Indexed drag knob for repeatable drag adjustment

### DRAG OPERATION

Hydros Reels feature a dependable center line drag system. To adjust the drag, turn the knob (**FIGURE 1**) clockwise to increase resistance, and counterclockwise to decrease it. The minimum drag setting should never be less than the pressure required to prevent over-running of the line on fast runs. Additional drag may be applied by palming the spool rim with your fingers or palm. The easy drag adjustment is infinitely variable, providing wide-ranging and controllable settings.



The spool release is located in the middle of the reel spool. To remove, depress the spool release latch while simultaneously lifting the spool out of the reel body.

## **RIGHT-HAND CONVERSION**

All Hydros Reels have the drag factory installed for left-hand wind. The wind direction can be changed at Orvis retail stores and authorized Orvis dealers. To change

the wind direction yourself, insert the included spanner driver tool into the holes on opposite sides of the frame lid (PART #27), and rotate the tool counter-clockwise to remove the frame lid. Remove the one-way bearing and its bushing (PARTS #23 & #24) and flip over (**FIGURE 2**). Key the bearing and bushing into the surrounding stainless steel discs, and replace the frame lid using the spanner driver tool.

## **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

Your new Hydros reel has been properly lubricated prior to shipping. When the spool is assembled on the frame, the drag system is completely sealed and impervious to corrosive elements. It requires no additional maintenance. After the reel has been used in saltwater, or if it experiences excessive contact with dirt or sand, the reel should be rinsed with freshwater with the spool still attached to the frame.

**NOTE:** When not in use, the drag should be loosened completely.



FIGURE 2 (PARTS #23 & #24)

| <b>HYDROS<sup>®</sup></b><br>Capacity Chart |     |     |     |     |            |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| LINE WEIGHT                                 | Ι   | II  |     | IV  | <b>V</b> * |
| WF1   | 100 |     |     |     |            |
| WF2   | 75  |     |     |     |            |
| WF3   | 50  | 150 |     |     |            |
| WF4   |     | 125 |     |     |            |
| WF5   |     | 100 | 150 |     |            |
| WF6   |     |     | 125 |     |            |
| WF7   |     |     | 100 | 225 |            |
| WF8   |     |     |     | 200 |            |
| WF9   |     |     |     | 175 | 250        |
| WF10  |     |     |     |     | 225        |
| WF11  |     |     |     |     | 200        |

#### **HYDROS REEL SPECIFICATIONS**

I Reel | weight: 4.7 oz. | 3.1" Diameter II Reel | weight: 5.0 oz. | 3.4" Diameter III Reel | weight: 5.5 oz. | 3.7" Diameter IV Reel | weight: 6.6 oz. | 4" Diameter V Reel | weight: 7.7 oz. | 4.25" Diameter

# CAPACITY IN YARDS

All capacities are quoted using 20-lb. Dacron<sup>®</sup> backing. \*Hydros V Reel is quoted using 30-lb. Dacron<sup>®</sup> backing.

FIGURE 1

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# GUARANTEE

Your Hydros Reel is unconditionally guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship. Damaged reels can be repaired on an individual basis for a reasonable fee, and we do offer a reel cleaning and reconditioning service.

# **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions about the operation and maintenance of your new reel, Orvis Technical Advisors are always available.

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