



## IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

You have just made an investment in a precision Maxel fishing reel. It can last you for many seasons of fishing excitement. But, you have to take the responsibility for properly maintaining your reel after each use.

Every time you use your Maxel reel it is exposed to the salt water environment of our oceans. Variations in latitude and longitude can result in more or less salt in the water, but there will always be damaging salt wherever you use these reels. Salt is the enemy of your reel and when dissolved in water it can easily find its way into the intricate and expensive inner workings of the reel.

**No matter where you might have read it or from whom you heard it, flushing your tackle with water after use is not the way to care for your gear.**

The water sprayed from a dock hose is under some degree of pressure. It will force its way into the internal spaces of the reel and will take any dirt or SALT inside with it. This is especially true when the reel is sun hot and the hose water is some forty degrees (F) colder. The water and contaminants are almost sucked into the reel. Once inside, the water can damage non corrosion resistant parts and once dried, will leave dirt and corrosive salt behind to do further damage. The precision stainless steel ball bearings in these reels cannot be sealed against water penetration and still run freely. So, they can and will be damaged by flooding with water and especially with salt water.

The best recommendation we can make is for reel owners to use water displacing lubricants to clean their reels after use. Name brands such as WD-40, CorrosionX, etc. can be sprayed **lightly** over the reel and left for a few minutes to soak in and displace dirt and water (even salt water) from the reel surfaces. After a short time the excess surface lubricant can be wiped from the reel and it will be ready for the next use. **DO NOT FLOOD THE REEL WITH LUBRICANT.** A little is good. A lot is NOT better. Another idea that works well is to thoroughly spray a soft cloth with the lubricant and store it in a Ziplock bag. This can be used to wipe off excess lubricant after each trip or as a quick-clean cloth when pressed for time. It will also clean up rods and guides, too. The light coating of lubricant left on the surfaces of the reels or rods will help to protect them on the next use. Any of the lubricant that might get inside the reel will only help protect the internal parts.

We want you to enjoy your Maxel reel for a long time.

Your proactive maintenance will help insure that happens.