

Information about care of your combination reel

Combination reels by *Henschel Reels*® are designed to be maintenance free. There is no need to oil or grease the reel. To oil the drag, or brake, would put it out of action and create the need for it to be replaced. But one does have to care for the reel particularly after use in saltwater.

It is very important to clean the reel carefully.

When should the reel be cleaned? As soon as possible after fishing.
What is needed to clean the reel ? Warm water, a little bit of soap, and a toothbrush.

To clean the reel properly the spool must be removed from the housing or frame.

Tighten the drag, or brake, slightly in order to seal the drag washers.

Turn the screw on the **housing side** with a coin as shown. Don't use a screw driver as it will damage the slot. The screw has a fine thread and you can apply enough power with a coin to remove or tighten the screw.

When putting the spool back onto the housing, take care that the little pin in the housing fits into the hole in the axle.



CAUTION : Do not remove the screw of the handle side of the reel. There is a danger that the lubrication will leak out of the reel and the seal cannot protect against dirt and water. The axial play can also be misadjusted. If you are curious about how the inside of the reel operates and looks, please refer to the schematic that comes with each reel. The screw and alignment is secured with Loctite and one should keep it that way, otherwise the function of the reel cannot be guaranteed.



Be sure to clean not only the places you know and can see that have been in contact with saltwater, but also any places you suspect have come into contact with saltwater.

Clean the reel as shown. Rinse and dry thoroughly and then reassemble the reel.

It is advisable to clean all of the line and backing that have come into contact with saltwater each day after its use so that they function properly.

Each week, or after a saltwater fishing trip, the line and backing should be removed from the spool, washed, rinsed and dried out of excessive heat. The line and backing can then be put back onto the spool. The annoying work of spooling can be eased with a spooler and an electric drill.