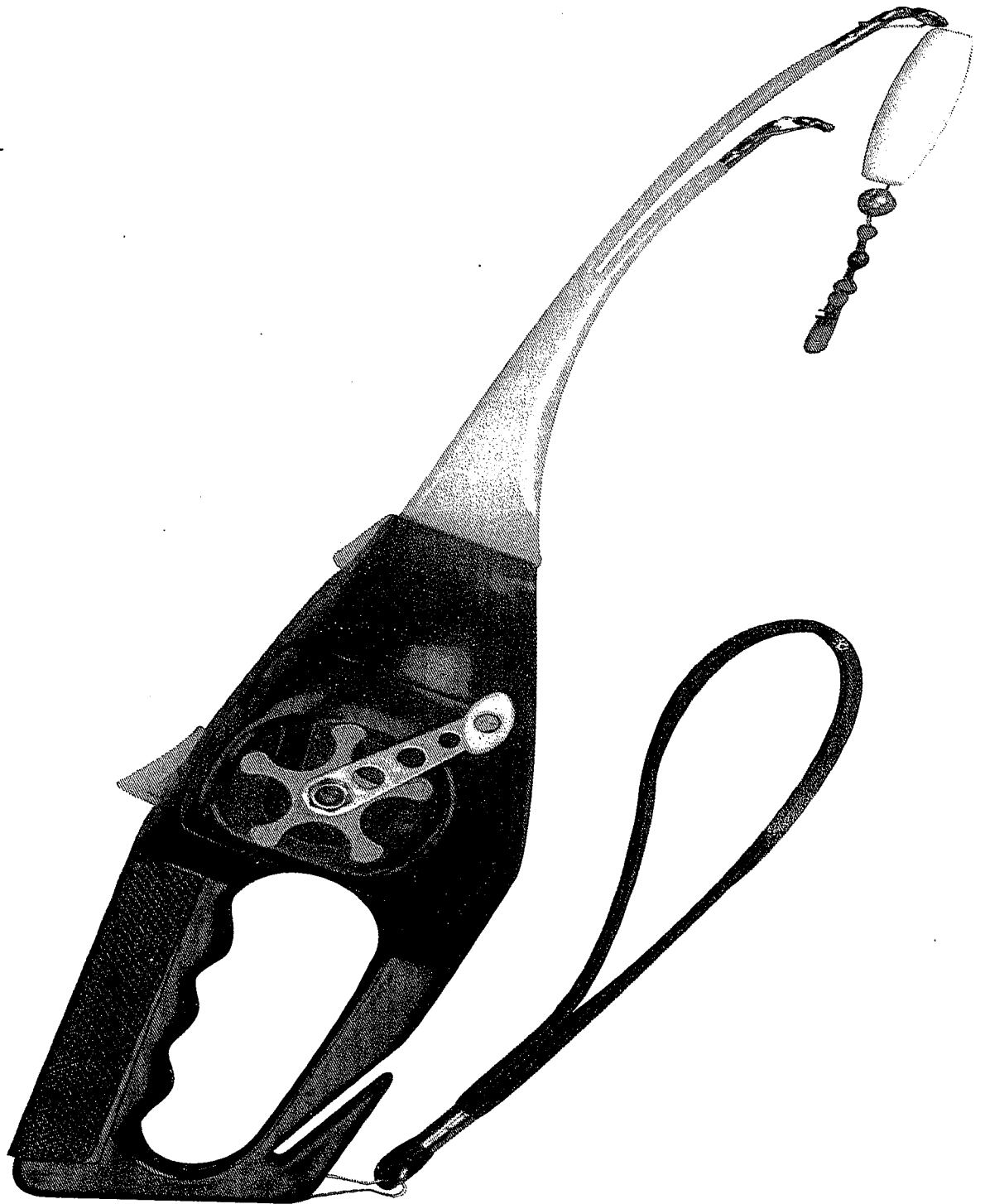
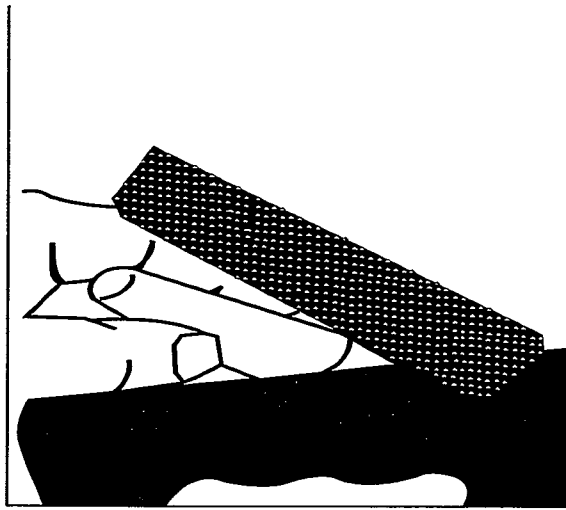


# **Popeil™ Pocket Fisherman™**





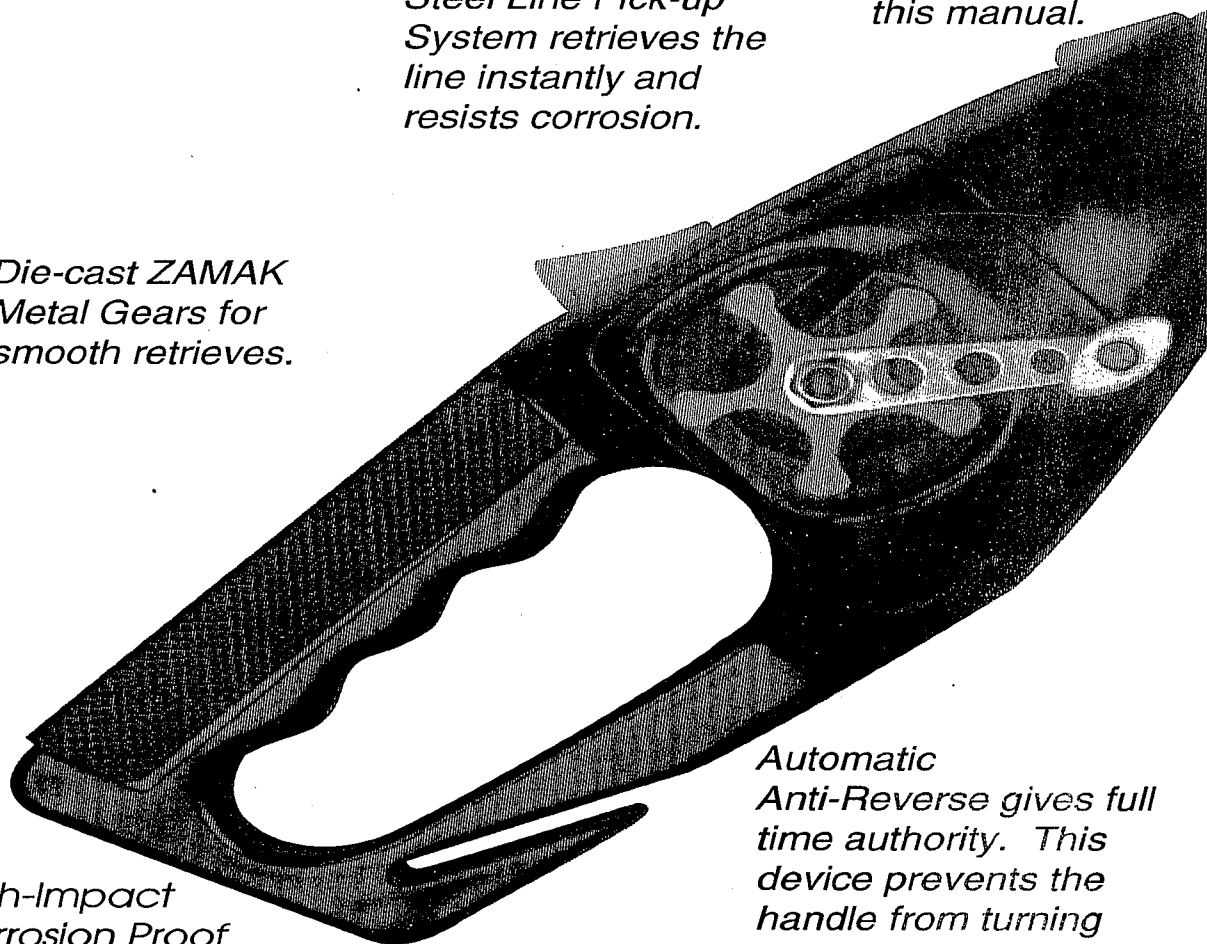
## ***Mini Tackle Box***

*Lift scored section on top of grip. This is cover for mini-tackle box. Remove hook, sinker, and bobber. Close cover after removing.*

*20 Point Stainless Steel Line Pick-up System retrieves the line instantly and resists corrosion.*

*Wide-Range STAR DRAG for precise control. Instructions for setting the drag are given later in this manual.*

*Die-cast ZAMAK Metal Gears for smooth retrieves.*



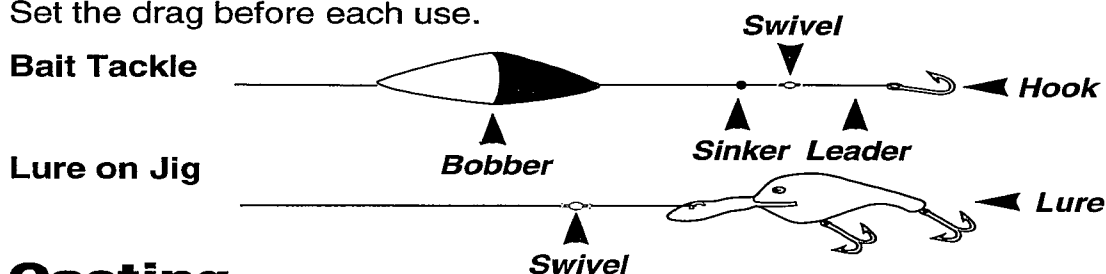
*High-Impact Corrosion Proof Casing and Frame minimize maintenance and withstand the elements.*

*Automatic Anti-Reverse gives full time authority. This device prevents the handle from turning backwards. It's always ready for the fish to strike.*

# Get Acquai

## Getting Ready to Fish

Run the line through rod guides and tie on bait to the swivel tackle or lure. Reel in until bait or lure is hanging down a few inches below rod tip. Set the drag before each use.



## Casting

- Depress and hold the thumb brake to disengage the line for casting.
- Hold the thumb brake down firmly during the back cast.
- Point the rod tip slightly above the target, then lift the rod back swiftly with the wrist and forearm, allowing momentum of the lure to flex the rod.
- Without hesitation, carry the cast back toward the target with a quick, accelerated forward action of the wrist and forearm.
- Release the thumb stop during the forward stroke to cast the line.

**NOTE:** if the lure goes too high in the air, you released the line too soon. If it ends up right in front of you and short of the target, you let it go too late.

To help control the cast, many experts let the line run between their thumb and index finger of the left hand to "feather" the line after the lure is on its way to the target. Feathering allows pinpoint accuracy to bring the line to a slow, gentle stop.

## Line Retrieve

To retrieve, switch the rod to the left hand and turn the reel handle forward with the right hand to engage the line pickup.

## Playing the Fish

After a fish has been hooked, always keep a bend in the rod during the fight by keeping the rod at an angle to the fish. When the fish is not taking a lunge against the drag, we recommend using the rod to "pump" the fish. then quickly reel the line while lowering the rod tip and prepare to "pump" again. Reel in between pumps. This technique helps prevent overworking of the reel, cushions the line against shock, and minimizes line tangle and twist caused by reeling in against the drag or reeling slack line. Most importantly it lets you concentrate on catching fish.

**NOTE:** Just press down on the thumb brake, reach back as shown in the illustration. Thrust forward releasing the thumb brake at moment just before you finish the forward pitch.



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## Setting the Drag (before you fish)

The drag system allows line to be pulled from the reel under tension without breaking when a fish strikes or makes a quick run after being hooked. It also helps prevent the fish from getting unhooked. The star drag adjustment is conveniently located on the inside of the reel handle. Turn the drag star clockwise to increase the drag tension on the line. Turn counterclockwise to relieve tension. Set the drag by pulling the line from the reel against a small hand scale (such as a Zebco DeLiar). Adjust the drag to one-third to one-half the rated strength of the fishing line.

- A. When a fish runs, only light tension should be used.
- B. Too much tension may cause the line to break.

## A Few Lines About Line

Apply tension to the line while retrieving. Always maintain tension on the line. Raise the rod to remove slack from the line. Let the line flow between the thumb and index finger of the left hand before entering the reel (during lure retrieval only). This minimizes line winding problems, and cleans the line for another trouble-free cast. Line wound evenly onto the spool under tension also casts better.

## How to Tie the Line

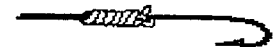
To successfully set the hook and land a fish, it is important that the line is tied properly. The improved Cinch Knot is one of the all-time favorites and one of the most widely used knots today.



*Run end of line through eye of hook or lure. Loop around standing part of line 5 or 6 times.*



*Thread tag end back between the eye and line coils as shown and then back through loop.*



*Pull up tight and trim tag end.*

## Check Line Condition

The last three feet or so of line should be checked frequently for cuts or abrasions which may substantially weaken the line and could result in a broken line and lost fish. Run the line through your fingers to check for this condition and cut off any bad line and retie to help prevent line breakage.

Line life is dependent on many factors. It should be replaced when old line is breaking easily, gets noticeably stiff or gives continuous trouble while casting. It's not a bad idea to change line after one year of normal use.

## Line Twist

This is usually caused by improperly installed line, or reeling against a slipping drag. To correct "line twist", troll line behind boat, or play it out in river current and rewind under tension. Never reel in when you hear the drag slipping. To help prevent twisted line always use a high quality ball bearing swivel at the end of your line.

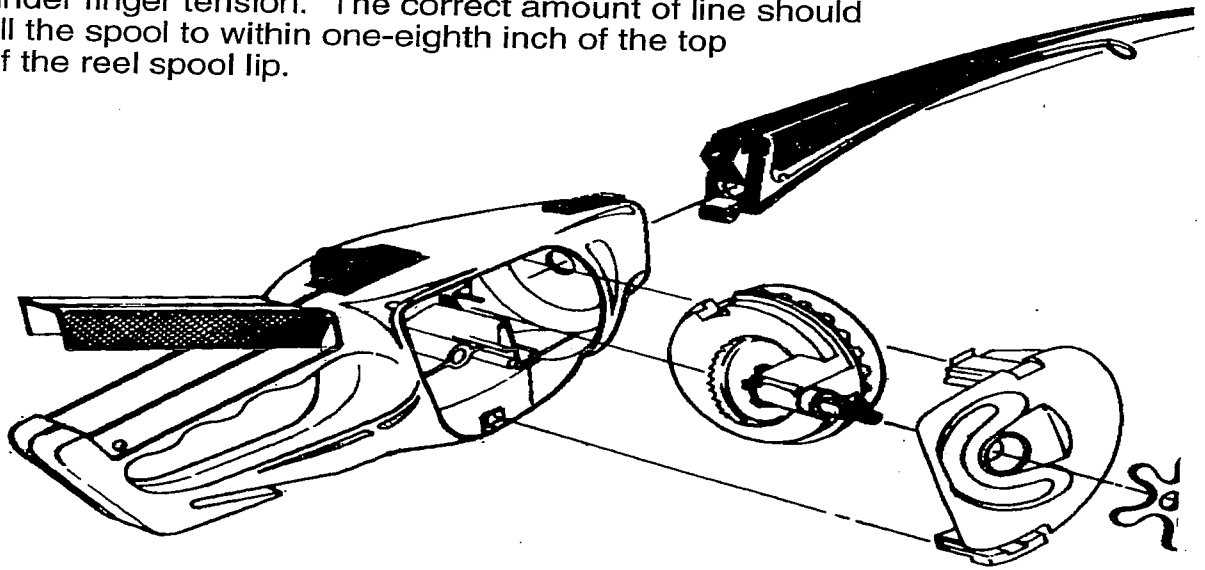
## Tackle Tip

Should your line ever get tangled or caught inside your reel, it can be easily resolved by removing the side cover and spinnerhead and cutting off the damaged line. Run line back through cover, reassemble, and you are ready to fish.

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## How to Install Line on Reel

Remove the snap-fit side cover by depressing the snap and pulling the cover away from the reel body. Thread the line through the first rod line guide, the second guide, then through the back of the rod and tie it on to the spool. Prior to winding, rotate the handle of the reel and determine which way the spinnerhead is rotating. Lay spool of line on its side so the line comes off in the same direction the spinnerhead is turning. Replace the side cover, being careful not to pinch the line. Start winding the line under finger tension. The correct amount of line should fill the spool to within one-eighth inch of the top of the reel spool lip.



## Recommended Maintenance

Your Ronco Popeil Pocket Fisherman is well designed and carefully built for years of durable service. But, as with any fine fishing instrument, your reel requires a reasonable amount of care to keep it in top working condition.

After a day's fishing: the reel should be rinsed inside and out with fresh water and dried. Then lightly oil and grease easily accessible parts. This is especially important if used for saltwater fishing.

For a more thorough cleaning: Remove the side covers to expose the working parts, remove the spool. Clean reel covers with a mild detergent and water. Using a small paintbrush or toothbrush, scrub and rinse all visible gunk from your reel. Allow to dry or dry with a soft cloth. Apply a light coating of reel grease to the gears, turning the handle as you do. Apply oil to the center shaft where it comes out of the front of the reel body, and oil the crank shaft where it comes through the side. Reassemble the reel and wipe off all oil and grease. Depending on fishing conditions, your reel should be disassembled, cleaned and relubricated after each fishing season. If dropped in sand or dirt, clean the reel thoroughly before using.

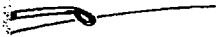
## How to Change Spool

Remove the side cover by depressing the snap and pulling the cover away from the reel housing. Remove coin slotted spinnerhead hex nut while holding spinnerhead firmly. Lift off spinnerhead. Remove spool clip with a coin. Completely loosen drag and lift off spool. Install new spool, aligning the groove in the spool boss with the rib on the spool I.D. Install spool clip, spinnerhead and spinnerhead nut. Bring the line through the line guide in front cover and screw front cover on clockwise. Set drag to desired setting.

# Fisherman™

## Frequently Used Fisherman's Knots

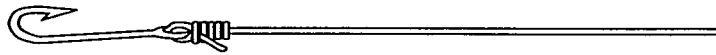
**The Cinch Knot:** This is the easiest and most often used general purpose knot for monofilament line. Use it for attaching hooks, lures, swivels, leaders, etc.



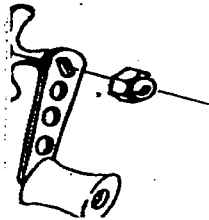
Line is wound with six or eight turns around itself (Step One) and end is brought through "eye".



End is then carried through loop made by line itself (Step Two).



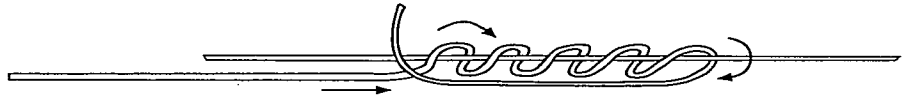
Line is cinched down snugly (Step Three). The harder anything pulls on the line, the tighter the knot cinches itself.



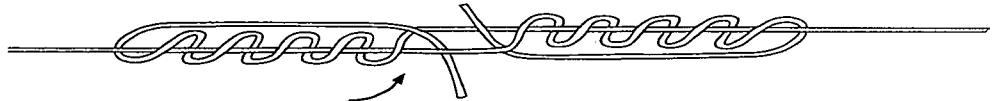
**The Blood Knot:** Used for joining lines or leaders of the same diameter. Excellent for tying monofilament to monofilament.



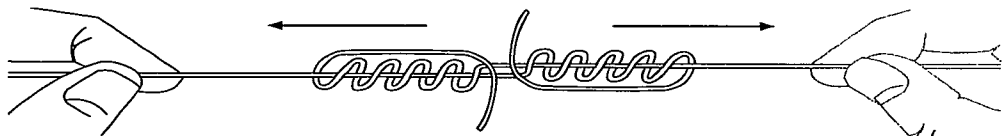
Line is first held in the left hand between thumb and index finger with 2/3 inches of line on either side.



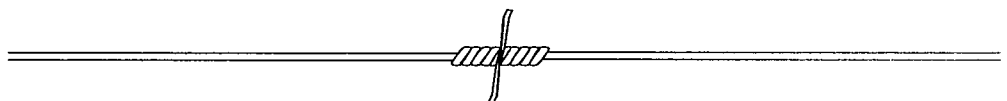
Line is wound 5 or more turns around the other line (clockwise) then return back between the lines.



Grip the knot just made with the right hand and repeat the left knot in a counterclockwise fashion similar to the right knot.

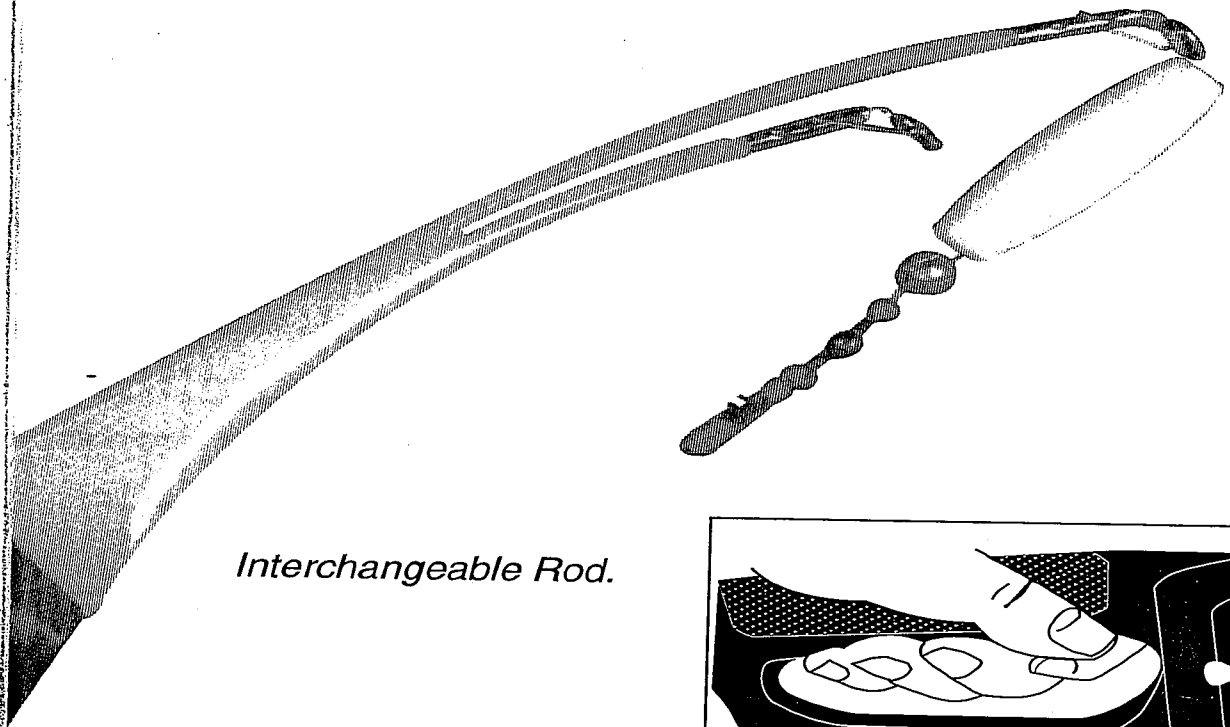


With both knots tied, grasp at both ends as pictured and pull.



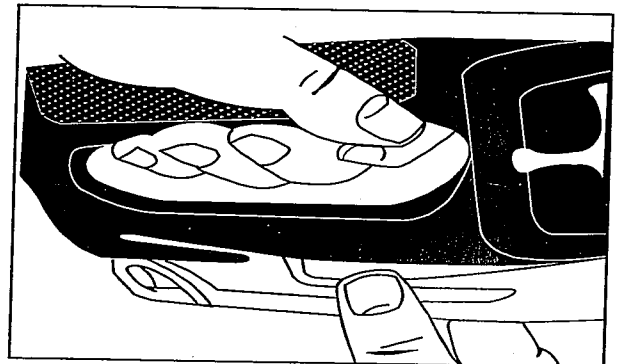
When finished, trim excess material. A neat knot will go through guides well.

# Important Features You Should Know.



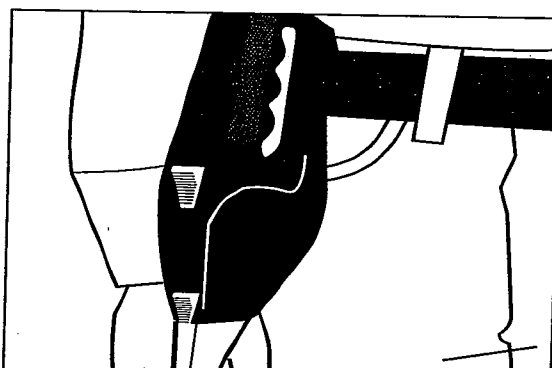
*Interchangeable Rod.*

*Side Cover Access  
push button and snap  
on/off side cover to  
access reel.*



## **Set Up Rod**

*Double-flex rod is hinged into  
closed position when stored  
away. Simply unfold from this  
position until it snaps into fully  
extended position.*



## **Safety Feature**

*Pocket Fisherman  
has a molded  
convenience slot  
which permits you to  
hang it on your  
belt if you need  
both hands free.*

## **The Popeil™ Pocket Fisherman™ Warranty**

Ronco Fishing Products, Inc. warrants to the original owner of this product that it is free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of six months from date of purchase, providing the Owner Registration Card has been completed and returned to us within thirty (30) days from the original purchase date.

The manufacturer's obligation shall be limited to repairing or replacing in Chatsworth, California, any part of the product which is defective. Such warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from tamper, cosmetic damage, acts of God, accidental breakage, abuse, negligence, neglect or misuse.

If you must return the product for reasons of malfunction within the six month warranty period, the following action and steps are required.

1. Package securely to protect from damage or breakage in shipment.
2. Ship prepaid to Ronco Fishing Products, Inc. by the most convenient method. Enclose \$8.90 to cover return shipping, handling and insurance. Ronco Fishing Products, Inc. will repair or replace your Popeil™ Pocket Fisherman™ and return it to you prepaid.

If you return the product after the six month warranty period, enclose \$14.85 plus \$8.90 for shipping, handling and insurance to cover return to you from Ronco. We will replace/repair your Popeil™ Pocket Fisherman™ and return it to you prepaid.

Even if not required, the rights in this warranty are granted to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Return of owner registration card is not a condition precedent to warranty coverage.

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