

Operation Instructions

Bowfishing Check List

- ✓ Check for any loose parts on sight, quiver, rest, etc. and tighten.
- ✓ Inspect the bowstring and cable. If either is frayed or has broken strands, replace it before using. If the protective servings are loose or have come undone, either have the string re-served or replace it.
- ✓ Check the bow limbs for cracks or splits. If any limb appears damaged, **DO NOT USE** bow. Take the bow to a qualified pro shop and have it looked at by a trained professional or call AMS Bowfishing directly for service options.
- ✓ Check your cam and idler wheel for dents or gouges that can damage the bowstring. Do not use bow until repaired or replaced.
- ✓ Check your arrows. Look for cracks or loose fibers in the shaft which can cause slivers and misguided arrows. Look at the AMS EverGlide® Safety Slide® and shock pad. Make sure it is moving freely on the shaft and that the shock pad is tight beneath the screw.
- ✓ Check line for frays and knots. Replace line that is badly frayed. Twisted line causes knots. Twists can be worked out by removing the arrow and pulling all the line from the bottle over an open area and slowly retrieving the line back into the reel.
- ✓ Make sure the trigger guard is securely attached to the bow riser. It prevents excess loose line from entangling with trigger.
- ✓ Use polarized sunglasses for day shooting. They reduce glare dramatically on the water and make fish easier to see. Use safety glasses at night.
- ✓ Sun protection, gloves and cell phone.

Line Care & Maintenance

Inspect line regularly for wear and replace or cut back as needed. The AMS Retriever® should operate smoothly. Twisted line can cause tangles. If it is twisted, reel the line in slowly, removing any twists as you go or hold the line a few feet from the arrow and let the arrow untwist freely. If there is any binding or mis-feeding see adjustment instructions.

Adjustment Instructions

Shooting

AMS Retriever® reels work best when the line is wet. Toss your arrow by hand into the water to wet the line before shooting. Nock the arrow with the slide in front of the arrow rest and the shock pad up. Tighten the line to the Retriever® and use the line retainer found on the side of the reel.

When shooting, there are no buttons to push before the shot. Just draw, aim and shoot. When you shoot, the EverGlide® Safety Slide® glides to the tail of the arrow and stops at the shock pad. Recommended for arrow speeds of 145 fps or less.

1. Nock your arrow and place it in your arrow rest with shock pad up.
2. Always keep the EverGlide® Safety Slide® in front of arrow rest.
3. Tighten the line between your AMS Retriever® and arrow and push it into line retainer found on the front, outside edge of your reel.
4. There are no buttons to push. Just draw, aim and shoot.

Retrieving

To retrieve the arrow, pull the trigger lightly with the index finger of your bow hand and crank the handle with the other.

To retrieve fish, the most exciting way is by taking the line in hand over hand. The AMS Retriever® is designed with zero drag. It does not have an adjustable fighting drag, but you can control line release using your trigger. With a little practice you can fight your fish by pumping your bow and taking up slack line on the down stroke.

