



TECH IT OUT

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U.S. REELS 180 SPINNING AND SC1000 BAITCASTING REELS

It was just a few short years ago that U.S. Reel made a splash on the tackle market with their wide spool, long distance casting concept and one spinning reel model. Since then, they have expanded their line to include five different spinning reel series and two unique baitcasting series.

ULTRA-LIGHT

Each of the spinning series includes three models ranging from ultra-light to light, with the 180 ultra-light models being the latest addition to the spinning reel lineup. I fished the 180XL over the course of the past year and found it to be one of the sweetest little ultra-lights I have ever fished. A good drag is always high on my priority list and the reel's patent pending SDS Drag System was smooth and steady with no grabbing at the start. Its light weight (it weighs in right around 6.5 ounces) makes it a perfect fit for today's super light ultra-light rods, and the wide spool design satisfies a basic law of physics in producing noticeably longer casts. This feature was also a factor in allowing me to throw the lightest of marabou jigs with no problem.

OTHER FEATURES

The SuperCaster 180XL features InfiStop III anti-reverse, five ball bearings (four stainless) and comes with a spare spool. If you are looking for top quality components in the same reel, check out the new SuperCaster 3G Series and the SuperCaster Pro Series. Both of these higher end series

include the 180 in their lineup and feature stainless steel shafts and better quality bearing systems.

UNIQUE BAITCASTER

Unveiled at this past summer's ICAST show was U.S. Reels entry into the baitcasting market with a uniquely designed levelwind system that is sure to catch the attention of any fan of baitcasting reels. The most significant feature of the SC 1000 and SC 1000 Pro is their ABLe (Angled Bar Levelwind) Levelwind System, which produces longer casts by replacing the traditional levelwind guide system.

The ABLe Levelwind relies on a rotating angled bar which eliminates the friction of a levelwind eyelet, and also eliminates the angle created by line coming off the spool through the levelwind guide. That angle is frequently the cause of backlashes because when the angle becomes too sharp, it causes the spool to hesitate, and then accelerate during the cast.

CONTACT INFO

The new baitcaster should be on the market in early 2009 so be sure to check it out at your favorite tackle shop. If you can't wait, check out the complete line of U.S. Reel's rods and reels at usreel.com or call them at 314-962-9500. 🐟

