

# SNAPPER INSTRUCTIONS

## **How does the Snapper work?**

When you use the Snapper hook setting system, you can let a fish have up to 2 feet of slack line by using the bobber that comes in the system, or you can have it so there is no slack at all before the fishing rod sets the hook in the fish. Here is how the Snapper works, when the bobber gets tight, the steel trigger shaft on the end will drop down and the angle on the trigger pin changes and the fishing rod slips off the trigger pin setting the fishing rod in motion to set the hook in the fish. You run over to the Snapper and take the fishing rod out of the rod holder and fight the fish on the rod and reel. This instruction book will help you understand how to use the Snapper and how to fine tune the Snapper hook setting system. For more detailed info please check out our website and YouTube pages.

## **Parts of the Snapper :**

**Rod holder (use / storage positions)**

**Rod holder knob system**

**Rod holder / metal plate**

**Base adjusting knob**

**Three holes on top / Stabilizer arm**

**Bobber**

**Trigger system**

**Black adjusting tool**

**Rod holder** adjustments are done by loosening up the Rod holder knob on the side of the Snapper, this will allow the rod holder to be flipped up from the underside of the Snapper (Storage position) to the in use position on the top of the Snapper system. When you have the rod holder in place make sure to tighten the knob so the rod holder can't flip the fishing rod out of the holder.

**Rod holder metal plate knob:** This knob is on top of the snapper by the rod holder it is very small it can be loosed so the metal plate can be adjusted to any angle you want to use. When you have the angle you want, tighten the knob so the plate doesn't move. NOTE: You can adjust this piece to give you more or less hook set power in the rod you want to use.

**The metal plate:** Is the stop for the rod holder its metal and used as a stop for the rod holder. The more the rod holder is closer to 90 degrees the more hook set power you can get out of the fishing rod. There is a small scale on the side of the Snapper and there is a slit on the top of the metal plate to line up as a reference. (A good angle to start off at is a 45 degree rod holder angle). When you have the rod holder plate to the angle you want you can tighten up the small knob on top. You can then move the rod holder so it touches the metal rod holder plate then tighten down the knob on the side of the Snapper. (REMEMBER) If you don't tighten down the rod holder knob the rod could fly out of the Snapper, if the system goes off prematurely.

When you're done at the end of the day you can just loosen up the rod holder knob on the side of the Snapper and flip the rod holder so it goes in the storage position like it is packaged. There is no need to adjust the rod holder plate if you plan on using the same fishing rod you just used.

**Base adjusting knob** is on the top of the base of the Snapper, the purpose of this knob allows you to extend or retract the two base parts so you can make the Snapper longer or shorter to receive rods from 20" to 50" in length. The retracted position you can use rods 20" to 27" longer rods 33" to 35" pull the product apart to 8 to 10 inches on the scale for longer rods like 42 to 50 you can have it all the way extended, you can also use the scale to measure your fish. You can adjust the base tighter to create more hook set in the fishing rod or extend it out to get less hook set out of the fishing rod you want to use.

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**The three holes on top** of the base are where the stabilizer arm is fastened and these holes are there to assist you in adjusting the system for different rods and getting the best stabilization for the system. The hole closest to the rod holder is the hole for longer rods 50" to 30" and is how you should see the system when you purchase it. The hole in the middle can be used for rods to 27" to 24". The hole in the front allows you to use rods to 27" to 20" in length. Just remove the knob from the bolt and slip the blot into the hole you want then tighten them back up. When you loosen up the big knob on top, the base and the Stabilizer also move so you can put it in the (in use position) which would make the stabilizer arm perpendicular to the base. Don't forget to tighten down the top knob when you're fishing. If you don't the fishing rod may have enough power to separate the two halves of the base a little. The stabilizer allows you to have a stable platform to control the fish from tipping it over on its side. There are 2 holes drilled in the arm to screw it to the ice if you want.

**The top Base adjusting knob** and bolt can be removed and our summer fishing adapter kit can be put in place so you can use this system on your boat or on a dock in the summer if you desire. [See store website for more info].

**The Bobber** is a key of the product so if you're missing fish let the fish have more slack by pulling the bobber down toward the base a little more. This allows the fish to swim away with the bait longer getting it in their mouth better before the fishing rod sets the hook. (Example) I will put the bobber about 3 to 5 inches down when I fish for Trout, Northern pike, Pickerel, Bass, Catfish and Blue-gills. If I miss a fish I can adjust the bobbars down so they get a little more slack line before the rod sets the hook. When I use the Snapper for less aggressive fish like Walleye, Perch and Crappie, I will pull the bobber all the way to the base. This allows the fish to take the bait in their mouth better because you are letting them have more time to swallow the bait. If they swallow the bait too much I can take out some of the slack line by raising the bobber. I prefer to hook the minnows in the front part of the dorsal fin rather than in the tail because all fish swallow fish head first and by just doing this one tip you will improve your catch rates.

**The trigger system** works like this, open the clip on the top of the Snapper so the trigger can be moved out of the trigger storage area. Push the trigger up out of the storage slot on the end by the guide and grab the trigger shaft. Pull the trigger shaft up and away from the Snapper this will stand up the spring steel trigger holder so it is vertical. (It needs to click in the grooves on the Snapper). When your done fishing, release it by just pushing the two sides of the trigger holder together a little and it should drop down to the storage position lay the trigger in the slot and turn the clip to the top of the trigger so it locks the trigger down in the stored position.

**Black adjusting tool** There is a small flat tool that you can use to adjust the trigger pin for the exact tension release you want. You can move the trigger nut with the small cutout on the black tool for the fine tuning of the rod you want to use.

**The trigger pin** is a very important part of the Snapper. The black tool has a slit in it that can be placed over the trigger pin on the trigger.

The trigger pin can be adjusted toward the rod holder on the Snapper to make the release tension harder for the fish, this allows you to use larger baits and tune the Snapper to the exact release you want because of the bait you want to use that day.

For light biting fish like small trout, small salmon, perch, crappie, and blue-gills you can adjust the trigger pin away from the rod holder on the Snapper this will make the trigger very sensitive.

Don't worry about breaking this pin on the trigger it is very durable it can take a lot of bending. We have placed a lifetime warranty on the trigger to give you peace of mind. So have fun with the Snapper hook setting system and take some pictures and videos of your catch and feel free to share them on social media.

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