



AERATION

THE HOSE AND STONE ARE MISSING FROM MY AERATOR.

In most models, the hose and stone are stored inside the battery compartment. Turn the black knob on the back of the aerator to open the compartment to locate the hose and stone.

LANDING NETS

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HANDLE TYPES FRABILL OFFERS FOR ITS LANDING NETS?

At Frabill, we offer a variety of handle types for our fishing nets. The main categories you'll see are: fixed, collapsible, extendable and telescoping.

A fixed handle is just what it sounds like – a handle that stays fixed. It's always the same length. A collapsible or sliding handle collapses inward, sliding into the hoop for easier, compact storage. An extendable handle extends from its standard length to an even longer handle, providing multiple options to reach your catch. A telescoping handle combines both the previous designs, making it both collapsible and extendable. Simply twist to extend or collapse to your preferred length, then twist again to lock in place.

Outside of these main handle types, we offer multiple specialty handles that combine functionality of our core designs to improve the ease of use and dependability. These handle designs include our Power Extend™, Bearclaw™, HiberNet® and more.

MY LANDING NET HAS MESH NETTING BUILT INTO THE HOOP. CAN THE NETTING BE REPLACED?

The netting alone cannot be replaced, but in most cases you can purchase the hoop/net assembly.

I NEED A REPLACEMENT NET. WHICH ONE SHOULD I PURCHASE?

You'll need several measurements to select a replacement net.

First, measure the hoop size. Think of the hoop as a clock, with the handle at 6:00. Measure the width between 3:00 and 9:00, and the length from 12:00 to 6:00. Record the hoop size as 'width x height' (e.g. 20" x 23" or 32" x 41")

Next, select a type of netting from the list below:

Rubber: Great for catch and release, 100% tangle-free, very heavy

Mesh or Knotless: Good for catch and release, dipped versions nearly tangle-free, lightweight

Nylon: Extremely strong/durable, dipped to be nearly tangle-free, usually knotted

Polyurethane (Poly): Durable, dipped versions nearly tangle-free, usually knotted

Last, determine the cost you are comfortable with. Sometimes it isn't feasible to put new netting on a basic fishing net. With shipping and handling, it may cost you more to replace the netting than it would to purchase a new, complete net.

HOW DO I CARE FOR MY HIBERNET®?

Rinse the net after fishing. Before storing long term, open and thoroughly dry the netting. Occasionally lube the slide mechanism in the channel with reel lube.

I'M HAVING TROUBLE OPENING/CLOSING MY HIBERNET®.

To open, point the hoop end down. Grasp the slide mechanism with one hand and push it toward the hoop end. The hoop should slide out of the handle. Place your other hand just behind the slide mechanism. Sometimes it helps to steady the back part of the handle snugly against your body.

To close, first rinse and dry the netting. Ensure the netting is hanging free – not wrapped around the hoop. Place one hand on the slide mechanism and the other hand further back on the handle, then pull the slide mechanism toward you. Once the hoop has folded closed, slowly pull it into the handle.

I'M LOOKING FOR HELP WITH A SEINE NET.

Be sure the ends of the net and the bottom of the net are tight to keep minnows or bait from escaping. Do not use in water that is deeper than your seine net. If using in water with any sort of movement, generally you will want to use the seine going upstream for best results. When you finish using the net, look for a clear spot to lay it down in order to remove bait or your catch.

OPEN WATER

HOW DO I SELECT A TRAP TYPE?

Our crayfish and minnow traps are available in various shapes and sizes. Typically torpedo shapes are preferred for moving water with a current, and rectangular traps work best in calm water, though both can be used interchangeably. Rectangular traps also work well around underwater structures.

HAVE ANY ADVICE ON SETTING A TRAP?

The key to trap-setting success is proper positioning. Begin with a hand line that is long enough and strong enough for the intended use, plus anchors strong enough to keep the trap from washing away. In a current, point the entry down current as baitfish generally swim upstream. Calm water placements should be in areas clear of obstructions. Set your traps and mark them with a buoy. Leave them overnight and let the bait come to you.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I CHANGE WORM BEDDING?

As long as you don't overcrowd your worms or night crawlers, Super-Gro® worm bedding provides enough food to keep them healthy for up to six weeks. After this length of time we recommend that you change the bedding.

HOW MANY WORMS OR NIGHTCRAWLERS SHOULD I PUT IN BEDDING?

We recommend a maximum of 50 night crawlers or 100 smaller worms per pound of bedding.

ICE FISHING

WHERE CAN I PURCHASE A THIRD SEAT FOR MY SHELTER?

Most Frabill ice shelters are designed for two anglers. Some shelters may list that they can hold “two to three anglers,” but this does not include the number of available seats as sleds are not long enough to accommodate a third seat. Consider adding a bucket seat for a third angler instead.

THE WINDOW(S) IN MY SHELTER CRACKED IN THE COLD LAST YEAR. ARE REPLACEMENTS AVAILABLE?

Shelter windows are not covered under warranty.

HOW DO I SET UP A TIP-UP?

Follow these simple steps to get your Frabill tip-up in working order:

- 1) Spool tip-up with braided line.
- 2) Attach leader (either light test for finicky fish or wire leader for pike).
- 3) Determine desired depth of bait.
- 4) Meter out the equivalent amount of line from the spool.
- 5) Mark this spot with a line marker or small split shot. This will allow you to return to the same depth without having to measure each time.
- 6) Lower the weighted, baited hook into the water until you reach appropriate depth.
- 7) Fold flag over the top side of tip-up and turn spool release into a position that holds the flag down. Tip: For heavy baits, use line clip to prevent false flags.
- 8) Set tip-up over hole.

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MY FRABILL TIP-UP?

Tip-ups should spin freely with minimal effort. If they seem sluggish or sticky when pulling off line, it's time to re-lube. Most Frabill tip-ups feature an easily removable spool shaft to simplify re-lubing. Wipe old lube residue out of the spool shaft using a ramrod or other pipe cleaner, then squeeze a small amount of fresh lubricant into each end of the shaft tube. Re-insert the spool shaft in the tube using an in/out motion until the lube is evenly coated throughout. Put it all back together and you're ready to fish!

HOW DO I SELECT THE DEPTH FOR MY TIP-UP?

Different conditions can dictate where to set your bait. Generally setting within a foot of the bottom or above the tops of dense weeds is best so fish can see the bait. The best rule of thumb is to let the fish tell you where they want the bait. Experiment until you find where the bites are.

WHERE SHOULD I PLACE MY TIP-UP ON THE ICE?

Locate drop-offs and weed edges adjacent to deep water access. These are natural migration routes for game fish and will give you a better chance at locating active fish. Once you successfully locate an active area, concentrate your spread accordingly.

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MY FRABILL ICE FISHING REEL?

Most Frabill reels come pre-treated with Sub-Zero® lubrication. However, cold temperatures are especially hard on reels and can cause lubrication to dissipate to the point that the gears are almost completely dry. This will impede the reel's performance.

To make sure your reel actuates and cranks smoothly, check your reel regularly and re-lube when necessary. Make sure you use a lubrication that has been tested in low temperatures and clean out any old lube before re-applying. Lubricate the handle shaft, handle shaft channel, main drive, pinion gear and, of course, the spool shaft. But be careful not to overdo it; a small amount goes a long way. After reassembling your reel, crank it for several minutes to let the lube wear in and spread through all the necessary components.