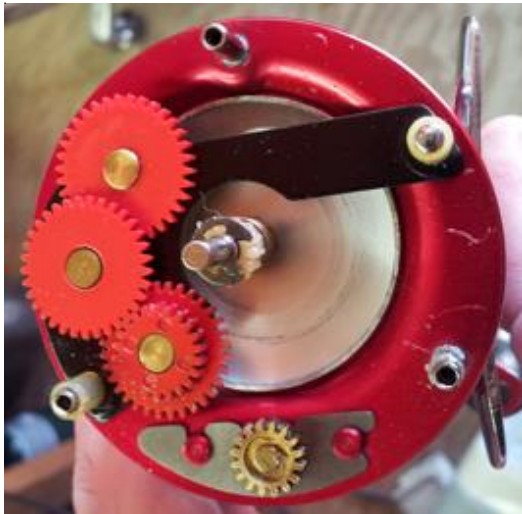


# Observation



**ADDING LEVEL WIND DISENGAGEMENT TO YOUR GARCIA AMBASSADEUR REELS**

On those Garcia Ambassadeur reels that do not have the level wind disengagement feature, a device is included as part of your V-SPOOL CONVERSION KIT that provides this added benefit. By completely freeing the spool from the driving mechanism, you get longer, smoother casts. It is very easy to install this component and requires only a thin flat-bladed screwdriver like the one originally furnished with your reel.

Every now and then reels with unusual specifications or features pop up. One such example is this Ambassadeur 5000 with strange parts inside it. Is this a prototype or a reel fitted with an after marked tuning set?

Turns out it is the last. The strange parts has nothing to do with ABU, but was supplied by a British company named Nautical Interiors Corporation. They made sets for a wide variety of reels including ABU and Daiwa. The idea was to achieve extended casting lengths by disconnecting the level wind mechanism. A special spool and centrifuge brake system was also included in the set. According to the manufacturer sets could be fitted to a reel without further modifications.

Does it work or not? Well, disengaging the level wind system during casting is one way of reducing loss of energy. I have tested my Ambassadeur 5000 reel fitted with this set and frankly it is hard to spot any real advantage. ABU, by the way, tested a centrifuge brake very similar to the one in the tuning set in the 1950s, but found it did not improve performance of their standard brake system.

Note: The sets shown in the pictures are for two different reel models.

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