

# Avet Big Game Drag Question

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Discussion in 'Avet Reels Support' started by Porgie Hunter, Jul 5, 2011.



1.

**Porgie Hunter Newbie**

Location:

Lynn, MA

Name:

Michael

Boat:

None

○ Messages:

(14)

○ Likes Received:

(0)

I purchased two Avet Pro EX30-2's and one Avet Pro EX50-2 and when I went to preset the drags I noticed that the rods were bobbing like a wood pecker. I know that the drags should not do this - it should be smooth and the rod should not bounce. I was not using a heavy setting either - I set them up with 17 lbs of drag at strike. I purchased these reels brand new and just used them for a shark trip - landed about 2-3 blue dogs on each setup. Has anyone else had any problems with the drag not being smooth and causing the rod to "wood pecker"? Will this go away after a couple more trips - or should I have the reels serviced? I am very happy with the product I just want to know how to fix this problem or if it will fix itself once the drag "burns" in a little more. Any information would be great.

Porgie Hunter, Jul 5, 2011

#1



2.

**Yerman Newbie**



**Location:**

**Palmdale**

**Name:**

**Brian**

**Boat:**

**None**

○ **Messages:**

**(722)**

○ **Likes Received:**

**(3)**

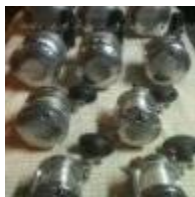
In my experience, this is normal for a new Avet. I have owned many Avets and serviced 10x more than I have owned and all of them start out like this.

In my opinion, you need to open them up and do a complete service including adding Cal's Grease to the drags. Then, I would mount your reels on the rod it is designed for, hook the line up to the back of your buddy's truck, put the reel in full, and have your buddy do about 5 or 6 fast 50 yards runs and re-test. If it is still jumpy, do another 5 or 6 runs. Repeat until smooth.

Avet will tell you not to grease their drags. It will void your warranty. They will also tell you that you need to "break in" your reel for it to smooth out and what you are experiencing is normal. For these reasons (and others), I no longer purchase Avets. However, I am happy with my "broken in" Avets and fish them all the time.

**Yerman, Jul 5, 2011**

**#2**



**3.**

**Cowbass SHUT UP AND FISH!!!!**

**Location:**

**NY,USA**

**Name:**

**JP**

**Boat:**

**TOPGUN**

○ **Messages:**

**(184)**

○ **Likes Received:**

**(1)**



I would read the test results on greasing the drags before you do anything... Grease proves to loose drag at high drag pressures... Make your own decision after reading... IMO I'd just fish them and let them break in naturally!

Cowbass, Jul 5, 2011

#3



4.

Locke N Load Newbie

Location:

Boston, MA

Name:

Tom

Boat:

friend's

○ Messages:

(417)

○ Likes Received:

(10)

My 50W was a little jumpy right out of the box. I hooked it to my bumper and had a friend speed off a hundred yards. Started with light drag and increased to about 25-30 pounds on the third and final run. Smooth as butter by then and has landed tuna with no issue.

No drag grease either on mine and I can get 52 at Strike and 60 at Full.

Locke N Load, Jul 6, 2011

#4



5.

Parker23dvsc Cranky

Location:

Nassau NY

Name:



FH

Boat:

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○ Messages:

(86)

○ Likes Received:

(0)

"Wood Pecker" WTF! 🤡 🤡

Parker23dvsc, Jul 6, 2011

#5



6.

**Swarthy Dago Coredor de las olas**

Location:

USA

Name:

My name is Nobody

Boat:

n/a

○ Messages:

(3,816)

○ Likes Received:

(1)

put it at 60 full and let him run with that !

"If you're not shootin', you should be loadin'. If you're not loadin', you should be movin', if you're not movin', someone's gonna cut your head off and put it on a stick."

Swarthy Dago, Jul 6, 2011

#6





7.

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**(0)**

Thanks for the info CowBass - I think I am going to just let the drags burn in naturally then - judging by your picture you are familiar with Avets. I don't want to void the warrenty on my reels and I know that the drag is designed to be run "dry", so with that being said I will just have to catch some smaller tuna to get them ready for serious battle. Do you guys wash these the same way you would wash other reels - some boat soap and a boat brush and then spray them down but try not to blast the reel with water for too long - then shake the excess water out of them?

**Porgie Hunter, Jul 8, 2011**

**#7**



8.

### **Double Z Newbie**

**Location:**

**Outside the Orange Curtain...**

**Name:**

**Harry S. Stamper**

**Boat:**

**Nope**

○ **Messages:**

**(10,528)**

○ **Likes Received:**

**(15)**



I hose mine off, let dry, then hit with CorrosionX. I then wipe off the excess and call it good. Remember, you still have SS screws and parts on an aluminum reel. A little protection goes a long way.

Double Z, Jul 8, 2011

#8



9.

**Cowbass SHUT UP AND FISH!!!!**

Location:

NY,USA

Name:

JP

Boat:

TOPGUN

○ Messages:

(184)

○ Likes Received:

(1)

I spray mine with fresh water every trip whether I fish it or not. Dry them with a towel... In winter they get a good going over and cleaning... I remove the reel foot and grease under it, all clamp screws, and between the foot and rod to avoid salt from sitting... Avet recommends complete submersion with drags engaged and free spool, cranking under water... My method has never failed me. I've never sunk my reels... I do a full service every year or two depending on use of each reel. Good luck

Cowbass, Jul 9, 2011

#9



10.

**Fishybuzz fishybuzz**

Location:



**Tucson**

**Name:**

**David Tang**

**Boat:**

**Intrepid**

○ **Messages:**

**(6,756)**

○ **Likes Received:**

**(3,052)**

**Seriously???? tie off to a truck and burn in the drags??? ....guess that's why I don't use Avets.....does anyone a better answer for the drag issues.**

**FG knot Pro Staff**

**Fishybuzz, Jul 9, 2011**

**#10**



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**TOPGUN**

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**(1)**

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**Cowbass, Jul 9, 2011**



#11



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Maybe I would if fish them the drags didn't need to be set by hitching them up to a truck...are you saying a jerky drag is not a issue?.....

I didn't realize you had to fish a Avet to post on this forum...glad you like your Avets.

Now go scold the guys on the anti reverse thread for being negative about Avets....lol

**FG knot Pro Staff**

**Fishybuzz, Jul 9, 2011**

#12



13.

**Steve K Hey, I'm gettin' bit...**

**Location:**



Bishop

Name:

Steve

Boat:

18' Bayrunner, but I like the American Angler and the Red Rooster III

○ Messages:  
(8,270)

○ Likes Received:  
(2,358)

Fishybuzz said: ↑

Seriously???? tie off to a truck and burn in the drags??? ....guess that's why I don't use Avets.....does anyone a better answer for the drag issues.

To borrow a line from willy: "Why, yes; yes I do." 😊

And to borrow a quote from Rick Ozaki, Avet reels rep:

"The bottom line is, no matter how much someone listens, researches, reads or peers into the crystal ball, they are always going to follow the method that they feel either makes the most sense or that which makes them more confident in their own ways."

Please take a look at this post and as much of the reply dialogue as you wish.

<http://www.bdoutdoors.com/forums/avet-reels-support/104954-grease-not-grease.html>

For me, it's a light coating of Cal's Grease and while the reel is open, degrease or at least add a drop of oil to the two spool bearings so that the spool will spin a little better.

If you want to "break in" your drags, hoping the first few fish take care of that jerky problem, go for it. Or if you really want to so that bumper hitch getaway car thing, I guess that's an option. But, I'm not willing to take the chance on dry drags that appear jerky. That's why mine are fished wet. Works for Accurate, too, as they are greasing their drags with Cal's grease at the factory.

Good luck!

Steve K - Longer Rods, Longer Boats, Longer Trips

Steve K, Jul 10, 2011

#13





## Fishybuzz fishybuzz

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Tucson

Name:

David Tang

Boat:

Intrepid

○ Messages:

(6,756)

○ Likes Received:

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Thanks Steve for some helpful information .....

FG knot Pro Staff

Fishybuzz, Jul 10, 2011

#14



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There isn't one reel made that cannot be improved upon straight out of the box. Ask Alan Tani. If all I have to do is break in the drag similar to bedding in new brake pads on my car then so be it. Since Accurate was brought up, why don't they disclose their drag numbers? Afraid too low? Too



inconsistent between reels? I don't know. But I know I won't buy one. Just not for me. It doesn't bother me if others like them.

Locke N Load, Jul 10, 2011

#15



16.

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I'm not sure anyone could tell which of my reels has been greased and which ones have not. I've read in the past that reels with grabby drags were found to have been contaminated with oil or something else. Try some Cal's grease. If that does not do it, send it in.

Double Z, Jul 13, 2011

#16



17.

**Halfprice Member**

**Location:**

**Whittier**

**Name:**

**Jerry**

**Boat:**



## Independence

○ Messages:

(270)

○ Likes Received:

(60)

Well now I'm confused. I just got a 30w and 50 sds. Grease or not to grease???????????? Pull with a truck to smooth the drags or let the first couple of fish do it????????????????

Well I guess I'll have to do a little more research. Was hoping to find the answers here. Guess not or did I????????????

Jerry

Halfprice, Jul 15, 2011

#17



18.

## 2 Hands Newbie

Location:

Scottsdale

Name:

Aaron

Boat:

Sold...

○ Messages:

(152)

○ Likes Received:

(0)

Every Avet Pro that I have used out of the box has been smooth as could be...and even better after a few fish.

After my last trip to Mexico, I'm switching out the last couple non-Avet trolling reels that I have...simply cannot miss with the Pro's (while we missed a few fish on others).

2 Hands, Jul 24, 2011

#18



19.



## Old&In The Way Newbie

Location:

Lake Forest, Ca.

Name:

Rex Whetzell

Boat:

none

- Messages:

(674)

- Likes Received:

(1)

Catch some tuna 50-100#, that will break in drag washers, then it should be very smooth. Tuna pull out line very quickly, so break in won't take long.

When you bite off more than you can chew, start chewing really fast!

Old&In The Way, Jul 25, 2011

#19