

MARK II TAGGING GUNS — OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

LOADING

1. Insert tag clip into round hole at top of gun.
2. Line up the slot in the needle with the slot in the gun.
3. Push clip down as far as it will go. Gun is now ready for use.

SUGGESTED TAGGING PROCEDURE

1. A clip of blank tags is provided for your practice tagging. We recommend that you practice tagging techniques on a practice fish, dissecting the fish to check your anchor placement.

2. Hold the fish **FIRMLY** in swimming position when it is tagged to reduce movement. Anesthetized fish should be held firmly as well. A squirming fish may bend the needle or cause injury. Flick off a scale with the needle tip to lessen the entry wound and to keep any scale from being forced into the fish.

3. Insert needle on the left side of the fish, forcing it forward through the dorsal rays toward the anterior of the dorsal. This placement should "lock" the T-bar firmly behind the rays.

4. Once the needle has been inserted, hold the gun firmly against the fish's body while compressing the handle. Compress the handle fully.

5. Twist the gun slightly so the tag stays as you withdraw the needle. Do not release the compressed handle until the needle has been withdrawn. Once withdrawn, release the handle slowly to make certain the next tag is fed into position for tagging. Failure to do so may cause the feed mechanism to skip.

6. Tug tag lightly to set.



IF YOUR GUN JAMS

1. Do not attempt to clear the jam by forcing through the mechanism. This could cause damage.
2. Remove the clip by pushing the white button on left side of gun.
3. Remove jammed tag from needle or gun. Inspect needle and gun for alignment. Re-insert clip into gun.

PROPER GUN AND NEEDLE CARE

1. Even stainless-steel guns operate better with proper cleaning and care, making your tagging procedures more efficient and productive.
2. Operate gun, without tags, in warm, soapy water to remove dirt, slime and scales.
3. Rinse carefully in warm (not hot) water. Shake and wipe dry.
4. Store in warm area to remove moisture from inside gun.
5. Lubricate with "WD-40" to prevent rust and reduce moisture.
6. When tagging under saline conditions, the gun should not be exposed to air any longer than absolutely necessary. A pan of fresh water should be kept at hand to "slosh" the gun continually. If tagging is interrupted, the gun and tags should be kept immersed in fresh water.



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