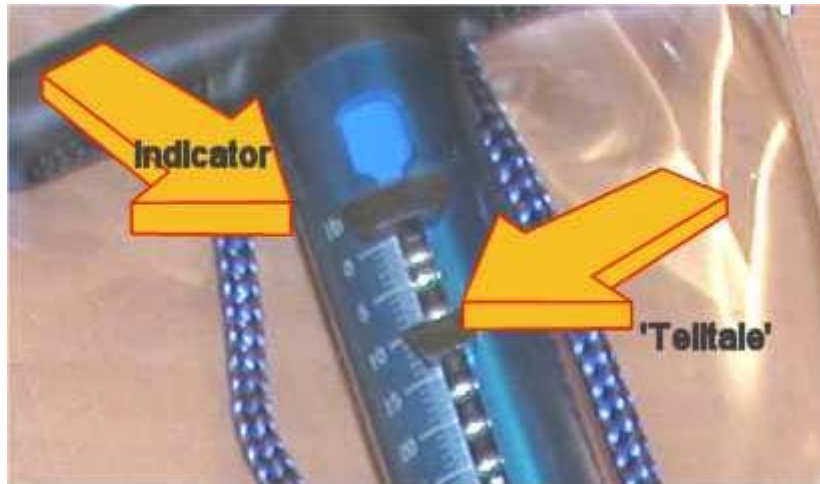


How To Use A Scale to Adjust Reel Drag

- With the reel mounted on the rod, thread the line through the guides, and tie it to the scale. It is important to do this on the rod, as the guides can and will have a significant impact on the drag adjustment and use. Try tying the grip of the scale with heavy twine or line, so when lifting the rod the scale is in line from the tip to the point it is tied off.
- Lift the rod tip slowly and pull against the scale as if you were fighting a fish.
- Check the pounds of force required to pull line off the reel. This can be done by one person by using the 'telltale' plastic piece that moves with the weight indicator, but remains at the highest point after relaxing the rod. Try to stay around 45 degrees since this is the optimum angle for adjustment.



- Adjust and check the drag force until you reach about 33% of the line pound-test rating. Many insist 25% is the correct target.