



AKONA

OWNER'S MANUAL
iKAYAK

DRIFTER
GRAND
GRAND XL

! READ FIRST !

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT PRODUCT
AND SAFETY INFORMATION



DRIFTER
Single Inflatable Kayak

Size: 9'L x 35"W
Capacity: 250lbs



GRAND
Single Inflatable Kayak

Size: 11'L x 34"W
Capacity: 300lbs



GRAND XL
Single Inflatable Kayak

Size: 14'5"L x 40"W
Capacity: 600lbs

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW iKAYAK!

Your NEW Inflatable Kayak represents the very best quality, craftsmanship and technical innovation in the industry. With proper care your kayak will give you years of paddling enjoyment. With knowledgeable use, it offer almost limitless paddling possibilites, at home or wherever your travels take you. To begin your adventure, check with your local dealer or paddling club for paddling opportunities in your area. Other paddlers are your best source for information regarding put-ins, take-outs, trips, etc.

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WARNING

Any person using a kayak built and/or sold by AKONA is personally responsible for determining that their abilities are equal or superior to the conditions encountered and can exercise proper judgement in choice of where and when to paddle. Any person using an AKONA Kayak assumes all risks and takes complete responsibility for any and all damages, or injuries including death, which may result from use of, or participation in AKONA Kayaks. Paddle sports can be very dangerous and physically demanding. The user of this product should understand that participating in paddle sports may involve serious injury or death. Observe the following safety standards whenever using this product.

INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY

Before hitting the water with your AKONA Kayak, read through these instructions to insure you have a safe and epic adventure.

IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

to read the owner's manual and instruct all users in the safe operation of these products. By using these products, you agree to the Terms and Conditions, Disclaimer and Warnings in this manual. Please read this manual prior to using these products and keep for future reference. As with any action sport, recklessness, inexperience, misuse or neglect of the equipment may result in serious injury or death.

LIMITED WARRANTY

We aim to provide our customers with high quality watersports equipment, but sometimes the unexpected happens. All AKONA Kayak products are provided with one year warranty on parts and manufacturer defects and a two year hull warranty. This excludes damage due to misuse, improper care, handling impact damage and light abrasions.

HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY

To obtain repair or replacement, call AKONA customer service at **1.800.774.447** or email AKONA at: recgroup@diversco.com

In the event of warranty claim, on initial contact, please attach the product name, your full name, address, phone number, brief description of the problem and proof of purchase date.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Depending on your location, it is strongly recommended that a US Coast Guard Approved PFD or Transport Canada Approved PFD (personal flotation device or life jacket) is used during a paddle outing. Check with your local government to see how rules apply to you before your first journey. Kayaks are classified as vessels and some states/countries require you to always have a PFD with you.
- Protect yourself by learning to read water and weather, and never leave shore in conditions for which you are unprepared. Consult local tide charts and maps, talk to experts and be aware of weather forecasts.
- We recommend bringing a buddy as it is always safer to paddle with a friend.
- Minors should not kayak without adult supervision.
- Do not use this kayak for anything other than its intended purpose. Using this kayak in any other matter will void the warranty.
- Always exercise safe kayaking and do not attempt maneuvers or kayak in conditions which are out of your realm of ability.
- Do not operate this vessel while intoxicated or after using any form of substance that will impair your ability to operate the kayak.
- Beware of offshore winds and currents. Never underestimate the forces of nature.
- Receive paddle sport instructions from a licensed or certified instructor.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or cold weather can result in hypothermia.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Be aware of appropriate river water levels; tidal changes, dangerous currents and weather changes.
- Do not exceed your paddling ability.
- Consult your physician before beginning your paddle sport training.
- Be on the lookout for potential hazards such as other boats, weather and other natural dangers.

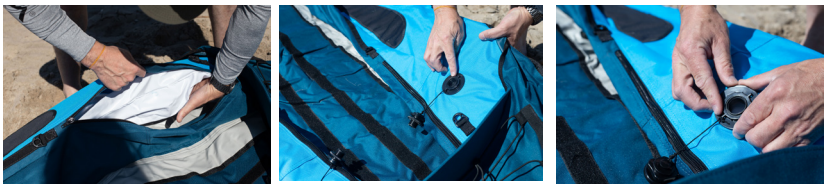
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1** Find a space that provides a flat surface and large enough area to inflate the kayak properly. Make sure that there are no protruding objects that may damage or puncture the inflatable.

Remove the kayak from packaging and completely unroll in order to inflate.



- 2** Make sure the bladder ring is securely fastened on the side tubes, floor and the Boston valves are securely fastened to the ring plate. Be sure bladder is not twisted, inflate slowly and observe to avoid bladder rupture.



- 3** Unscrew the top of the Boston valve, inset pump hose and inflate the side tubes to 1.0 PSI. **DO NOT OVER INFLATE.** When complete, screw top of Boston valve back on. Be sure bladder is not twisted, inflate slowly and observe to avoid bladder rupture.



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- 4 Inflate floor next to 1.0 PSI. Unscrew the top of the Boston valve, inset pump hose and inflate the floor. **DO NOT OVER INFLATE.** When complete, screw top of Boston valve back on. Be sure bladder is not twisted, inflate slowly and observe to avoid bladder rupture.



NOTE:

Look over the KAYAK to make sure it appears straight. The bladders can occasionally twist in casing so the bladders may need to be deflated slightly to correct how the bladders are positioned. Access points on the kayak are available so if needed, you can adjust bladders. If repositioning of bladders was needed and complete, inflate the side tubes first then the floor.

- 5 Place seat(s) in kayak cockpit. The seat will connect to the floor with Velcro and tensioning straps with clips for adjustability. Position the seat(s) so that the weight of the paddler(s) will balance the kayak. If assembling a double, the heavier paddler should be in the back of kayak.



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- 6** Once the seats are in place and the tensioning straps are clipped to the D-rings, adjust for comfort of paddler.



- 7** Depending on the kayak model purchased a self-inflating center seat (doubles) will be provided. Inflate using tube and place securely in middle of kayak using Velcro provided. Footrests will also be provided depending on model purchased. These are also placed in position depending on the paddler using the Velcro provided.



- 8** Now install fin. Place the kayak upside down on a smooth surface without objects that may puncture the kayak. Insert the front section of the fin into the fin box. Pull the fin back while pushing the fin into the fin box. Once inserted correctly the quick release pin will slide easily into the slot in the back to secure it in place.



LONG TERM STORAGE

In addition to emptying all water out, you should clean the kayak by rinsing with freshwater especially if the kayak has been used in salt water or becomes muddy.

Store out of direct sunlight and indoors, if possible. UV exposure can shorten the lifespan of any kayak and can degrade its finish.

Be sure to not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for extended periods of time as it may cause deformation.

Your kayak should be stored deflated, rolled up and placed back into the roller backpack. Allow the board to completely dry before tightly rolling for packing. Excess moisture may cause mildew or mold damage.

When rolling the board, make sure the valve is open and to start at the nose.

Roll in a tight straight roll.

Then close the valve and wrap the strap around your roll.

AVOID *standing the rolled board up on its side on rough services such as concrete or rocks. This can cause damage to the first layer of your rail.*

SHORT TERM STORAGE

Be sure to empty the kayak of all water. The kayak may be stored on its side or in a vertical position temporarily. Storage in these positions for an extended period of time could cause flattening or deformation in the side of the hull. When storing your paddle, unclip and dismantle the paddle to allow to air dry.

CLEANING AND CARE



Your kayak will usually only need a quick rinse with fresh water to keep your hull clean. If further cleaning is needed, use mild soap, water and a soft clean cloth to wash the surfaces of your kayak.



Avoid dragging your kayak to minimize damage.



This inflatable kayak is designed to be compact for convenient storage & travel. Due to a lack of weight when inflated, they will travel poorly if strapped to a vehicle rooftop. Damages or warping incurred by improper transport are not covered by the manufacturer's warranty.



When transporting the kayak, be sure to clear any sharp objects.



Keep the kayak clear of any heat producing items such as camp stoves, propane lamps, etc. Damages resulting from heat are not covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

DISCLAIMER

The use of this assumes all risks of any personal injury or death and willfully releases AKONA and/ or Diversco Supply Inc. of any and all liabilities. This product is not a life saving device. Do not leave a child unattended while in use. Do not use this product in conditions which are hazardous. When in the ocean, watch for rip currents and inspect the area for rocks, reefs, and other objects that can be considered dangerous. Keep a safe distance from surfers and swimmers. Only use this product if you are a competent swimmer. Adult supervision is strongly recommended.

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PROP 65 DISCLAIMER

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information: www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

TERMS OF USE

This product offered to you, conditioned upon your acceptance without modification of the terms, conditions and notices explicitly described or implicitly obtained through normal use of the product. This product may not be used for unlawful purposes, and its use is expressly prohibited under the terms and conditions of its use. The use of this product in any way not in accordance with the terms of use, description, law, or instructions, might be unsafe and lead to injury.

AKONA* EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR INCIDENTAL LOSSES CAUSED BY USE OF THIS PRODUCT.

Faults that occur through improper use or damage, abuse, acts of nature, events beyond the control of Diversco Supply Inc./AKONA, repair or alteration by a person other than a person authorized by Diversco Supply Inc./AKONA, or failure to follow instructions for use void any guarantee or warranty.

Additionally, normal wear and tear, including, but not limited to, minor discoloration and scratches are not covered by any guarantee or warranty.

The rights under these terms and conditions, shall only apply to the original purchaser and shall not extend to commercial or communal use.

This product is not intended for use by persons (including children) with lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the product by a person responsible for their safety.

Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the product. Keep the product and any cord, or small components, out of reach of children less than 8 years old.

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AKONA®

The word amphibian is ancient Greek and refers to an organism which is able to live two kinds of lives in the two different environments. Frogs live below water and above, much like many of our customers. AKONA makes it easy to experience both land and water. Life's an adventure – AKONA's got the gear.

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