Thank you

Thank you for choosing Perception. Now it’s time to embark on your adventures in the most dependable kayak on the market. At Perception, our heritage of quality and innovation is built into every boat.

Kayaking is a fun and exciting way to experience the outdoors, or to enjoy an active means to hang out with friends and family. We hope you make the most out of the opportunities available both close to home and afar.

With proper care, your Perception kayak will provide years of satisfaction. Most importantly, our kayaks are designed to grow with you, and with proper knowledge and training there’s no limit to where you’ll end up.

This owner’s manual and additional information is available at www.perceptionkayaks.com.

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*Not available on all models
**HATCH COVERS**

To remove the covers, find the tab and peel off. To replace the cover, hold it under the hatch rim and press on firmly the entire way around.

**USING THE RUDDER SYSTEM**

Some kayaks come with an optional factory rudder system included. After market rudder systems are also available. Please contact your local dealer for any questions regarding setup or installation, or visit www.perceptionkayaks.com for video instruction.

Once your rudder is installed, use the lift line (located on the right side of the boat, toward the rear of the cockpit) to drop the rudder into the water by pulling it forward.

**FOOT BRACES**

The Slidelock foot brace system is adjustable from the foot panel extending from the footrest. Lift it up and slide forward or back so your foot is resting comfortably on the footpad and there is a slight bend in your leg. Release the rod to drop into position locking the foot brace.

**KEEPERS’ FOOT BRACES**

The adjustment lever is located on the backside of the foot pedal. To adjust, squeeze the lever and slide it up and down to the desired location. Release the lever to lock it in place.

**SIT ON TOP SEATING (SOT)**

Next adjust the front nylon straps until seatback is in the upright position. The straps should be tight. Adjust the rear nylon straps first until the seatback is in the upright position. The straps should be tight. Place the two hooks of the bungee cord threaded through the seat back into the two deck fitting locations behind the seating well.

**COMFORT SEATING SYSTEM (CSS)**

The lightweight EVA foam seatback adjusts by loosening the nylon straps and bringing the seatback into contact with the thigh pad. The two hooks of the bungee cord are then pulled forward on the nylon strap behind the seatback. Tighten the backrest by pulling forward on the nylon strap behind the seatback. To adjust the backrest, loosen the front screw and tightening the back screw. Slide the thigh pad forward or back and in and out to find comfortable position. Replace the screws and tighten. A good position for the thigh pad is a couple of inches in front of your kneecap or where it’s most comfortable. Adjust the backband fit, loosen it by pushing on the thumb tab. For good seating, the backrest should not be too tight or too loose.

When the boat is upright, push the right pedal away from you and the left pedal toward you to maintain a straight position, both pedals should be even with each other. To steer the kayak right, push the left pedal away from you. To steer the kayak left, press it on firmly the entire way around.

**USING FOAM BLOCK RACKS**

For airalite kayaks we recommend that they be transported on their edge or saddle down. Pull up tight on the mud block on the bottom of the boat to ensure they are not released. For rotomolded kayaks, please visit our website at www.perceptionkayaks.com for video instruction.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If traveling when inclement weather is threatening, position the kayak upside down if possible. A kayak upside down (hull up) safely using kayak stackers. For rotomolded kayaks, please visit our website at www.perceptionkayaks.com for video instruction.

**ROOF RACK**

A kayak rack must fit the kayak or inflatable boat. It must be lashed down at each crossbar, as well as at the bow and stern to each end of the vehicle. Kayak racks are recommended because they are being transported “flat” to lessen chances of deformation from being lashed down tight to the bars. Rotomolded kayaks can be transported on their edge or saddle down; pull up tight on the mud block. For airalite kayaks we recommend that they be transported on their bottom using trays to prevent deformation.

**FOAM BLOCK RACKS**

Foam block racks can be used for transporting kayaks if extreme caution is practiced in rigging the load. Foam block racks may be wide enough for strap support. The backrest should be securely attached to the top of the kayak through the doors or windows. If these tie down points at the front and back aren't available on your vehicle, foam block racks should NOT be used.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Always check your tie-down rigging often as ropes and straps may loosen in transport.
**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.

**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. Kayaks can be stored slung on their sides via web straps, positioned 1/3 of the way along the hull (as shown). 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 can also be stored hull up (as shown) on parallel bars with weight supported evenly. If your kayak is a recreational boat, store it on a lift, or on a rack in your garage, or on a rack in your vehicle. Make sure that the bar load is even. Be sure to not store your kayak in your garage or on a rack in your vehicle for an extended period of time as it may cause deformation. Be sure to not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for extended periods of time as it may cause deformation.

**CAUTION:**

Do not suspend your kayak by using the grab loops at either end of the boat. This can cause the hull to distort over time.

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**ROTMOLDED KAYAK CARE**

Our “roto” kayaks are made of high-density linear polyethylene, which is virtually maintenance free. A minimal amount of care in storage and transporting will help the kayak maintain a like-new condition for many years.

Polyethylene will become more flexible when in warm conditions such as a hot, sunny day. It is possible for a kayak strapped tightly to a roof rack to temporarily deform at the weight bearing points. Use a padded rigid bar sport rack in addition to a kayak J cradle or saddles to disperse the weight.

**AIRALITE™ KAYAK CARE**

Airalite kayaks are co-extruded high-impact acrylic over premium impact ABS. Airalite is the same material used in whirlpools, spas, and some marine parts; strong proof that it's a long-lasting material that will stand up to any type of water. This material creates a kayak that's light and stiff like fiberglass with the durability of plastic. Airalite Technology perfectly meets the unique demands put upon the hull and deck. Airalite is also formulated with adhesives for additional flexibility and UV resistance.

Airalite kayaks can be repaired much in the same way as fiberglass or Kevlar boats. Large cracks or holes can be patched with a fiberglass patch kit, available from most paddling or marine stores. Because Airalite has an acrylic top layer, gouges and deep scratches can be filled with any on-surface-type adhesive such as SuperGlue Gel. Such adhesives dry clear, and with light surface work after the glue dries, become almost invisible. It cleans up easily with mild soap. For tougher spots, try rubbing alcohol. Do not use acetone or other solvents on Airalite.

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**CLEANING**

Usually, a quick rinse of fresh water is all that is necessary to keep your hull clean and functioning in good order. However, after paddling in salt water, especially if your boat is outfitted with a rudder system. Superficial scuffing may occur, but can be removed or reduced by use of a marine boat polish designed for polyethylene hulls. Sanding or use of an abrasive rubbing compound is not recommended.

To keep your kayak shining and minimize the long-term degradation caused by UV exposure, use an ultraviolet protective paint such as SuperGlue Gel. Such adhesives dry clear, and with light surface work after the glue dries, become almost invisible. It cleans up easily with mild soap. For tougher spots, try rubbing alcohol. Do not use acetone or other solvents on Airalite.

**WARNING:**

Avoid dragging kayak across the ground to prolong its life and maintain its look and performance. Two people, utilizing the carrying handles, is the best way to transport the boat. Alternatively, you can transport using a kayak cart, available at your dealer or at harmonygear.com.
Any person using kayaks built and/or sold by Perception is personally responsible for determining that their abilities are equal or superior to the conditions encountered and exercising proper judgment in choice of where and when to paddle. Any person using Perception kayaks 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 Perception kayaks. Consult your physician prior to beginning your paddlesport training.

DO:
• Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).
• Wear a helmet when paddling whitewater or in the ocean.
• Get paddlesports instruction from a licensed or certified instructor.
• Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or weather can result in hypothermia.
• Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
• Scout unfamiliar waters. If necessary, paddle to shore and carry your boat past uncertain areas.
• Stay aware of appropriate river water levels, tidal changes, dangerous currents, and weather changes.
• Follow manufacturer’s recommendations for use and outfitting of your kayak.
• Leave your paddling location and agenda with someone at home before departing.
• Obtain certified first aid and rescue training and carry first aid and rescue equipment.

DON’T:
• Never exceed your ability and assess how far and how long you can paddle or swim.
• Never paddle alone.
• Never consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment, or ability when paddling.
• Never paddle in flood conditions.
• Never allow minors to use the boat without adult supervision.
• Avoid bracing yourself in the kayak in such a way that you have to release any outfitting to escape.
• Do not impair entry or exit access to the kayak when installing additional outfitting.

WARNING:
Anything can be hazardous with potential risk of serious injury and even death.

ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST:
PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)
A USC reg approved, comfortable and secure fitting PFD should be worn at all times. Shorter PFDs are available that are ideal for kayak paddling.
PADDLE
Choosing a paddle is almost as important as your choice of boat. Blade shape, length, weight, and material all offer different experiences. On longer trips, it is strongly recommended that you have a spare paddle that can be easily stowed on your deck.
SAFETY EQUIPMENT
USCG regulations require an audible signal device (a horn or whistle) to be used in all watercraft. In addition, it is recommended that all paddlers carry a bilge pump to drain water from the kayak, and a paddle float. Be sure to secure training in the operation of a paddlesilf.
PERSONAL GEAR
There are many items that you may wish to take with you on a paddling trip. Your location, length of trip, group size, weather, etc. will all play a part in this “essentials list.”
• Drinking water
• Snacks
• Extra clothes in a drybag
• Map or chart
• First-Aid
• Matches
• Sun protection

To help you learn about the logistics of a paddling trip and correct paddling techniques we strongly recommend a good beginner level paddling course from a certified instructor.

OTHER ACCESSORIES:
There are a wide variety of accessories designed for your kayak to enhance the performance and overall experience. Not all accessories are available for all models.

SPRAYSKIRT
For longer trips or rougher conditions, a spray skirt is worn by the paddler to create a watertight seal, preventing the cockpit from filling up with water.

DRY BAG
Ultra-light and water-resistant storage for an extra level of protection and accessibility for gear.

OTHER ACCESSORIES:
A COMPLETE LINE OF OUR ACCESSORIES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.HARMONYGEAR.COM
3-year limited warranty

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
For the original retail purchaser (“Consumer”), Perception kayaks by Confluence Watersports are warranted against material or manufacturing defects in the hull and deck for three (3) years from date of original purchase of the kayak.

Parts, accessories, and outfitting are warranted for a period of one (1) year against material or manufacturing defects from the date of purchase.

Perception kayaks are “As-Designed” as indicated on the Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin (MSO), Confluence Watersports provides this limited warranty for kayaks for (1) year for the hull and deck and one (1) year for parts, accessories, and outfitting.

This limited warranty is only valid with the purchase of a Perception kayak from an authorized Perception dealer.

This warranty is non-transferable.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BOAT
The warranty registration form should be completed online at www.perceptionkayaks.com within 30 days of original purchase. It is suggested that you keep your sales receipt should it be required in the future for proof of purchase.

OBTAINING WARRANTY SERVICE
If you have a problem with your kayak and you suspect it may be due to defective materials or workmanship, contact the nearest authorized Perception kayak dealer and arrange to have the problem inspected. Consumer is responsible for delivery to, and pickup from, the closest authorized dealer.

If the authorized Perception dealer determines it is a defective item that is attributable to materials or workmanship, Confluence Watersports will repair or replace your Perception kayak free of charge at the company’s option.

Proof of purchase such as a sales receipt may be required. If repairs or evaluation are required by Perception at its manufacturing facility, the Consumer will be responsible for a $50.00 shipping and handling fee.

If service is required in a country other than the country of purchase, Consumer will comply with all export laws and regulations and be responsible for all customs duties, value added tax (VAT), and other environmental conditions.

In addition, Perception Service, the Perception Distributor may repair or exchange Perception kayaks for comparable products and parts that comply with local standards.

Confluence Watersports reserves the right to satisfy warranty via repair or replacement of products or components deemed defective. In addition, Perception reserves the right to replace original kayaks or equipment with comparable current products.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS
This limited warranty does not apply to:

• Normal wear and tear and aging of product.
• Kayaks damaged by extreme weather or environmental conditions.
• Kayaks damaged while in possession of a freight carrier, a dealer, Consumer, or any party other than Perception.
• Kayaks damaged by accident, neglect, improper use or handling.
• Kayaks that have been towed by power or sail boats.
• Kayaks sold as “demo” or “as-is” condition.
• Kayaks determined to have been used for any activity other than an activity which is customary for the use of Perception kayaks.
• Kayaks that have been structurally or dimensionally altered or modified.
• Kayaks used for commercial or rental purposes.
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• Kayaks designated as Prototypes.
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The limited warranty does not apply to:

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The limited warranty excludes all other warranties, expressed or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. The limitation or exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

This limited warranty excludes any incidental or consequential damage resulting from any defects. Confluence Watersports aggregates liability shall be limited to an amount up to Consumer’s original purchase price paid for the defective product. Some state, country, or provincial laws do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

TO THE EXTENT ANY LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION ContAINED HEREIN IS CONTRARY TO ANY COUNTRY, STATE, OR PROVINCIAL LAW, THE BENEFITS FROM THIS WARRANTY ARE IN REGARD TO PERCEPTION KAYAKS. SOME STATE, COUNTRY, OR PROVINCIAL LAWS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

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