

# feelfree®

## OWNER'S MANUAL AND WARRANTY

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the best feeling on water



Feelfree. The name conjures up a euphoric state of freedom unleashed by breaking the bonds of convention. Feelfree products are all about freedom to play where you like, how you like, when you like – no matter what Mother Nature throws at you, no matter what tradition dictates. Go ahead. Just relax – or, lose yourself adventuring – and find the real you! We defy convention in the design and manufacturing of kayaks and gear. You'll discover our products brim with thoughtful touches brought to you by our worldwide team.

Our mission is to deliver delight by practicing a high art of orchestrating the highest quality engineering and materials that will deliver fresh, innovative, responsive, user friendly, feature-rich products – to give you The Best Feeling on Water.

Thank You!

Thank you for purchasing a Feelfree product! We're sure you'll get years of enjoyment. We stand behind our products, and invite your comments and suggestions. Please contact your dealer with questions, or contact us via our website.



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Waterproof gear & accessories

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We're passionate about kayak design. This user manual will show you how to properly care for your Feelfree kayak so that it will deliver The Best Feeling On Water for years to come!

 **Sit on Top Kayak**

**MOVE**



**ATOM 2**



**GEMINI 3**



**Tri-Yak**



 **Sit in side Kayak**

**Loma 1**



**Loma 2**



**X-BOSS**



**ATLANTIS 14**





## Getting Acquainted with Your Sit Inside Kayak

- Your kayak has decks on the front (bow) and rear (stern). It has a combing (a raised flange) around the cockpit. The combing deflects water but also holds the spray skirt (optional) and cockpit cover (optional).
- Deck rigging - The lines on top of the deck are for securing gear.
- Perimeter lines - If your kayak has perimeter lines running along the sides, they can be used as attachment points, safety lines or for holding on to the kayak while swimming beside it.
- Seats
  - Our single person sit inside kayaks have seats with moveable backrests. The rear seat on the Loma II also has a flip up backrest. You can store equipment behind the seat.
  - Thermofoam Seat - If your kayak has a thermofoam seat, it can be adjusted using the buckle and you can store gear behind the seat.
  - Loma II - The front seat on the Loma II can be moved back and forth using the knobs.
- Foot brace position - Kayaks without rudders - The front foot braces can be adjusted using the tabs. To adjust, unlock the foot braces and slide along the track. Adjust so that you have a slight bend in your knee. You should be able to brace against them.
- Atlantis and X-Press with rudder (with original foot pedal system) - The front foot pedals can be locked as braces or used as rudder pedals. For use as braces, adjust as above. For rudder pedals, begin by unlocking the tabs. Then, adjust the length so you have a slight bend in your knee, and tighten using the strap/buckles attached, so that the rudder is center-aligned when your feet are evenly extended. If you desire to use the rudder as a counter to wind or current for an extended paddle, you can lock the rudder at the angle you choose.
- Atlantis with rudder (flip top foot pedal system) - Bracing with steering - You can use the pedals for rudder control and bracing at once by locking the pedals in the position you choose and using your toes to steer (rudder must be down). Use the pivot on the top of the brace for steering. To steer right, push on the right pivot. To steer left, push on the left pivot. You should be able to brace against them.
- Flotation
  - The Loma I and II include flotation pods under the decks. These ensure the kayak will float should it become swamped.
  - Some kayaks have one or more watertight bulkheads. When the hatch is closed the bulkhead provides flotation.
  - If your kayak has a thermofoam seat, it also has flotation from the foam pad underneath the seat.
  - The X-Press Tourer has flotation in its bow deck pillar.

- Raising/Lowering Rudder - Use the nylon line provided, located by the side of the cockpit combing. To lock the rudder in position, push the line into the jam cleat.
- Carrying your kayak (Portaging) - Two persons can carry the kayak with one using the bow handle and the other using the stern handle. One person can carry the kayak on their shoulder by hoisting the cockpit combing over the shoulder.
- Car topping - We recommend straps with buckles. We do not recommend strings or ratcheting tighteners. Strings may not be strong enough. Ratcheting can cause pressure to deform the hull.

### ***Getting Acquainted with Your Sit On Top Kayak***

- Seat - Attach the included seat(s) to the molded-in steel pins via the brass clips. Both left and right sides of the seat have fore and aft brass clips. Adjust the aft seat straps so the seat back is vertical.
- Foot well position - Each seat position has molded-in foot wells. Select the foot well that gives you a slight bend in your knee. You should be able to brace against it.
- Hatches - Your kayak has one or more quarter-turn hatches with mesh bags inside. You can remove the mesh bag. To re-install the mesh bag, push the ring underneath the flange of the inside hatch. It will pop into place.
- Beverage holder - Secure a water bottle in the molded-in water bottle holder with the shock cord.
- Perimeter lines - If your kayak has perimeter lines running along the sides, they can be used as attachment points, safety lines or for holding on to the kayak while swimming beside it.
- Carrying your kayak (Portaging) - Two persons can carry the kayak with one using the bow molded-in handle and the other using the stern molded-in handle, located under the drain plug. Do not carry the stern with the gear straps. Do not carry the kayak with the perimeter lines. They are not intended to carry the weight of the kayak. Most of our single-person sit on top kayaks can be carried by one person if they sling the optional thigh strap over their shoulder.
- Car topping - We recommend straps with buckles. We do not recommend strings or ratcheting tighteners. Strings may not be strong enough. Ratcheting can cause pressure to deform the hull. We recommend that the seat(s) be removed before car topping.
- Perimeter lines - These lines ringing the kayak are useful for holding onto the kayak while swimming or snorkeling; you can also secure bags with them.
- Carrying your kayak (Portaging) - Two persons can carry the kayak with one using the bow handle and the other using the stern handle. Do not carry the stern by the gear straps - they are not intended to withstand the weight of the boat.



### **Care and Maintenance**

- Rudder system – We recommend periodically dry-waxing the rudder cables where they may rub against working parts. This will keep your rudder turning smoothly. We also recommend periodically lubricating the area where the blade pivots upward with a silicone-based spray. Avoid situations where your rudder may become clogged with mud or sand by raising the rudder. Do not beach your kayak with the rudder down. This will expose the working parts to elements which may clog the working parts.
- Short term storage – The kayak may be stored on its side or vertically. Never store a ruddered kayak with the stern down-you will damage the rudder. Empty any water inside and let the kayak ventilate.
- Long term storage – Follow short term storage. Clean your kayak and look for wear. If possible, store your kayak out of direct sunlight. Do not store your boat long-term by leaving a tarp directly over it. This will create an “oven effect” that can damage or deform. A tarp suspended over the boat will protect the boat from ultraviolet sunlight.
- Cleaning – wash with mild soap and water. To beautify exterior surfaces, use a vinyl protectant product. Do not use car wax on any surfaces.
- Light hull deformation – Leaving your boat out of sunlight for 48 hours. In time it should return to normal.
- Small dents – Place the boat in sunlight with a black plastic bag over the area for 2-3 hours to heat the plastic. Passing a hair dryer over the area to heat the surface also works. The heat should cause the plastic to soften and return to its original shape. Applying pressure to the opposite side of the dent (if possible) should help it return to shape. DO NOT leave the kayak in with a plastic bag applied for long term storage. For more severe dents, please see Repair, below.

### **Repair**

- Deep dents – If the polyethylene became sharply dented, use a heat gun to soften the plastic and allow the material to return to its original shape. Pass the heat back and forth over the area to heat the material. Do not allow the plastic to become too hot to touch. Apply pressure to the opposite side of the dent (if possible).
- Light scratches – Pass a heat gun or hair dryer back and forth over the area to lightly melt the surface. The scratch will disappear.
- Gouges and punctures – Please see your Feelfree Kayak dealer. Your dealer can supply you with a polyethylene welding or patch kit.
- Leaks – Determine the source of the leak by filling up your kayak with water. Examine the kayak for water leaks. Many pinhole hull leaks can be repaired by lightly melting the plastic with a heat gun. If a hatch is leaking where the cover meets its flange, try applying petroleum jelly around the o-ring. Contact your dealer for instructions.



### **Safety Warning**

- Never paddle alone
- For sit inside kayaks, always bring a bailer with you in case you swamp
- Scout unfamiliar areas before you enter the water
- Never use alcoholic beverages while paddling
- Before heading out, check gear to ensure all is working properly
- Always wear a government-approved personal flotation device
- Always bring a bailer with you in case you swamp
- Paddling can be physically demanding
- The user of this product accepts that paddling can be inherently dangerous - river and weather conditions can change abruptly, causing injury or death
- Consult your physician before physically demanding paddling
- Check local tide and weather forecasts prior to paddling

### **Warranty**

Feelfree Kayak warrants this kayak to be free of manufacturing defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Upon prepaid shipment of the defective kayak, we will elect to repair or replace it free of charge, excluding return shipping. Damages caused by abuse, alteration or repair by user are not covered. This warranty applies to personal kayak use only. To obtain warranty service, contact your local dealer. Or you may contact us at [info@feelfreekayak.com](mailto:info@feelfreekayak.com).

### **Registration**

Please register your kayak to ensure warranty registration and receive product information

Feelfree International – [www.feelfreekayak.com](http://www.feelfreekayak.com)



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Thank you for purchasing a Feelfree product! We're sure you'll get years of enjoyment. We stand behind our products, and invite your comments and suggestions. Please contact your dealer with questions, or contact us via our website.



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