

# Fitting & Care Instructions

## INFLATION

- Do not use CO2 or a high pressure air compressor to inflate.
- Follow the inflation instructions listed in this manual.
- Check for leaks before using.
- Remember that air pressure changes with temperature and elevation so always check your inflation level before use.

This manual lists certain recommended practices and provides some basic precautions. However, this list of precautions is not all-inclusive. Users must follow all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and should exercise appropriate caution in the safe operation of this float tube.

**REMEMBER** - always exercise common sense when using your float tube.

## The Bighorn Materials list:

- 1 float tube cover with main flotation bladder and 1 rear bladder
- 1 mesh stripping apron with spreader bar sleeve
- 3-piece apron spreader bar
- 1 bladder repair kit (contains: repair instructions, two PVC patches and a deflation tube)

## How to inflate your float tube bladders

Float tube bladders are designed to be inflated by foot or hand pump.

### To inflate Main Bladders:

Turn the valve cap on the valve stem counter-clockwise to open the air way. After inflation close the valve by turning the cap clockwise (Fig. 1).

### To Deflate:

DO NOT REMOVE CAP – Turn the valve cap on the valve stem counter-clockwise to open the air way from the bladder.

### To inflate Rear Bladder:

Open the cap on the valve stem. Pinch the valve stem to open airway.

After inflation close the valve cap by inserting the cap into the top of the valve stem (Fig. 2).

### To Deflate:

Open the cap on the valve stem. Insert the provided deflation tube into the top of the valve stem until the air way is open. DO NOT INSERT THE DEFLATION TUBE ALL THE WAY INTO YOUR BLADDER.

## Inflating and assembling your float tube

1. Place your float tube flat on the floor with the pockets facing up.
2. Locate and access your rear bladder by unzipping the rear pocket behind the seat (Fig. 3).
3. Inflate the rear bladder about 30%—just enough to hold the shape.
4. Check the bladder by unzipping the float tube shell inside the rear pocket (Fig. 3).

The bladder should lie flat, untwisted and centered. Make sure the valve stem that attaches to the bladder fits into the access pocket of the float tube cover. Zip closed the float tube shell.

5. Inflate the rear bladder until most of the wrinkles are out of the cover. If any twists develop stop, deflate the bladder, straighten it within its pocket and re-inflate. Close the valve cap.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

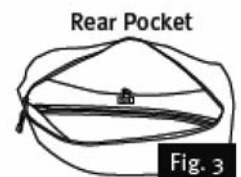


Fig. 3

Float Tube Shell

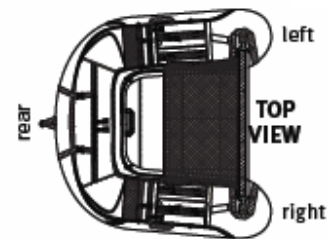


Fig. 4

Inside Pocket



Fig. 5

6. Access your main bladder valve stem through the inside zipper pocket (Fig. 5). If valve stems are not accessible inside the pocket see step 8.
7. Inflate the main bladder about 30%—just enough to hold their shape.
8. Check the main bladder by unzipping the pontoons. The bladder should lie flat, untwisted and centered underneath the float tube pockets. Make sure the valve stem that attaches to the bladder fits into the access pocket of the float tube cover (Fig. 5). Zip closed the float tube cover. (A twisted bladder will distort the cover when you blow it up.)
9. Inflate the main flotation bladder until most of the wrinkles are out of the cover. If any twists develop stop, deflate the bladder, straighten it within its pocket and re-inflate. Close the valve caps tightly.
10. Connect the three spreader bar pieces by inserting the two long tubes into the shorter coupling tube with the angled ends on both long tube ends facing out. Now place the mesh stripping apron on the floor with the graphics facing up. Slip the spreader bar with the angled ends facing down into the fabric sleeve at one end of the apron. Slip the ends of the apron sleeve into the fabric receptacles on the top and front of the left and right float tubed arms.

### **Lifting the tube in and out of the water**

There are two web handles next to the float tube arm pockets that can lift the tube in and out of the water easily.

### **Launching and using your float tube**

1. Start with a gentle slope (like a boat ramp).
2. Attach fins to your feet, then place your float tube in knee-high water. Step into your tube from the open side and turn so that your back is facing the backrest.
3. Now just sit down in your float tube, fasten the stripping apron and begin to float. Practice kicking with your fins to go backward or to turn.

### **Care and storage of your float tube**

Always partially deflate the bladders before storing your assembled float tube in a vehicle or hot area. The air in the bladders can expand significantly.

If you are not going to use your float tube for an extended period deflate it and store it. To avoid mildew, be sure that your float tube is dry before you pack it and that you store it in a dry place.

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