



# AIRHEAD®

## STOP ATTENTION ¡DETÉNGASE!

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**SAVE THIS OWNER'S MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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**GUÁRDELO PARA REFERENCIAS FUTURAS**

When using a towable, you are engaging in an exhilarating action sport with inherent risks. As in any action sport, recklessness, inexperience, misuse or neglect of the equipment may result in serious injury or death. Read all warnings and instructions contained in this manual and printed on the bladder and cover. Act responsibly and be in good physical condition when using this product. Never allow an inexperienced boat driver to tow this product.

### **PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS**

Watersports can be safe and fun for all levels of enthusiasts. The User's Manual is presented to enhance your enjoyment of the sport. It is intended to alert you to some of the potentially dangerous conditions that can arise in all watersports.



# WARNING

Watersports involve risks of severe injury or death. Follow all instructions, safety information below and in owner's manual. To reduce risks:

## **DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY. TUBE CANNOT BE CONTROLLED BY RIDER!**

- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket (PFD) approved by your country's agency, USCG Type III, ISO, etc.
- Tube is not a Personal Flotation device.
- Never tow in shallow water or near shore, docks, pilings, swimmers, watercrafts or other obstacles.
- Always ensure tow rope is clear of all body parts prior to and during use.
- Never place any body part through handles, under cover, bladder, towing harness or tie rider to tube.
- Always have a person other than the driver as an observer to watch the rider.
- Always supervise children while using this tube.
- Never operate watercraft, ski or ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never make fast or sharp turns which may cause the tube to flip over.
- Use a tow rope of at least 1500 lbs. average tensile strength for pulling a single person, 2375 lbs. average tensile strength for pulling two people, 3350 lbs. average tensile strength for pulling for three people and 4100 lbs. tensile strength for pulling four people and 6000 lbs. average tensile strength for pulling up to six people on an inflatable tube. The tow rope should be at least 50 feet in length but not to exceed 65 feet.
- Never exceed skill of the rider; never exceed 20 mph for adults, 15 mph for children.
- Never make sharp turns that may cause a slingshot effect on the tube's speed.
- Always comply with manufacturer's recommended number of riders, weight for tube, and strength of rope.

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**To reduce your risk of injury or death, follow these guidelines and the Watersports Safety Code.**

- Carefully read this manual and follow the instructions.
- Teach anyone using your tube how to attach it to the rope, how to ride it, and how to maintain it.
- If the tube is designed for more than one person, take extra precaution to avoid collisions.
- Use of the tube in wavy, rough, or choppy water may cause violent tube action and increase the risk of injury.
- Sharp turns by the Watercraft driver may cause a slingshot effect to the tube, causing the tube to travel at a much higher speed than the Watercraft. The Watercraft driver should reduce the speed of the Watercraft during these sharp turns to reduce the slingshot effect.
- Never attempt jumps or dangerous tricks with your tube. If more than one tube is being towed, avoid collisions with other tubes.

- Know your own limits. Stop when you are tired. Act responsibly. Be in good physical condition and be cautious in your use of this or any other towable tube.
- Remove the tow rope from the product when not in use, do not leave the rope in the water where it could be damaged or caught by any part of the boat. Store them properly.

## **WATERSPORTS SAFETY CODE**

**Before you get in the water:** Skiing or riding instruction is recommended before use. Instruction will teach general safety guidelines and proper skiing or riding techniques, which may reduce your risk of injury. For more information on skiing or riding schools, contact your dealer, Association, or local ski club.

- Know the federal, state and local laws that apply to your area.
- If you are not familiar with a waterway, ask someone who is, to tell you about any hidden dangers or things to avoid.
- Whether you plan to be in a watercraft, or skiing/riding behind one it is important you are wearing a properly fitted life jacket (PFD) approved by your country's agency, USCG Type III, ISO, etc.
- Inspect all equipment prior to each use, check bindings, fins, tube, attachment, tow rope and flotation device. Do not use if damaged.

**Watercraft Safety:** A knowledgeable and responsible driver is the most important safety device on any watercraft.

- Never operate a watercraft, ski or ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Only use water ballast and people for additional weight.
- Never exceed the passenger or weight limitations of the watercraft.
- Never allow passengers to hang outside the watercraft or towed device or sit on the gunwales or anywhere outside of the normal seating area.
- Never allow water to overflow the bow or gunwales of the watercraft.
- Uneven weight distribution or additional weight may affect the handling of the watercraft.

**Carbon Monoxide:** The exhaust from the engine on a watercraft contains Carbon Monoxide (CO) which is a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas. Excessive exposure to CO can cause severe injury or death. Follow this advice to avoid injury.

- Never "Platform Drag" by holding onto the boarding platform or be dragged directly behind the watercraft. This is where CO will be.
- Do not sit on the watercraft transom or boarding platform while the engine is running.
- Make sure the engine is properly tuned and running well. An improperly tuned engine produces excessive exhaust and CO.
- If you smell engine exhaust do not stay in that position.
- Go to the United States Coast Guard's website: [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) for more information on how to help protect yourself and others from the dangers of CO.

**Tow Ropes:** Tow ropes come in different lengths and strengths for different activities. Make sure any rope you are using is suited for skiing or riding and that it is in good condition.

- Never use a rope that is frayed, knotted, unraveling or discolored from use or being left in the sun. If a rope breaks while in use it can recoil at the skier/rider being towed or into the watercraft where it might strike passengers. Replace tow ropes with any sign of damage.
- Never use a tow rope with elastic or bungee material to pull skiers or riders.
- Rope should be attached to the watercraft in an approved fashion with hardware designed for towing. Refer to your watercraft manual for instructions on proper tow rope attachment.
- Always keep people and tow ropes away from the propeller, even when idling.
- If a tow rope should become entangled in a propeller, shut off engine, remove the key and put it in your pocket before retrieving the rope.
- Tow ropes should be neatly stowed in the boat when not in use.

**Preparing to ski or ride:** Always have a person other than the driver as an observer to look out for the skier/ rider.

- Be sure the driver is aware of the experience and ability level of the skier/ rider.
- The driver, observer and skier/ rider need to agree on hand signals before skiing or riding. Signals should include READY, STOP, SPEED UP, and SLOW DOWN.
- Start the engine only after making sure that no one in the water is near the propeller.
- Turn the engine off when people are getting into or out of the watercraft, or in the water near the watercraft.
- Always make sure the tow rope is not wrapped around anyone's hands, arms, legs, or other parts of the body.
- Start the watercraft and move slowly to remove slack until the tow rope is tight.
- When the skier/ rider signals READY and there is no traffic ahead, take off in a straight line. Adjust the speed according to the signals given by the skier/ rider.

**Skiing or Riding:** The watercraft and skier/ rider should always maintain a sufficient distance from obstacles so a skier/ rider falling or coasting and/ or watercraft will not encounter any obstacle.

- Do not use in shallow water or near shore, docks, pilings, swimmers, other watercraft, or any other obstacles.
- Use only on water.
- Never attempt land or dock starts. This will increase your risk of injury or death.
- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket (PFD) approved by your country's agency, USCG Type III, ISO, etc.
- The faster you ski or ride, the greater your risk of injury.
- Never make sharp turns that may cause a slingshot effect on the tube's speed.
- Skier/ Rider should be towed at an appropriate speed for their ability level.

**Fallen skier or rider:** Falling and injuries are common in skiing or riding.

- Circle a fallen skier/ rider slowly to return the tow rope handle or pick up the fallen skier/ rider.
- Put the watercraft in neutral when near a fallen skier/ rider.
- Always keep the fallen skier/ rider in view and on the driver's side of the watercraft.
- Display a red or orange skier-down flag to alert other vessels that a skier/ rider is down.

**THE WARNINGS AND PRACTICES IN THE WATERSPORTS SAFETY CODE REPRESENT COMMON RISKS ENCOUNTERED BY USERS. THE CODE DOES NOT COVER ALL INSTANCES OF RISK OR DANGER. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND GOOD JUDGMENT.**

Please contact us if you have any questions on the proper selection, function or safe use of this product.

## **STEERABLE TUBES**

To turn right, simply shift your weight to the right. To turn left, simply shift your weight to the left. Most riders will be able to carve turns after only a few minutes of practice. Try different body and handle positions to determine what works best for your weight, physical ability, wake and water conditions.

## **WAKEBOARD TOWERS & TOW POINTS**

Wakeboard towers are not designed for pulling towables. Do not tow inflatables from ski pylons or ski eyes unless recommended by the boat manufacturer. Tow pylons and ski eyes installed aftermarket are not intended for towing inflatables. Kwik Tek assumes no liability for injuries or damages resulting from not following these instructions.

Proper inflation is the key to fully enjoying this product. The cover should be taut with few wrinkles. You should barely sink it when standing on the tube. Use an AIRHEAD Air Pump for best results. Use caution and do not over-inflate above 1.4 psi if using compressed air or the AIRHEAD AHP-120HP High Pressure Air Pump. Use an AIRHEAD Pressure Release Valve with the pump to ensure no chance of overinflation.

Your AIRHEAD inflatable is equipped with one or more of the following valve types:

### **Boston Valve**

**Inflating:** Be sure that the Boston Valve is tightly installed by turning the square base clock-wise. Unscrew the top cap counter-clockwise. Inflate using an AIRHEAD air pump.

**Deflating:** Remove the entire valve by turning the square base counter-clockwise.

### **Multi-Valve Adapter**

**Inflating:** Unscrew the cap from the Boston Valve and replace with Multi-Valve. Fill with standard air chock. Do not over-inflate!

**Deflating:** Remove the entire valve by turning the square base counter-clockwise.

### **Speed Valve**

**Inflating:** Pull out the cap and insert the pump fitting into the valve. Be sure to open the flap at the base of the valve.

**Deflating:** Deflate using your AIRHEAD pump, or insert a blunt object to open the flap.

### **Monitoring & Maintaining Proper Inflation:**

To prevent serious damage to seams and I-beams, remove some air or move to a shaded area when exposure to direct sunlight heats up the tube and causes the air inside to expand. Add some air if exposure to cool air or water lowers the air pressure inside.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE**

**Product won't hold air:** Make sure that the valve is installed properly by removing and re-installing. If you suspect that the product was not inflated fully, add some air.

**Valve is leaking:** Make sure that the valve was screwed into the threads correctly. Valve and cap must be screwed down tightly.

**Bladder does not get firm and/or Nylon Cover is loose:** Your air pump probably doesn't produce enough pressure to completely fill the bladder, no 12 volt pump does. Top off your inflatable with an AIRHEAD Double Action Hand Pump or Foot Pump.

## **LIMITED WARRANTY**

Kwik Tek Inc. Warrants, to the original purchaser only, when their products are used for normal recreational purposes.

That all Kwik Tek inflatables are free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 90 days from original purchase date. Any implied warranties are also limited in duration to the 90 day period from the original purchase date.

There are no warranties that extend beyond the description on the face hereof. Kwik Tek should not be held liable for incidental or consequential damages.

Kwik Tek Inc. shall inspect all warranty claims and in the event of a defect, repair or replace the defective part or entire item, at its option. A return authorization number (RA#) must be obtained prior to return by calling or writing to the telephone or address listed in this manual. Merchandise must be returned, postage prepaid along with proof of purchase to the address below with the RA# in bold on the outside of the package.

This warranty does NOT cover: FAILURE CAUSED BY OVERINFLATION, TEARS, CUTS, PUNCTURES OR SNAGS OBTAINED DURING NORMAL USE; ITEMS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, ITEMS FOR RENTAL OR HIRE AND OTHER USES NOT CONSIDERED NORMAL RECREATIONAL USES OR IMPROPER STORAGE. FADING from exposure to sunlight is also not covered by this warranty.

THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THIS CARD. KWIK TEK INC. SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY INCIDENTAL AND/OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

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