



User manual - English



Please read this user manual carefully before you use your GIN kite.

Welcome to GIN KITEBOARDING...

Thank you for choosing a GIN kite.

Our R&D team invests a lot of time, passion and experience into creating each new GIN kite.

We hope you will have as much fun with this kite as we have, and we wish you many wonderful sessions with your new kite!!

For more information and to keep in touch with the fantastic evolution of our sport, visit our website:

www.ginkites.com

Please pass on this manual to the new owner if you ever resell your kite.

Enjoy riding GIN,
The GIN KITEBOARDING Team

Information about safety

Aimed at customers with a good knowledge of kiting, this manual principally provides technical information about the kite. This manual cannot replace training from an approved kite school.

Kiting is a magnificent sport, but certain rules do apply and these must never be neglected. As an "ambassador" of our sport, please respect these rules and always keep safety in mind.

Respect :

- the other riders
- the kite launch and landing zones
- the riding locations
- the rules of riding and of the air
- the public and their safety
- the natural elements

Familiarize yourself with :

- your equipment
- your safety equipment

Make sure that you have adequate personal and third party liability insurance for kiting.

The manufacturer as well as the distributors and agents of GIN KITEBOARDING products cannot be held liable for death, personal injury or material damage resulting from any use of this equipment.

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GIN KITEBOARDING

GIN KITEBOARDING is a rider's company. For us, kiteboarding is a priority and a way of life. The members of GIN's Development Team have worked and ridden hard throughout the year to ensure you get the best experience possible through our products. We are stoked to introduce to you our new GIN kite.

Our philosophy is to create products of the highest quality and performance that are able to provide us with the maximum satisfaction; we are then more than happy to share these with YOU and other GIN riders worldwide.



Construction

A highly skilled workforce takes extreme care during the entire manufacturing process of our kites. Every piece of fabric, reinforcement and detail has been carefully designed, refined and crafted from the most suitable, selected materials. Everything is then assembled in a finely controlled process to create this kite.

After several hours of use, you will still discover small details that simplify your kiting life as a result of the thought GIN put into the design for you.

Description of a tube kite



- 1. leading edge
- 2. trailing edge
- 3. strut
- 4. top surface
- 5. bottom surface

- 6. bridle SLE
- 7. left rear pigtail with 3 knots (blue)
- 8. left front pigtail with loop (blue)
- 9. right rear pigtail with 3 knots (red)
- 10. right front pigtail with loop (red)
- 11. mini GIN low friction ring

Technical features

- NEW «MINI GIN LOW FRICTION RING»: The new kite bridle standard developed by GIN KITE-BOARDING. No pulleys to break, no sand wear out.



- Single point inflation system: You do have the choice of sealing off the connections between struts and LE. This helps in case of a puncture or to store the kite with struts inflated. The flight of your kite will be also optimised. In order to re-balance the pressure in the whole kite, open all the connections before inflating the LE.

- To replace a bladder:

1. Move the zip tie cover and throw away the plastic zip tie (from the valve of the bladder to replace).
2. Push down the valve into the direction of the bladder.
3. Change the bladder and use a new plastic zip tie.
4. Place the zip tie cover on the plastic zip tie.



- Handle on the leading edge: The main leading edge tube is equipped with a double use handle. It enables you to attach the strap of the pump to it, in order to inflate the kite safely, without holding the kite. You will benefit from an easy and safe handhold to carry your kite up-wind, inner surface facing up, top surface facing down.



- Wave shape protector: The wave shape protector is a special leading edge construction that protects the kite from any premature wear out. The high balanced construction with different material on each panel gives a very progressive construction from the leading edge to the canopy: we don't have any big difference of weight between each assembled panels. The shape with waves gives a very smooth effect without any strong angle between the different panels.



- Bridle setting:

Setting for the front lines,
choose between: FREESTYLE/FREERIDE and WAVE



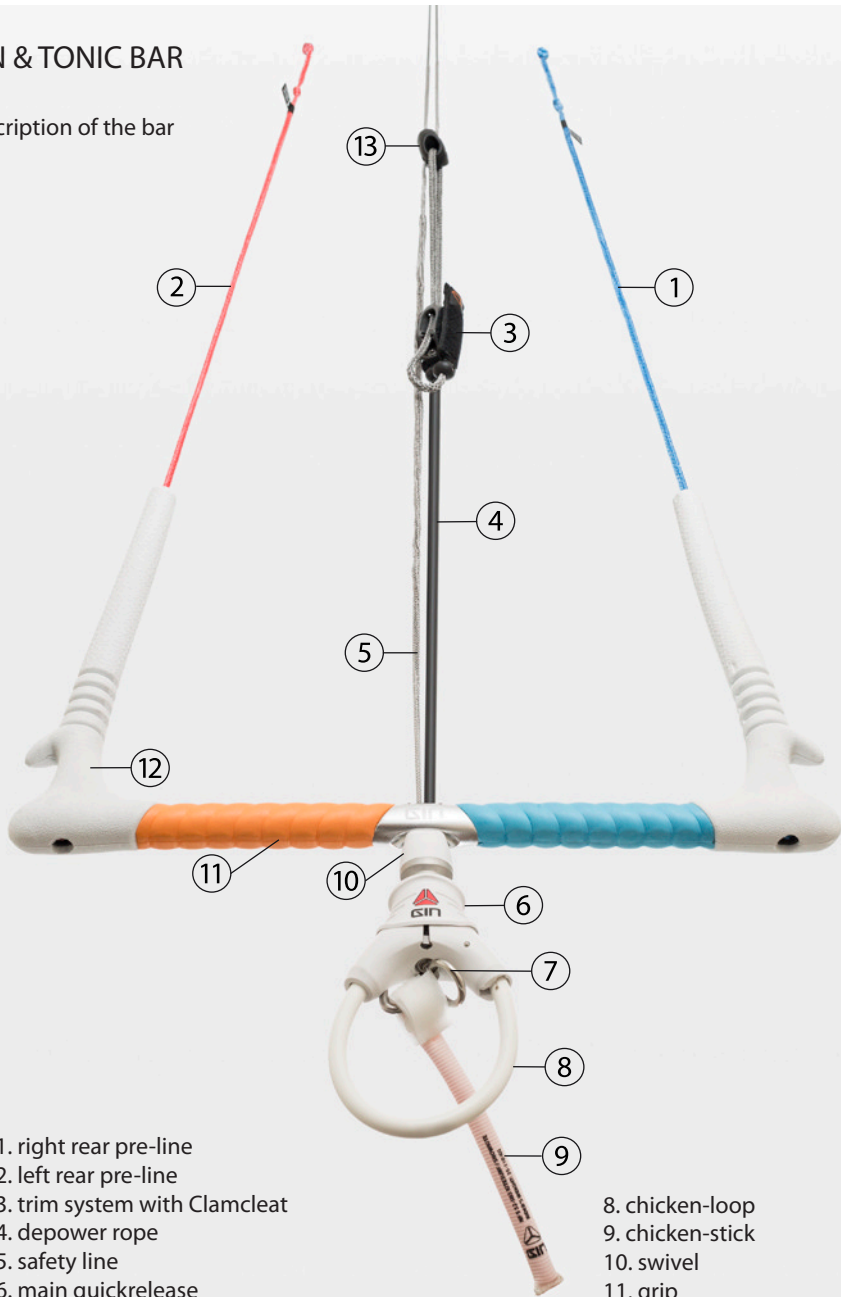
Setting for the back lines to adjust the bar pressure and turn speed, choose between:
SLOWER or STANDARD or FASTER



These 3 possible settings on the wingtip let you adapt the kite very easily to match the moment and your needs. Then you will be one with your kite!

GIN & TONIC BAR

Description of the bar



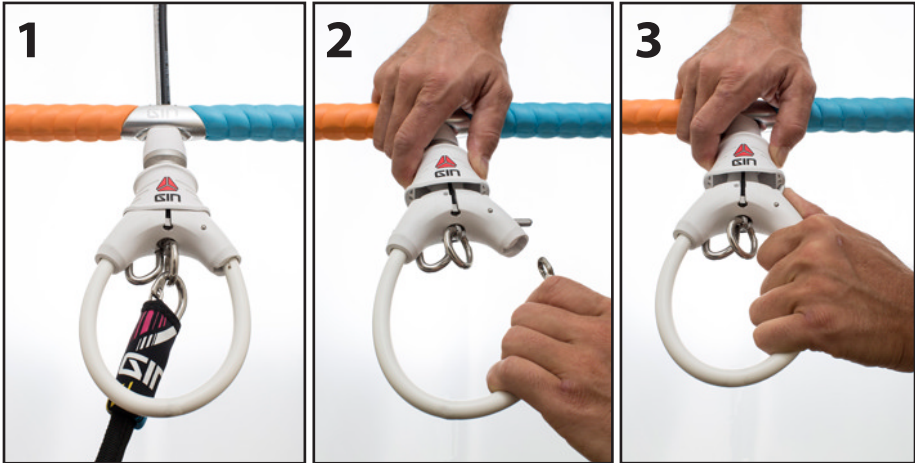
- 1. right rear pre-line
- 2. left rear pre-line
- 3. trim system with Clamcleat
- 4. depower rope
- 5. safety line
- 6. main quickrelease
- 7. ring for kite leash (directly connected to the safety line or combined to the chicken-loop)

- 8. chicken-loop
- 9. chicken-stick
- 10. swivel
- 11. grip
- 12. endcap
- 13. Egg piece for front lines connection

Safety system

It is imperative that you know the correct operation and assembly of your safety system before using it. Always check your safety system before each use to make sure that it functions correctly. Keep the quick release clean of sand, mud, ice or snow before use.

Main quickrelease



1. To release: push the top part of the main quickrelease away from you, in the direction of the red arrow printed on it. You will be connected to the kite by the kite leash connected to the safety line of the kite (one front line).
2. To lock: push up the top part of the quickrelease, introduce the metallic loop of the chicken-loop into the main quickrelease piece.
3. Lock the system by covering the metallic pin with the top part of the main quickrelease.

Kite leash

1. To release: push the red tube away from you, in the direction of the black arrow. You will not be connected to the kite any more.
2. To lock: pass one side of the metallic pin through the loop of the released part. Place this same side of metallic pin parallel to the black plastic tube and cover it with the red tube. The system is locked when the red tube is touching the black plastic ball.

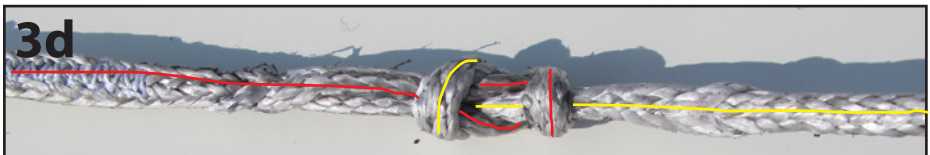
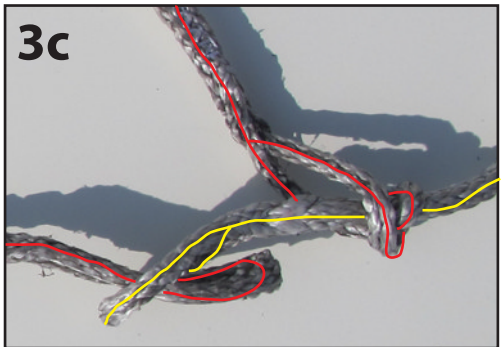
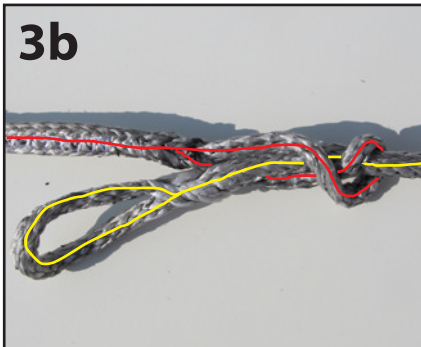
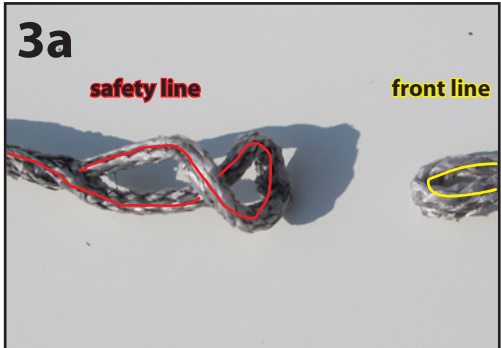


Adjustment of the bar

To set up the neutral position of the bar, the trim system must be released and the bar must be pushed down (full power). Have someone hold the bar and hold the 4 lines under equal tension: at the kite side, all 4 lines must end at the same level. The knots of the pre-lines can be easily moved by a few centimetres for perfect adjustment of the flying lines.

Replacement of the safety line

1. Pull down the safety line until the complete safety line has passed through the main quickrelease system.
2. Unknot the 2 loops of the safety line (ring side and front line side)
3. Fix the new safety line with a lark's head knot with twisted loop to the front line (a, b, c, d)
4. Fix the metallic ring with a lars'head knot.
5. Put tension on the front line to pass the safety line through the main quickrelease until the ring will stop it.



Bags

GIN kite is delivered with 2 specially designed bags:



Main backpack:

- kite board straps and compression straps
- external pocket for the pump
- waist belt strap
- ventilation system and zip to allow the wing to dry and to let water and sand out
- kite size and flavour printed on the bag

2nd bag :

- designed to carry the kite with inflated struts
- with the kite packed inside, it is possible to carry it either, across your shoulder, or to place it inside the main rucksack and to carry it on your back
- kite size printed on bag

Looking after your kite

- Do not pump your kite without having checked carefully that the Velcro is positioned correctly at the end of the struts, and that all bladders are positioned correctly and without twists.
- Do not leave your kite out in the sun or flapping in the wind if you are not using it, the cloth will prematurely age.
- Never store a wet kite for a long time. Make sure it is completely dry.
- Never use any sort of chemical cleaner on your kite. Only use clean fresh water.
- Store your kite in a dark and dry place leaving the bag open.
- Do not walk on the lines or on the kite.
- Put the control bar into the water before riding if the bar was in contact with the sand. The water will clean the depower rope from the sand that could wear it out prematurely.

Control bar set-up and safety system

- Check your control bar set-up and safety system before each use to make sure that it works correctly.
- Check for wear and tear on each part, also check all knots and lines, making sure that the neoprene protectors are in place where appropriate.
- Take care to clean your control bar set-up, your safety system, bridles, pulleys and lines of all sand, mud and dust, snow and ice.

Warning

- Your safety and the safety of others depend upon the correct use of this equipment. You are solely responsible for ensuring that you only use this equipment in situations and conditions suitable for your level of competence and in a way that will not endanger third parties.
- Safety does not only depend on the safety systems of the kite, it is also the result of training and of the correct evaluation of the situation and all conditions; the location, potential hazards, other people, the weather, etc
- Your kite and safety systems must be regularly checked and properly maintained.
- This GIN product is a kite adapted for kitesurfing, land kiting and snowkiting. Unlike a paraglider or a speedflying wing, this kite is NOT designed for free flight and does NOT meet the specific safety requirements of free flight.

GIN KITEBOARDING warranty

GIN KITEBOARDING warrants your kite to be free of major defects in material or workmanship to the original purchaser for a period of one year from the date of purchase. To validate your warranty, we ask you to register your kite on the website www.ginkites.com during the seven days after your purchase. We also ask you to keep your original receipt.

This warranty is available under the following conditions :

- The warranty is valid only when the product was registered by the owner at www.ginkites.com within seven days of the date of purchase.
- The warranty is valid only when this product is used for normal recreational activities, and does not cover products used in rental or teaching operations.
- GIN KITEBOARDING will make the final warranty determination, which may require inspection and/or photos of the product, which clearly shows the defects. This information must be sent to the GIN KITEBOARDING distributor in your country, postage prepaid. Products can be returned only after having received the authorization of GIN KITEBOARDING.
- If GIN KITEBOARDING declares that warranty is valid, the warranty will cover only the repair or replacement of the defective product or part. GIN KITEBOARDING will not be responsible for any costs, losses or damages incurred due to shipment.
- The warranty does not cover damages caused by misuse, abuse, neglect or normal wear and tear - including but not limited to – punctures and rigging with other than GIN KITEBOARDING components. All damages due to : excessive sun exposure / over inflation of the bladders / improper handling and storage / use in waves or shore break will not be covered by the warranty.
- The warranty is not valid where any unauthorized repair, change or modification has been made to any part of the equipment.
- The warranty for any repair or replacement equipment is valid from the date of the original purchase only.
- The original purchase receipt must accompany all warranty claims. The name of the retailer and date of purchase must be clearly legible.
- There is no special, extra warranty except those laid out on this page.

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Thank you also to all the impassioned people who have given their energy and time for the kite and for GIN KITEBOARDING.

And thank you to YOU !



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