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**Thank you** for purchasing a Best kite. Please read this manual carefully and in its entirety before using your new Best kite.

## WARNING

Kiteboarding/kitesurfing/snowkiting are extreme sports. They have numerous inherent risks and dangers, and pose substantial risk of cuts, scrapes, bruises, broken bones, loss of limbs, loss of vision, paralysis, and other serious, permanent and disabling injuries and death to the rider and others. Some of the sources of these risks include but are not limited to:

- Being lifted by the kite and then dropped or slammed into the ground, snow, trees, rocks, buildings, piers, jetties and/or other structures or surfaces.
- Being dropped or slammed into other people and/or property.
- Contact with kite lines under tension, and/or watercraft.
- Drowning.
- Underwater conditions and/or objects such as sharp shells, broken glass, sand bars, shoals, reefs, oyster beds, and/or concrete.
- Contact with sea life such as sting rays, sharks, sea turtles, jelly fish, etc.
- Weather conditions and/or changes in weather conditions such as increasing or decreasing wind, waves, updrafts, lightning and/or water spouts.
- Equipment performance. Kiteboarding is a new sport. Kiteboarding equipment and safety gear are NOT 100% reliable. Safety designs and features are often new and unproven. Kites may behave unfavorably and unpredictably. Lines can twist, tangle, or break, resulting in serious injury and/or loss of control of the kite.

When using this product, you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others around you. Never use this product as a flying device. Never touch flying lines when the kite is in use.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT UNLESS YOU AGREE WITH THE
FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Before using this product, the purchaser/user has carefully reviewed, understood and agrees to comply with the terms of this User Manual. Use of this product and any of its components involves certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards, which can result in serious personal injury or death. The purchaser/user of this product understands that the seller is not responsible for any damage to property or injury caused by negligent operation of this product by the purchaser/user, and the purchaser/user releases the seller from all such liability. In the event of your death or incapacity, this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon your heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives.

The purchaser/user of this product expressly assumes the risk of any and all bodily injury, death and/or liability which may result from the purchaser or user's participation in kiteboarding. The purchaser/user agrees to hold Ride Best, LLC harmless from any and all liability, and waive and release any and all claims or potential claims against Ride Best, LLC and any of its respective agents, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, instructors, officers, directors, shareholders, suppliers and manufacturers in the event of any such bodily injury or death which may result from the purchase and/or use of Ride Best LLC (d/b/a Best Kiteboarding) products.

## Introduction:

Best Kiteboarding would like to thank you for choosing one of the new kites from our 2011 line up. These represent the current state of the art in kitesurfing equipment design and manufacture; we know that it will provide you with huge amounts of enjoyment.

Should you at any time need to take advantage of our Fair and Reasonable timeframe warranty please read the notes attached at the end of the FAQ section for further information or check the warranty policy information online at http://www.bestkiteboarding.com/Guarantee

## Taboo description:

The Taboo range represents a new concept in building the ultimate quiver of high performance kites. Each size of the Taboo is uniquely engineered to optimize performance for specific riding conditions. Every aspect of design, shaping, material selection and construction has been tested and selected to create the ultimate ride in every kite size.

The Taboo delivers an unprecedented experience for hardcore riders who long to push beyond the limits of their current quiver. Ranging from 4m to 17m, there is a Taboo for all wind speeds and all advanced riding styles. Each size in the range blends a different balance of 'control', 'power' and ‘flow’ allowing you to completely reinvent your riding game.

Unhooked big-wave riders and Wakestyle enthusiasts will find that the smallest Taboos offer the perfect blend of tight and fast steering responsiveness, light bar pressure and unhooked control, allowing them to express their style like never before.

New-school riders in the hunt for eye-popping kite-loops will be blown away by the uncompromising power delivery and handling from the mid-sized Taboos. Hooked or unhooked the Taboo remains rock solid stable to the limits of its wind range.

For course racing and lightwind conditions, the largest Taboos are the most aerodynamically refined kites we've ever made. Every gram of spare has been trimmed back to deliver maximum lightwind performance and racing advantage.

With a size range of 4m, 5.5.m 7m, 8m, 9m, 10m, 12m, 14m, 15m and 17m there is a Taboo for your every need. If you want to reach the outer limits of performance, it's time that you flew the Taboo.

**The Taboo: Be untouchable.**

## Kite Package:

The Taboo is the first kite from Best that allows you to choose the type of kite-bag that you prefer for your kite based on functionality and cost. There are three bag options, two of which include the new high volume metal shafted pump.

### Standard telescopic, Ripstop kite-tube.


The kite-tube bag is made from Ripstop polyester material and can be extended to carry the kite with struts fully inflated. Each size of kite has a unique kite-tube bag ensuring that the central carry handle is at the balance point midway up the length of the partially inflated kite. The kite-tube has no Velcro or zips which can be fouled with salt and sand and can be used as a stuff sack to store you beach gear or as a sand bag to aid self-launching.

*Lightweight with small pack size*
*Telescopic- fold up kite or carry with struts inflated*
*Zipper free- draw cord entry*
*Can be used as wingtip anchor and stuff sack*
*Mesh free- keep the sand in the bag, not your car*
*Kite and bag only- pump not included*

### Back-pack kite-bag.

Riders who have to walk into their local launch and need to haul their kit to the beach can rely on our trusted backpack kite-bag to get all their gear to the beach safely.

With an interior zipped pocket and side compression straps there's plenty of space for carrying your kite bar and pump and you can keep your precious items separate from your sandy, wet kite and bar.

*Small, 4-9m and large, 10m+ sizes available*
*Rucksack construction with shoulder straps*
*Volume adjustable with compression/carry straps*
*Safe store pocket with zipper*
*Padded construction for the long haul*

### Messenger bag.

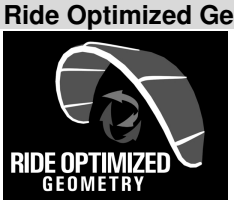
For those riders who want more than just a kite-bag we've created the new messenger bag. Built from PVC free, rubberized fabric it's the ideal compliment to your new kite and your busy lifestyle. With a zipper-free, wide mouth, roll-top closure system you can pack down a huge volume of kit with ease. From beach to airport to the back of your car its stylish looks and practicality will ensure it becomes your most loved item of luggage; the large size will comfortably swallow everything you need for a day's kiting other than your favourite board.

*Small, 4-9m and large, 10m+ sizes available*
*Waterproof materials- keep the sand and water out of the bag*
*Roll-top closure and compression system*
*Salt proof construction- zipper free*
*Interior card pocket*
*Rollout mat provides clean area for changing*

## Performance Features and Kite Set Up:

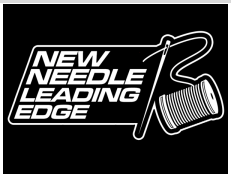
When unpacking your kite for the first time, we recommend that you take some time to familiarize yourself with the product and design features that make your kite unique. This will help you set up the kite correctly the first time, ensuring you gain the maximum potential from its high-performance design.

### Ride Optimized Geometry:



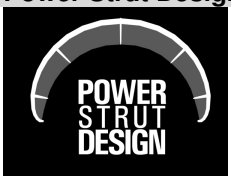

Every size of Taboo is unique. We've used a different blend of materials, construction techniques, bridling and 3D geometry to create a range of high performance kites where each model is ideally suited to deliver maximum performance for a variety of different advanced riding styles based on the wind range of each kite size.

**New Needle Leading Edge:**




The leading edge of every Taboo is stitched with a new needle, one needle per leading edge. Replacing the needle for every new Taboo LE ensures a more accurate stitch with smaller needle holes and a stronger final construction. It might cost a little more to do it this way but it's the best way to build a kite.

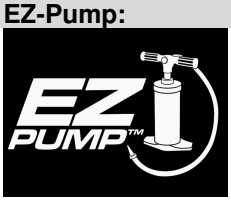
**Power Strut Design:**




Light wind racing and riding requires every possible advantage, so the 15m and 17m Taboos use a high aspect-ratio/projected area canopy planform that provides maximum power from every square meter of available canopy. Combined with an ultra thin 5th strut design air-frame for reduced drag and faster turning it delivers the perfect combination of power and control for lightwind domination.

The smallest size Taboo kites use a 4 strut layout to help maximize stability without increasing drag while the medium sized kites use a 6 strut layout

**EZ-Pump:**




The EZ-pump connectors on the Taboo use a new connector that directly attaches the tubes to the valves without an intermediary connector. Reducing the number of parts in the EZ-pump makes it more robust and easier to use and service.

**Taboo Micro Bridles:**


If you want the fastest turning and most direct feedback from your kite then you need to be as directly connected to it as possible. The Taboo uses a short front bridle with no sliders or pulleys, giving you all the advantages of a direct connection to your kite and still retains the stability, huge wind-range and ease of relaunch that you've come to expect from our SLE kite designs. For unhooked riding, the combination of kite geometry and fixed bridle provides zero backstall and balanced pull after the pop.

**Kookproof Connections:**


The front bridle on the Taboo is built with a double ended flying line attachment. This attachment can be removed and flipped to provide either a knot or a loop connection for use with the Kookproof equipped front line loops on the Redline Performance Bar.

**Strut Drawstrings:**


The strut bladders have a small length of string attached to the head of the bladder. This string passes through the head of the strut casing to allow you pull the bladder tight against the strut casing after replacing a bladder.

**3D Scuff Pads:**


The Taboo canopy receives 3D injection moulded scuff pads to provide maximum protection in self launch situations.

**Hidden Bridle Reinforcement:**


The Taboo has multiple layer LE attachment point reinforcements, which are applied to the inside of the LE. This reinforcement provides the best possible load distribution and eliminates any risk of fraying Dacron edges.

**Canopy Framing Technology:**


Crashing your kite is a fact of life. That's why the perimeter of each canopy segment in every Best kite is supported with a unique reinforcement zone, isolating the canopy from impact and crash loads. CFT now uses an even stronger mark cloth reinforcement directly between the struts and the

canopy, enhancing the strength of your kite without adding unnecessary weight. CFT is a unique approach to distributing shock loads, and the effective transfer of TE tension, across the canopy of your kite - and you'll only find it on Best kites.

**Load Flex Seam:**


The tip-to-tip leading edge seam on all of our kites is triple stitched with a full length tape closure on the outside. The inside is fully taped with a full length Mark cloth strip for maximum strength with all internal seams being smooth-taped to protect the bladders from any ridges of stitching. The Load Flex seam design provides additional support to the leading edge helping to provide maximum strength and stability to your kite.

**Flat Pack LE Barrel Seams:**


Our Flat Pack LE barrel seams contribute to the strongest LE construction we've ever made. Removing the overlap between segments has created a stronger and lighter LE construction with enhanced stiffness and torsion load handling for even greater responsiveness and durability.

**3D Kevlar Airframe:**


All the leading edge and the strut joints on your kite are 3D shaped and constructed with a Kevlar material. There is no better way to connect the leading edge to the struts. Our construction gives the lightest and most durable inflatable kite structure available, yielding a kite with exceptional performance and easy handling for riders of all abilities.

**Kevlar Elbows:**


Kevlar reinforced, abrasion resistant leading edge elbow patches provide greater resistance against handling and launch/land damage.

**AB/Custom Tune:**


AB/Custom Tune gives you the control to rig your kite to suit your personal riding style and wind condition. With multiple back line positions on the wingtips, you have the option to adjust the depower settings, back line pressure and the turning speed of your kite.

**Reinforced Trailing Edge:**


The back of your kite takes as much abuse as the front, so we reinforce the trailing edge of all of our kites either with Canopy Framing or our new Dacron reinforcement for even greater durability and the ultimate crash protection.

**Surf Tough:**


Surf Tough describes how we build-in the absolute highest quality with every kite that we make. There are no short cuts to great performance and lasting durability. We take pride in each and every kite that we make and that's why you will find Surf Tough features on every one of our inflatable kites.

**Setup and Pre-flight checks:**

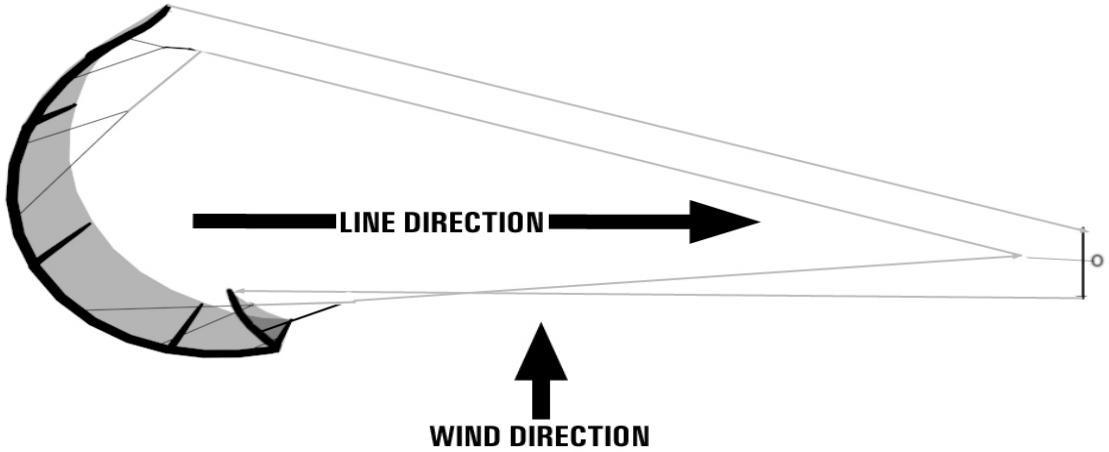
Riders should perform a thorough inspection of their kites each time they set-up, and prior to launching, to ensure that the kites have sustained no damage during use. Any damage should be repaired by a professional kite or sail loft to ensure continued safety and usability.

It is worthwhile inspecting all flying line attachments, bridle sections and pigtails before each flight. Damage to any of these areas may well render your kite unsafe to fly.

## Self-launching:

All Best kites can be self-launched. Connect the flying lines of the bar to the kite following the line convention, centerlines from the bar to the front bridle attachment points and color coordinated rear flying lines to the matching rear pigtails. Check and double check that your flying lines are free from twists before proceeding any further. If your lines are twisted disconnect them and 'walk' out your lines from the bar to the kite to ensure you have removed any twists.

Secure the kite by folding and sanding a wing tip with sufficient weight to safely hold it in place. Walk the bar out to the side of the kite so that the flying lines are at ninety degrees to the wind direction.




Pulling the bar back towards you and stepping backwards will flick the sand off the wingtip, releasing the kite and allowing it to self launch.

***If it is possible to have someone experienced assist in the launch, this is always the preferred method.***

## Assisted Landing of the Kite:

When landing your kite with an assistant, simply fly the kite to the edge of the window and down to ground level slowly. Have your assistant take hold of the kite firmly in the middle of the leading edge. Both you and your assistant should walk towards each other to remove all tension from the flying lines. Your assistant can either lay the kite down, with the nose of the kite facing into the wind and sand the upper canopy, or hold the kite until you are unhooked from the bar and safely able to take over the kite.

## Self Landing kites:

***We always recommend that riders attempt to gain an assisted landing. In circumstances where this is not possible you can land the kite using the rear OSR handles.***

You must detach the bypass/handlepass leash before attempting to land the kite via the rear line OSR handles. Fly your kite to the side of the window leaving the kite at an angle of about fifteen degrees to the ground, which equates to the lowest wingtip being about 5m from the ground.

With the kite at the edge of the window and the retaining Velcro on the OSR handle already loosened, sheet-out, reach up and grab the lower of the two OSR handles. With the webbing loop firmly in your grasp, unhook while holding onto the webbing handle and proceed to drop the bar. Your kite will fly slightly to the edge of the window, and then loop under itself, coming to rest on the beach in the dead downwind position, facing into the wind with the leading edge facing up.

***This method is only recommended if you have more than two line-lengths of downwind space and it is impossible to seek assistance.***

## Water Relaunching:

The 7m and smaller Taboo sizes require no special technique to relaunch. Their curved canopy and deep center chord makes it easy for them to catch the wind and be maneuvered around to the edge of the window.

The 8m-14m sizes should be relaunched using a similar technique to most SLE kites. Pulling in the slack on one back line will enable to the kite to taxi around to the edge of the window where the kite can be flipped onto one wingtip with the bar. The 15 and 17m taboo sizes have a slight Delta shape to the wingtip which allows them to roll over much more easily than would be typical for such large kites.

**Hot launching:** Advanced riders only

With the kite resting on its trailing edge in the water, with its weight partly supported by the struts, it is possible that the kite may 'hot launch' at some point downwind of you in the power zone. As soon as the kite powers up, you must push out on the bar, sheeting out the kite, front-line load only. The rear lines must not have any tension until the kite is safely in the neutral zone, which, in this case would be overhead at the zenith.

**Reverse launching:** Advanced riders only

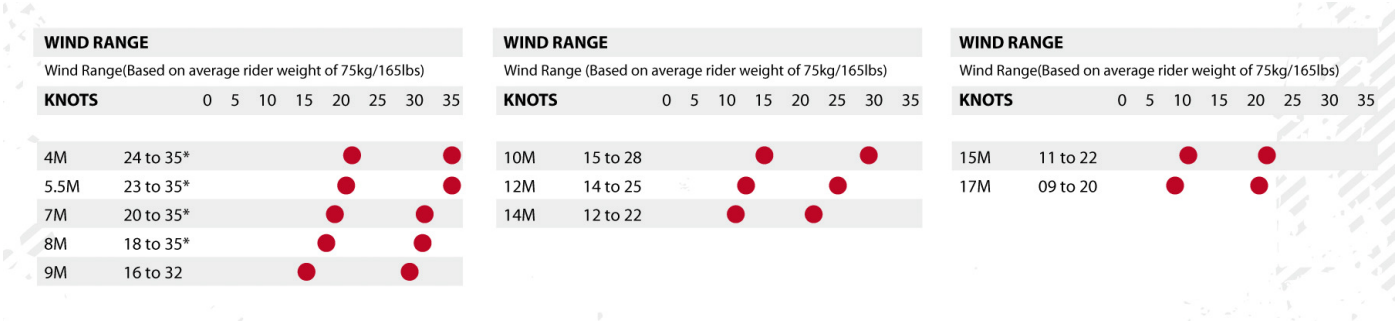
When the LE is downwind on the water (with the wingtips closer to you and the c-shaped center of the kite farthest away from you), you can create a reverse draft using the rear lines on the trailing edge, which causes the kite to hover up backwards. If both rear lines are pulled with even tension, the kite will hover up, evenly balanced. If one rear line is released a few inches, the kite will spin around in the opposite direction and start to redirect. In this case be prepared to flip the bar and sheet-out the kite to reduce powering up the kite in a downwind position, and crashing it back into the water.

***Both of these are advanced techniques and only recommended for experienced riders.***

**Wind Ranges:**

The suggested wind range chart for each kite is to be used as a guide. Always know your limits, and when in doubt rig a smaller kite, if possible. Wind speeds may vary according to where they were measured. Always take a wind reading more than 100m past the nearest upwind object to get an accurate maximum reading. If flying in the mountains, always take a wind reading towards the highest point of land as wind accelerates up hill.

The wind ranges given above are based on a 75kg/165lbs rider and kitesurfing usage. For snowkiting and landboarding




the wind ranges will vary according to snow and surface conditions but will be 3-5 knots lower for bottom end and 4-6 knots lower for top end. The lower wind range for any kite can be increased by the use of a larger surface area or volume board. To estimate usable wind range for different weights assume that an additional 10kg/22lbs moves the wind range up by 1 knot.

***If you cannot keep your kite stable at wind speeds approaching or above the upper stated limits for each size kite, then please do not attempt to exceed your skill level. We strongly advise riders to stay within the stated wind speeds.***

**Taboo Kite FAQ:**

**How can I repair my taboo if it becomes damaged?**

For small areas of damage to your kite we recommend the range of products made by Kitefix.com. Their range of sail tapes, repair cloths and Gluefix kits are easy to use and ideal for working repairs.

For larger repairs requiring professional attention your Best Kiteboarding retailer can point you towards your best, approved, local repair facility.

**How should I care for my kite?**

Inflate and deflate your kite with care. Follow proper inflation techniques and pack your kite when it is completely deflated and dry. Do not roll up your kite with the deflate prongs still in the strut valves as this can damage the internal valve membranes.

Do not leave the kite inflated and sitting in the wind unused for long periods of time, as this accelerates wear to the canopy cloth. Inspect the kite periodically for small holes or tears and patch when detected to eliminate costly repairs.

## Can I use a bar from other kites on my kite?

Yes, however, certain precautions need to be taken into consideration when using other bars. It is best to seek technical assistance before rigging a 'non-Best bar' to the kite. Never self launch when using an untested bar for the first time.

The current Best bar range all use an equal flying line calibration where the front and rear line lengths is equal with the bar pulled to the max power position and the trim strap fully extended- this has become the accepted standard for most major kite manufacturers.

The Redline Performance Bar is the ideal choice for your new Taboo. Its range of safety features have been designed with the Taboo in mind and it is perfectly calibrated for your new kite.

## What safety systems are built into my kite?

Any Best kite flown with any Best bar has multiple redundant safety systems. First and foremost, pushing the bar away and forcing it to slide up to the trim strap will depower the kite to its depower limit. Unhooking the kite and dropping the bar when attached to the bypass leash ring will result in the same maximum depower state being achieved.

Where flying lines are equipped with OSR handles these can be used to completely flag the kite out to a powerless position by unhooking and then dropping the bar when attached to an OSR handle via the leash.

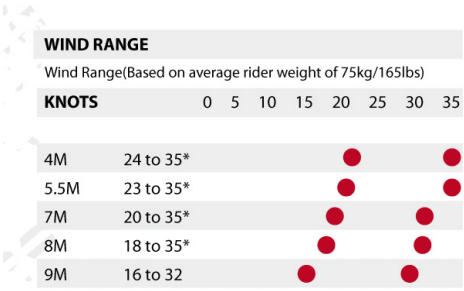
When attaching to the OSR handles with the bypass leash always ensure that the tension of the leash on the flying lines does not cause the kite to fly at an angle. Always ensure that the retaining Velcro is unfastened before clipping into webbing handles. Failure to do so may compromise the function of the safety system. ***Note: clip only to the webbing handle; never clip directly into the stainless rings***.

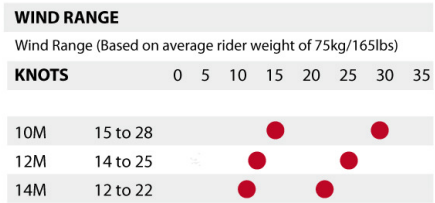
***An accessory single front line leash is under development for the Redline Performance Bar and should be available in 2011.***

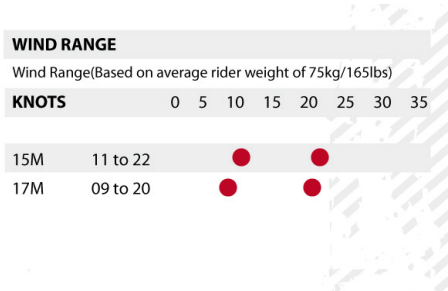
## How do I rig my Taboo? Which rear bridle attachment knots should I use?

The Taboo 4m, 5.5m, 7m, 8m and 9m kites all come with 2 knots on the rear bridles. These knots can be used to compensate for the wind speed. The bottom knot should be used in high winds and the top knot in low winds.

The 10m, 12m, 14m, 15m and 17m Taboo kites all come with 3 knots on the rear flying lines. these can be considered as low wind, average wind and high wind settings with the top knot being used for the lowest winds and the bottom knot being used for the highest winds. Wind ranges for each size of Taboo are given in the following table.



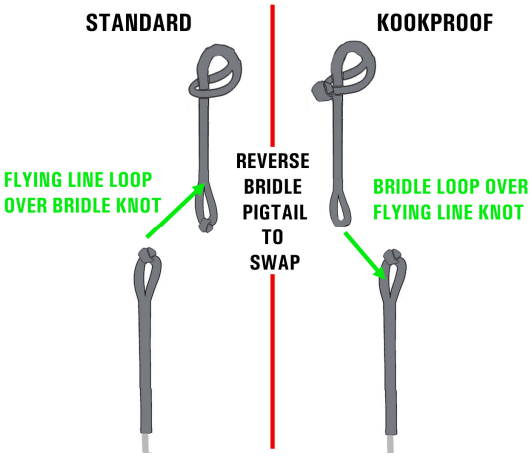




When the kite is trimmed correctly, you should be comfortable enough to steer the kite and still have enough reach left to depower the kite by pushing the bar away from you. As an additional passive depower adjustment, the trim strap allows further depowering on the fly.

If you intend on riding unhooked for performing tricks it is important that you trim your kite so it does not backstall when unhooked. To check this, once you think you have found your preferred rear knot setting, unhook the chicken loop from your spreader bar and fly the kite overhead. If the kite sits directly above you without backing down into the window, then you have the perfect trim. If you find the kite wants to back down towards the beach, you have too much rear line tension and the kite is over-sheeted. To fix this, simply pull down on the depower strap in small increments until the kite flies happily overhead with the bar unhooked. If the kite continues to backstall then loosen the back lines at the kite by moving one knot towards the end of the rear bridle.

***Please note that flying unhooked is not recommended unless you are already comfortable with the increased level of kite control required. Never try to assess the correct trim for unhooking in high winds and never unhook without using a rated handlepass leash designed for this purpose.***

## How do I use the Kook proof attachments on the Taboo with my redline Performance bar?

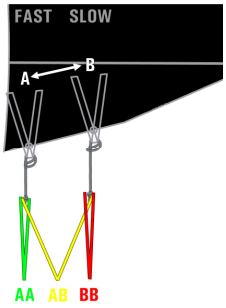



The taboo comes fitted with adjustable front line pigtails; these are made so that they can be reversed and used with either a closed loop or a knotted loop. This allows them to be used as knots or loops, and - in conjunction with the knotted loops in the front flying lines of the Redline bar- provides Kookproof functionality so that the back lines cannot ordinarily be attached to the front bridle attachment points.

To swap between the standard loop-knot front line connection simply reverse the front bridle pigtail so that the loop without the knot is on the bottom- this effectively forces you to use the knot on the end of the front flying lines to connect to the kite.

As the rear flying lines do not have knotted loops, you cannot attach them to the looped end of the front bridle pigtail.

## How do I adjust the turning speed and depower characteristics of my Taboo?




The wingtips of the Taboo have two rear flying line attachment locations that can be used to tune the turning speed and bar travel/depower ratio of your kite. The two attachment locations A and B each have a short pigtail line attached to them followed by a short V-line that can be positioned in either AA, AB or BB settings.

For the fastest turning we recommend the AA setting, this is most suitable for wave-riding, particularly with the larger bar sizes. For general Freeriding we recommend the AB setting, this gives a blend of easy depower along with a more moderated turning speed that will allow you to develop your flow. For unhooked riding BB gives the slowest turning speed- particularly in combination with the 45cm bar- and also more back line pressure, which is favored by many wakestyle riders.

## How do I perform a self-rescue with my kite?

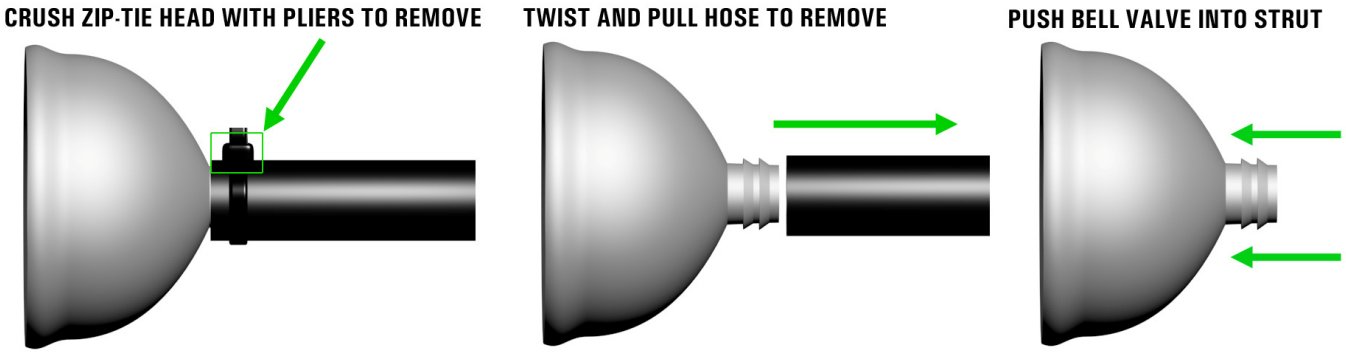
Opinions on the best method to self rescue vary. If you believe that you stand a good chance of being seen with your kite and retrieved either by another kiter or by boat, then you may feel happier keeping your kite fully inflated. An inflated kite is highly visible on the water and will act as a visual marker for any potential rescue.

If the wind has switched to an offshore direction having your kite inflated at this point will only drag you further out to sea, so it is not recommended in this instance that you leave your kite inflated. If you intend to swim back to shore under your own power, then you need to pack down your kite as follows.

If possible, release the OSR handle to flag the kite and wind the lines onto the end posts. With the lines wound in and any flying lines secure, release the LE deflate bladder and taking the kite by the wingtips, roll it to the center, expelling air from the LE as you progress. Be careful that you do not allow water to seep into the LE. Once the LE is deflated, re-secure the LE valve, secure the kite to your board with your bar leash, and paddle back in.

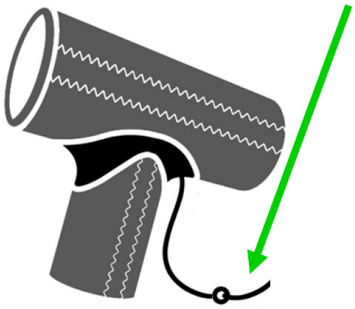
## How do I remove and replace strut bladders on my Taboo?

To remove a strut bladder on your Taboo you first need to disconnect it from the EZ-Pump tube that connects it to the LE. Crush the zip-tie block with a pair of pliers and remove the zip-tie. Holding the bell-valve twist and pull to remove the hose. Once the hose is removed gently push the bell valve into the strut casing before removing the bladder.

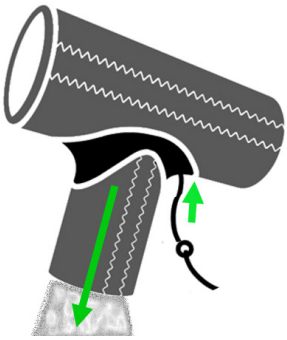


Once the bell-valve is pushed back into the strut casing locate the strut drawstring, you will find this positioned behind the strut. Tie a length of old flying line to the strut drawstring ensuring the knot is small enough to pass through the hole in the top of the strut casing. Open the Velcro flap at the base of the strut and gently pull the strut out backwards feeding the drawstring into the strut casing as you go.

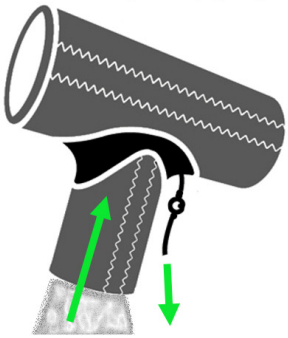
**TIE SPARE LINE TO BLADDER DRAWSTRING**



**OPEN END OF STRUT AND PULL OUT BLADDER**



**USE DRAWSTRING TO PULL BLADDER BACK INTO STRUT**



Once you have fixed your puncture pull the strut carefully back into the strut casing and reseat the bell-valve through its opening at the top of the strut. Detach the extra flying line and replace the strut drawstring behind the leading edge. Reseat the EZ-Pump hose and place a new zip-tie back over the hose in the same position as the one you removed. Then cinch the zip-tie tightly by pulling the tail tight with a pair of pliers.

**How do I replace worn bridles on my Taboo?**

The Taboo is the first SLE kite from Best that uses no pulleys or sliders in its front bridle. Your front bridle should therefore last the life of your kite without need for replacement. Riders should however check all their bridles and flying lines prior to launching their kite to ensure that they have not been damaged while in storage or during the previous session.

**How do I pack my Taboo?**

To pack your Taboo first completely deflate the kite by releasing the EZ-pump 'clickers' to allow the struts to deflate. Then release the deflate valve on the LE of the kite. Roll up each strut from the bottom to the top to expel all the air. Repeat this until all the struts are deflated. Roll the LE from tip to center to expel all the air from one half of the kite, then repeat with the other side of the kite being careful not to squeeze air from one half of the leading edge into the other during deflation. Close the LE deflate valve.

With your full deflated kite now lying on the ground with the struts visible, fold the kite so that the tips touch where the center strut is/would be. Fold the kite in towards the middle again then fold the LE back on itself and continue folding the kite in towards the middle until it is the width of your kite bag. Finally fold the kite leading edge to trailing edge in either 2 or 3 sections until it is small enough to fit inside your bag.

**How hard should I inflate my kite?**

The Taboo can be ordered with or without a pump depending on the 'bag' option that you select when you purchase your kite. We recommend that you use the new high-volume, dual-action 'Green' pump available from Best or your local dealer. We selected these pumps because it is very difficult to over inflate the kite with a manual pump. Your Nemesis Taboo should be inflated to between 10-11PSI. The center strut on the 15m and 17m Taboo kites should be inflated until it feel as firm to the touch as your fully inflated leading edge; this will require more pressure due to the reduced circumference.

Due to the hugely increased risk of impact damage when flying on land, we recommend that land-boarders and snowkiters do not exceed the recommended inflation pressure of 10 PSI. Do not store your kite with inflated struts inside a vehicle during the summer, as in-car temperatures can rise rapidly leading to a catastrophic increase in strut pressure. We recommend that when storing the kite for any period of time, all the valve plugs be removed from the LE valves.
***Best kiteboarding will not be responsible for any damage that occurs due to the use of a pressure hose/compressor when inflating your kite.***

**Where do I go for extra information on my kites?**

Your local Best Kiteboarding retailer has been trained in all aspects of the products they sell and can help you with any queries you may have regarding all Best Kiteboarding products. You may also contact Best Kiteboarding customer support via our website. For any general questions about using Best Kiteboarding products, or to chat with other kitesurfers and to find out all the latest info about everything Best, visit the website **http://www.bestkiteboarding.com** or log onto the online user forums at **http://forum.bestkiteboarding.com**

## Warranty info:

**FAIR AND REASONABLE TIMEFRAME WARRANTY**

In addition to our thirty (30) days 100% Performance Satisfaction Guarantee for direct online purchases from Best Kiteboarding, we also guarantee everything we sell to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under our “Fair and Reasonable Timeframe” warranty. This Fair and Reasonable Timeframe warranty also extends to any product purchased from our extensive retailer network across the world.

We understand that every kiter is different and that we all use and care for our equipment in different ways. A kiter who kites several times every week might be satisfied with a typical six-month warranty, while a kiter who only kites once a month can reasonably expect his equipment to last much longer than the duration of a standard warranty, and we agree. We see no reason why you should have to pay extra for extended warranty support, especially if you take good care of your gear.

The thinking behind our Fair and Reasonable Timeframe warranty is simple: it is the same quality of service that we would expect for our own gear. If we think it is Fair and Reasonable to replace or repair your kite, then that's what we will do. If you take good care of your gear and don't abuse it, then you deserve to be taken care of as well. **Please see the online information for a list of exclusions from the warranty terms.**

So you think you've got a legitimate request? Get in touch with the shop where you bought the gear (the original point of purchase), and the warranty investigation process will begin from there. If you bought the gear from Best online, call us or email us directly. If you bought the gear at one of our Authorized Best dealers, get in touch with them.

The warranty ONLY applies to products bought directly from us or from an Authorized Best dealer. Secondhand purchases, or E-Bay purchases (and the like) are not covered under warranty, even if the products were listed as “new” or appear to be sold via a shop.

This Fair and Reasonable Timeframe Warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights that may vary from state to state or jurisdiction. If you have any questions about our limited warranty or would like to schedule a return, simply contact our Customer Service by phone at 1-866-700-BEST, or (561) 243-3737 if you are outside the US or Canada, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, EST.

Request for additional information and updates to the product manuals should be sent to **sc@pureactionsports.com**