



## **YETI** User manual - English



Please read this user manual carefully before you use the YETI.

## Welcome to GIN KITEBOARDING...

Thank you for choosing a GIN kite.

Our R&D team has invested a lot of time, passion and experience into creating the YETI.

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

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

**[www.ginkites.com](http://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 YETI. 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 the new YETI.

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.



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## 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.

## For what level of rider

The YET I combines the strength of the previous generation of foil kites, the INUIT and the ESKIMO, the kites that have created GIN KITEBOARDINGs success on the snow.

Due to its perfect set of specifications the YET I will charm the snowkiters of all levels!

Its main characteristics are:

### Maximum stability

The YET I stays incredibly stable in any situation, for example:

- Gusty winds during a hard freeride session
- Unhooked and freestyle tricks
- Flights at low speeds and with fully powered bar (often encountered with beginners)
- Light winds

### 100% depower thanks to the 5th line safety

The 5th line safety system offers the best safety possible:

- Completely releases the pressure when activating the safety
- Allows you to leave the kite on the ground without any traction
- Simple 5th line bridle
- The safety system is NF S 52-503 certified by a European test laboratory, ISO 9001:2008 ([www.para-test.com](http://www.para-test.com))

### Smooth and precise flight

The handling of the YETI is intuitive and smooth:

- Just the right amount of bar pressure for good feedback and tirelessly kiteing for hours
- Good upwind performance
- Combining comfort and simplicity with performance and fun

### Best quality material and construction

Thanks to more than 25 years of experience in developing wings, paragliders, speedflying wings and kites, the YETI has the following convincing attributes:

- High quality design and construction
- The right choice of components and materials
- Solid and simple to use

## Windrange

### Flying zone:

YETI 4.5 : 7-15 KN  
YETI 6 : 5-12 KN  
YETI 8 : 5-10 KN  
YETI 10.5 : 5-8 KN

### Riding zone:

YETI 4.5 : 16-25 KN  
YETI 6 : 13-20 KN  
YETI 8 : 11-18 KN  
YETI 10.5 : 9-16 KN

### Expert or heavy rider zone:

YETI 4.5 : 26-35 KN  
YETI 6 : 21-30 KN  
YETI 8 : 19-25 KN  
YETI 10.5 : 17-20 KN

## Description of the YETI



- 1. leading edge
- 2. trailing edge
- 3. top surface
- 4. bottom surface
- 5. wingtip
- 6. inlets

## Technical features

### Safety system with 5th line

Connected to the centre of the kite, the 5th line allows a complete depower after having released the main safety system (Quickrelease). Releasing the safety system, transfers tension from all bridles on to the 5th line. This makes the kite fold in two with the wingtips flying back down wind and “clapping hand” behind. The kite will totally depower and remain on the ground without any traction.



### Velcro on the trailing edge

A Velcro strap is placed in the middle of the kite, on the trailing edge. Use this to avoid getting knots in the bridles, this Velcro can fix the flying lines of the kite before folding and packing it. **WARNING:** carefully remove the lines out of the Velcro and re-fasten the Velcro strap together before flying the kite.



## YETI control bar

Description of the bar



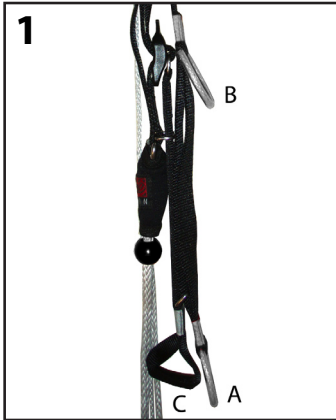
1. combined front pre-line
2. left rear pre-line
3. right rear pre-line
4. 5th line
5. depower line
6. trim
7. break line leash
8. main quickrelease

9. quickrelease of the 5th line
10. swivel system
11. chicken-loop
12. stoosh
13. metallic ring for kite leash
14. endcap
15. bar (YETI 4.5 : 42 cm / YETI 6 : 46 cm / YETI 8 : 50 cm / YETI 10.5 : 56 cm)



## Trim

The power adjustment strap allows you to adjust the power of the kite. Strap released, the kite will have maximum power. Strap pulled, the kite will have less power:



1. Neutral position, no modification of the trim
2. For 50% trim (less power): Pull down the grey strap (A)
3. For 100% trim (less power): After having pulled down the first grey strap (A), pull down the second grey strap (B)
4. To release the trim: Pull down the black strap (C)(more power)

## Swivel system

The swivel of the chicken-loop (swivel system) allows you to cancel any twists on the front flying lines and on the leash. To unwind the twists after a jump with one or more rotation(s), it is easy to turn the bar first to cancel the twist on the rear flying lines, then to pull down the bar. The act of pulling down the bar relieves pressure on the swivel and allows it to automatically rotate, cancelling any twists in the front lines and the leash.

## Stopper ball

The black stopper ball lets you choose the position of your bar when you let it go. The position of the ball defines the maximum depower you will have when you release the bar. Simply move the black ball up or down the depower line to define the best set up for you. The closer to the power adjustment strap you set the ball, the more depower available, and the bigger your margin of safety.

## Kite leash

We advise you to always connect a kite leash to the metallic ring on the chicken-loop. This will prevent any loss of the kite if you don't fix the chicken-loop to your harness hook correctly. Furthermore the pivot system of the stoosh designed for un-hooked moves can, in special situations, involuntary release the chicken-loop from your harness hook.

The D-ring to fix the kite leash is placed on the side for easy access and an ultra easy movement after each unhooked phase.



## 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.

### Main quickrelease



1. The depower line is fixed to the quick release system with an elastic cord.

**WARNING:** the elastic cord of the sleeve must not be twisted around the depower line; it must be parallel to the depower line.

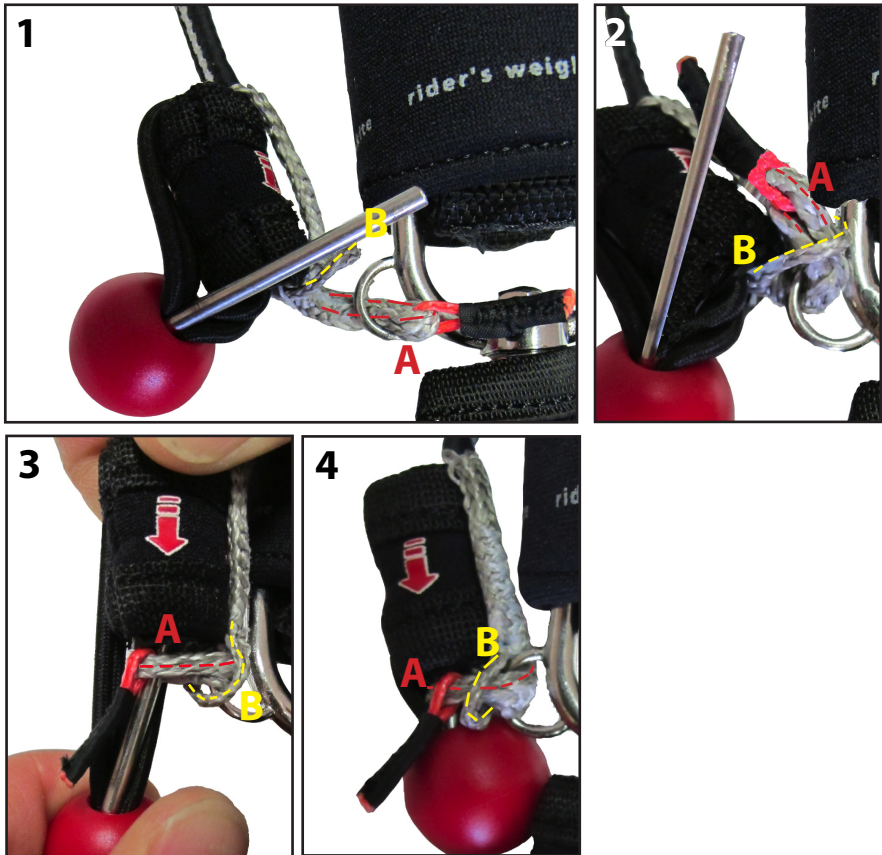
2. Pass the rigid webbing of the quickrelease through the metal rectangle, towards you.

3. Fold the webbing down while pushing up the solid sleeve.

4. Lock the quickrelease by pulling the solid sleeve down against the chicken loop.

5. To release: push the quickrelease sleeve away from you, in the direction of the red arrow on the sleeve. You will still be connected to the kite by second quickrelease.

## Leash quickrelease



1. Hold the black end at the end of the grey loop (A) of the leash line. Pass it through the metallic D-ring of the swivel.
2. Then pass it through the small grey loop (B).
3. Pass the pin through the grey loop (A) at the end of the kite leash. Slide the pin into the black tube.
4. The quickrelease is closed. To release : draw the red ball down, in the direction of the red arrow.

## Adjustment of the bar

The neutral position of the bar allows easy adjustment of the 5 lines.

Neutral position of the bar:



- The power adjustment strap must be released and the bar must be pushed up (depowered)
- The stopper ball must be placed against the power adjustment strap

Have someone hold the chicken-loop (or fix it to a hook) and hold the 5 lines under equal tension:

- the knots of the front and rear pre-lines must be at the same level
- at the kite side, all 5 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.

## Accessories

### YETI bag

The YETI pack is designed for all your freeride backcountry snowkite needs. Its volume is large and we have designed several well thought out pockets.

- Specific straps designed to carry skis, and sticks or snowboard
- CamelBak® inner pocket with protection of the tube from the cold
- Pocket for your iPhone®
- Ergonomical design
- Brand new design matching the different kite colours

### YETI lines

The YETI bar is delivered with a set of 5 X 23 m coloured flying lines:

- Red for the fronts
- Blue for the rear
- Grey for the 5th line

The colour of the pigtails on the kite are similar to the colours of the flying lines.

Material: Dyneema®

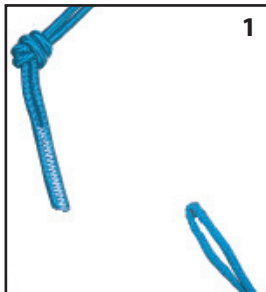
Length: 23m

Strength : 275 KG

To connect the flying lines to the kite:

Connect the flying lines to the correct pigtails of the kite. The bridle of the 5th line must be carefully placed without any knot neither twist before being connected.

Always connect the lines using a lark's head knot:



## Looking after your kite

- 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. Check carefully all potential problems for example from skis or snowboard edges.
- 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
- It is extremely important to receive proper training before using this product and to fully familiarise yourself with all emergency procedures in safe conditions, before having to resort to them in an emergency. The safest place to obtain the necessary skills is from a suitably qualified and competent kite instructor or school. Do not attempt to fly this kite without the necessary skills.
- Your kite and safety systems must be regularly checked and properly maintained.
- YETI is a kite adapted for snowkiting and landkiting. Unlike a paraglider or a speedflying wing, the YETI 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 purchase for a period of ninety days from the date of purchase. We invite you to register your kite on the website [www.ginkites.com](http://www.ginkites.com) during the seven days after your purchase. We ask you to keep your original receipt.

This warranty is available under the following conditions:

The warranty is valid only when the product is registered by the owner at [www.ginkites.com](http://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 show 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. 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 / improper handling and storage 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 to YOU !



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