



# Stand Up Paddle Board Operator's Manual

## **▲ WARNING**

Use of this product and participation in the sport involves inherent risks of injury or death.

To reduce risks:

- This product should never be used by children except under adult supervision.
- This board is not a life saving device.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III (PFD) Life Jacket.
- Stay in contact with your board. Always wear a leash connected to you and your board. If separated, wind and current can carry the board faster than you can swim.
- Inspect all equipment prior to use. Do not use if damaged.
- Do not tow or attempt to ride this board behind a boat or vessel.
- Use of this board requires skill and physical ability. It is to be used by proficient swimmers only.
- Always check with proper authorities regarding water and weather conditions prior to use. Do not use in high surf, high wind conditions, rapids, near swimmers or other boats.
- Do not use in shallow water, reef areas or high current water conditions. Scout unfamiliar water, know the waterways.
- Observe all federal and local water use regulations.
- Do not dive head first into the water from this board.
- This board is designed to be used by one person only.
- Never paddle alone.
- Never operate this product while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Always Read Operator's Manual before use.

## **PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS**

Paddle boarding can be safe and fun for all levels of enthusiasts. The Operator'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.

To reduce your risk of injury or death, follow these guidelines:

- When using your paddle board the owner is responsible for his/her safety and of others around the activity.
- Anyone using this paddle board should take lessons from a paddle board school.
- Check your surf leash each time you use your paddle board and replace it if you see any signs of wear.
- Be careful when carrying this paddle board, especially in windy conditions as an injury may be caused by those around a loose board.
- Do not use this paddle board in a lightning or thunder storm.

## **HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PADDLE BOARD**

### **Clean and Store Properly**

1. After each use, use fresh water and clean the board, surf leash and paddle.
2. Use a board bag for transporting your board, not for long-term storage. A wet board and bag will affect the finish of your board, possibly creating mold and surface blisters.
3. Direct sunlight on a board in a board bag will accumulate heat and may bake your board causing damage.
4. Keep your board and paddle in a cool, shaded area. A hot location (inside a car, heated storage/garage) or in direct sunlight may delaminate your board or cause damage to the board, deck pad and paddle.

### **Fin Maintenance**

1. Remove the fins after each use and store in a fitted bag to help keep them in good condition.
2. If damaged, a fin could significantly reduce your board's performance.
3. Be sure to attach the fin securely before using your board to avoid core, skin and fin box damage.

### Proper Air Vent Care – Epoxy Board Models Only

1. Frequently check the vent plug seal for cracks, tears or other damage and replace if needed.
2. Keep vent clean.

### Controlling Sunlight Exposure

1. An overheated paddle board is not protected by warranty!
2. Sunlight will harm your paddle board if exposed for extended periods of time.
3. Do not leave your board exposed to sunlight when it is out of the water. Keep it in the shade.
4. If the board heats to around 165° F the foam will become unstable.
5. If your board is exposed while transporting, keep the bottom facing up.
6. Keep the deck pad stored away from sun exposure to avoid board damage.

### If Your Board is Damaged

1. Leave the water at once if your board is punctured.
2. Delamination and other damage may occur if it is not repaired.
3. It is recommended that you use a professional board repair facility to repair your board.
4. If you want to repair your epoxy board model yourself, use an epoxy resin, **not** a polyester resin.

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## GETTING READY TO USE YOUR STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD

### Gather these tools and supplies for changing paddle length (carbon paddle only):

hack saw	sandpaper/sanding block	dust mask
masking tape	tape measure	5 minute epoxy
sanding block	fine tip permanent	stir stick
medium grit	marker	mixing tray

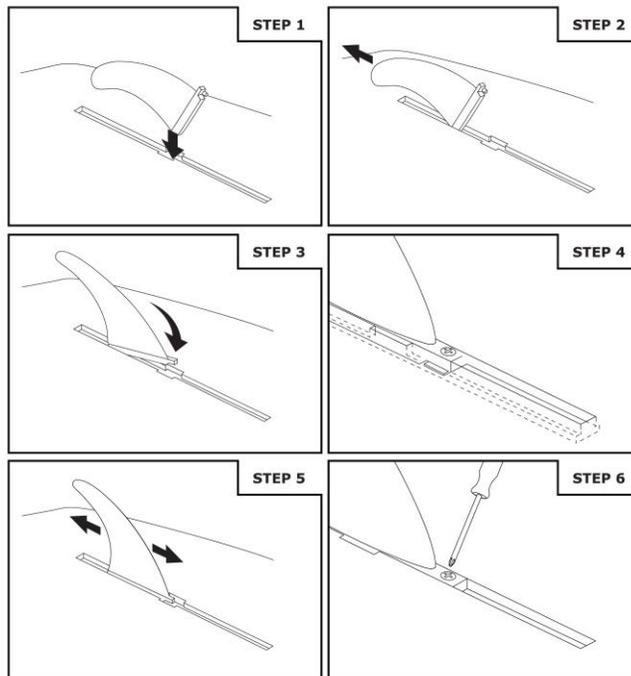
### Customizing Your Carbon Paddle Length

1. We suggest the total paddle length (with handle) be about 7" to 10" above your head. However, the length is your personal preference:
  - Longer is better for racing and on flat water.
  - Short is better for riding on waves.
2. If you need to cut your paddle:
  - Stand the paddle up next to you with the tip of the blade touching the ground and mark a line on the shaft at the top of your head.
  - Add approximately 7" to 10" (your preference) and then add the length of the handle and make a mark where you will cut.
  - Wrap masking tape around the shaft at the cutting mark. The tape prevents splintering when cutting.
  - Cut the shaft using a hack saw.
  - Take off the masking tape and using a sanding block, sand the end of the shaft flat, smoothing out the edges.

### Attaching the Handle

1. Mix the epoxy thoroughly in the mixing tray following package instructions.
2. Using the epoxy, coat the inside of the handle.
3. While this epoxy is still wet, place the handle onto the shaft of the board, lining up the flat side of the handle with the outward part of the blade.
4. Be sure that the front, flat side of the handle is perfectly parallel with the front side of the blade. This cannot be straightened after the epoxy dries.

## Installing and Removing Fins



### Mounting the Center Fin

You will need a screwdriver to install the fin, metal plate and screw.

1. First, clean the center fin box.
2. Push the metal plate forward all the way in the fin box if the fin tab is on the front of the fin or push the metal plate back all the way in the fin box if the fin tab is on the rear of the fin.
3. Insert the metal pin into the fin box opening while holding the fin at an angle.
4. Continue holding the fin at an angle and slide the fin into position.
5. Push the fin flush with the fin box.
6. With a screwdriver, line up the holes of the metal plate and the fin tab.
7. Place the screw into the fin tab.
8. With a screwdriver, tighten the screw into the metal plate.

### Mounting the Side Fins - Epoxy Board Models Only

Note: Side fins and fin boxes are not included with all stand-up paddle boards.

1. Start by loosening the hex screws.
2. Clean the fin boxes and hex screw heads.
3. Firmly hold the fin and push the base of the fin into the fin box. Push down until the fin is flush with the board.
4. Push the hex screw key into the hex screw head to avoid stripping.
5. Screw the hex screws against the two posts.

NOTE: DO NOT screw the hex screws too tight or you may cause damage.

6. Be sure that the fin is secure. Grab the top of the fin and wiggle it to be sure it is secure in the box. If it is loose, tighten the hex screws.

## Attaching a Surf Leash

**WARNING:** Always use this board with a leash. Depending on water conditions, it is dangerous to you and everyone around if there is a loose paddle board, as this may result in a serious injury or death.

### First Attach a Leash String to the Board

1. Thread the loop through the leash plug at the end of the board.
2. Pull the loop up even with the knot.

### Then Attach a Surf Leash to the Board

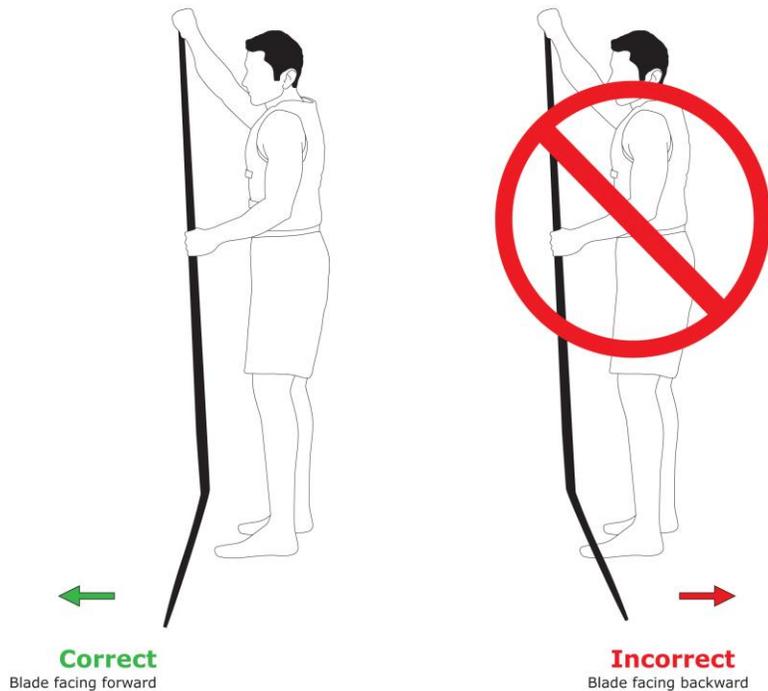
1. Pull open the Velcro leash attachment and pull the flap through the leash string.
2. Close all Velcro flaps firmly.
3. Press on the board and pull on the leash simultaneously to insure the leash attachment is secure.

### Now Attach the Surf Leash to Your Ankle

1. Pull open the Velcro ankle strap and wrap the ends comfortably tight around your ankle.
2. Close all Velcro flaps firmly.
3. Check to be sure that the ankle attachment is secure by pulling on the leash.

## Properly Holding the Carbon Paddle

### How to Hold the Paddle



## CONNELLY LIMITED WARRANTY

**What Does This Warranty Cover?** Connelly warrants that this product is free from defects in materials or workmanship when it is purchased from an authorized Connelly retailer and used for on-water recreational purposes.

**Who is Covered by This Warranty?** The original retail purchaser is covered by this warranty. This warranty is non-transferrable.

**How Long Does This Warranty Last?** 1 year from the date of retail purchase, as evidenced by your sales receipt.

### **What if the Original Warranty Period Has Expired?**

**LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY:** If any Connelly paddle board fails due to defective materials or workmanship after the original warranty period, it will, at manufacturer's option, be replaced, one time only, at one half the current retail price, or repaired at cost. Under the Limited Lifetime Warranty the paddle board owner will pay freight both ways, to the factory for repair or exchange and back to the paddle board owner. This limited lifetime warranty is in effect for as long as the original owner keeps the paddle board. It is not transferable. Damage due to misuses or improper care is excluded.

### **What Must You Do?**

**HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY PERFORMANCE:** To obtain repair or replacement, call Connelly customer service for a return authorization number. Attach to the product your name, address, description of problem, phone number and proof of date of purchase. Warranty service will be done only at the Connelly factory in Lynnwood, and service to that point must be prepaid by the paddle board owner. All Connelly paddle boards must be purchased from an authorized Connelly dealer for warranty to be validated. All claims must have valid return authorization to be considered for warranty service.

**What Will Connelly Do?** If the product contains a defect in materials or workmanship, Connelly will repair or replace any defective part, or, at its option, replace the entire product at no charge. You must pay shipping charges. If Connelly determines that the product does not meet the warranty requirements, Connelly will notify you of the cost to repair, if applicable, or if the product cannot be repaired. You will be given the option to repair the product (if repairable) at the quoted cost, and Connelly will repair and return to you. You must also pay the return shipping charges. If you decide not to have the product repaired, or if the product cannot be repaired, you can request that the product be returned. You must pay the return shipping charges.

**What Does This Warranty Not Cover?** Damage, failure or malfunction of the product caused by: (1) normal wear and tear, including, but not limited to scratches, nicks and fading from normal use; (2) commercial use (including rental, summer camps, demonstration or instructional purposes); (3) abuse or misuse, including, but not limited to, use of the product contrary to written instructions, dropping, collisions with objects, dragging the product across ground, docks or other surfaces; (4) improper handling and storage or use of improper board racks, leading to scratches, nicks, punctures, fractures or other deformation, or discoloration from sunlight and excessive heat exposure; (5) damage caused by loading, unloading and/or transporting; (6) unauthorized modification, repair or alteration of the product; (7) damage caused by waves or shore breaks; (8) damage caused by using a board in the water with a loose or removed air valve or failure to clean and service the air vent valve; (9) use of the product with accessories or parts not sold by Connelly for use with the paddle board, including bolt-on systems to attach fins, cutting and reshaping boards or overlays; (10) incidental and consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental and consequential damage, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

**No Other Warranties.** Connelly does not extend any written or implied warranties beyond those expressly described herein. These warranties are in lieu of any other warranties or obligations of Connelly, its distributors or retailers.

**Your Rights Under State Law.** This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other legal rights which vary from state to state.



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