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SURFBOARDS

USER MANUAL

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Thank you for choosing North.

At North we are drawn to nature's ever-changing playground – where water meets wind.

Those two elements create an alchemy that is never the same, one day to the next. It stirs our restless souls, our hearts quicken. It promises us fire within. We chase it.

Every day we are inspired – and humbled - by nature's engineering genius and her beautiful, intuitive simplicity. To that we add cutting-edge technology from the World's best design workrooms and decades of performance expertise.

North is where nature meets technology, in the pursuit of a ride that will lift us out of this world and halfway to another.

This is kiteboarding.

**We are North.**

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Releases of liability, claim waiver and assumption of risk:

By assembling and/or using this North Kiteboarding product, you agree that you have read and understood this entire North Kiteboarding product owner manual, including all instructions and warnings, prior to using North Kiteboarding products in any way.

In addition, you agree that you will ensure that any additional or subsequent users of your North Kiteboarding products will read and understand the entire product manual of the North Kiteboarding product, including all instructions and warnings contained in this manual, prior to allowing that person to use your North Kiteboarding product.

## ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

In using your North Kiteboarding product and any of its components, you freely agree to assume and accept any known and unknown risks of injury to you and third parties when using this equipment.

The internal risks, dangers and hazards of the sport can be greatly reduced by adhering to the warning guidelines listed in this user's manual and by using common sense.

### **WARNING:**

Use this product at your own risk. Kiteboarding is a HAZARDOUS activity which involves RISKS and DANGERS that are unavoidable and can result in serious bodily injury or death of the user and others. Ensure all parts of your product are thoroughly checked before each use. Download and read the User Manuals and Installation Guides relating to the product before using it. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or death.

## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS:

In consideration of the sale of the North Kiteboarding product to you, you hereby agree to the fullest extent permitted by laws as follows;

To waive any and all claims, that you have or may have in the future against North Kiteboarding and all related parties resulting from the use of the North Kiteboarding product and any of its components.

North Kiteboarding and any of its agents are released from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that any users of this product may suffer, or that your next in kin may suffer, as a result of the use of this product, including but not limited to negligence, breach of contract in the part of North Kiteboarding, or any of its agents, in the design and manufacture of this product.

## SAFETY WARNINGS

For your safety and the safety of others, North Kiteboarding strongly urge you to undergo lessons with a recognised certified instructor prior to using this product. This user manual is NOT a substitution to lessons.

Kiteboarding involves unavoidable risks so it is important that you familiarise yourself with these risks and take appropriate measures to minimise risks as much as possible. You should also familiarise yourself with safety precautions and systems related to your equipment.

Kiteboarding is a high-intensity action sport. As such, you should not participate in this sport if you are physically unfit or suffer from any medical conditions that may put you at further risk when kiteboarding.

### LIMIT DANGERS TO YOURSELF:

- Be aware of the usual risks associated with water sports such as drowning, rapidly changing conditions, hypothermia, sunburn, fatigue, rocks, waves etc.
- Do not kiteboard in extreme weather and/or rapidly changing conditions such as large storms, thunder etc.
- Check weather reports, local prevailing conditions, tides, and currents prior to launching.
- Do not kite in offshore winds, or strong onshore winds.
- Choose the appropriate kite for your body size, ability and the conditions. Do not use a kite size that is beyond your control for the given conditions. If conditions change while you are kiteboarding and you can no longer control your kite, return to shore.
- When the kite is inflated but not in use, secure the kite in one place with a non-abrasive, heavy object to prevent it from flying away in any sort of conditions.
- Check over all of your equipment prior to launching. Do not launch if lines are knotted, frayed, cut, tangled or damaged in any way.
- Only fly your kite on unobstructed waters. Do not fly your kite over land.
- Be aware of the surroundings prior to launching. Do not fly your kite around power lines, power poles, tall buildings, trees, cliffs, airports etc. Gusty conditions can make launches unpredictable so be cautious of potential collisions with obstacles.
- Always kite with a partner or a supervisor observing you from land.
- Whenever possible use a launch and landing assistant.
- Be familiar with your quick release system and do not be afraid to use it if necessary.
- Always use a safety leash so your kite is contained in case of a primary quick release deployment.
- Keep hands clear of lines when they are under tension from the kite. Lines can be very sharp and abrasive.

- Never wrap lines around fingers, arms, hands, legs, head etc.
- Helmets are strongly recommended to avoid injury from your board or other hard objects.
- We strongly recommend you wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or impact vest while kiteboarding.
- Do not kitesurf, surf or foil in shallow waters or in areas with underwater obstacles.

### **LIMIT DANGERS TO OTHERS:**

- Be courteous to other riders and comply with established give way rules.
- Stay clear of other water users. Leave sufficient space between you and swimmers, boats, paddle boarders and any other water user.
- Familiarise yourself with local marine use guidelines and obey all established rules.
- Respect wildlife and behave accordingly.
- When hydro-foiling you operate at greater speeds than normal and obstacles and other water users get closer exponentially faster. Be aware of this and adjust your actions accordingly.
- Note that this is a non-exhaustive list. Use common sense if other risks arise.

## **WARRANTY POLICY**

### **+180 WARRANTY**

We believe in our products, stand behind our quality and value our customers.

That's why we're giving you an extra 180 days beyond the legal warranty period for your country of purchase, just for registering your product online. Your product must be registered within 60 days of purchase at [www.northkb.com](http://www.northkb.com), to receive a free extended warranty.

To register your North product simply:

1. Fill out the online registration form at [www.northkb.com](http://www.northkb.com)
2. Have your purchase receipt handy so you can upload it during product registration

### **FOR ANY WARRANTY CLAIMS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NORTH KITEBOARDING RETAILER.**

#### **NORTH WARRANTY TERMS**

This warranty covers new products purchased **ONLY** from an authorized North Kiteboarding centre, retailer or distributor or from the North Kiteboarding website.

North Kiteboarding warranties our products to be free from major defects in material or workmanship to the original purchaser **ONLY**, for a period of 365 days\* from the date of purchase.

*\*Warranty period may vary by country of purchase.*

## **THIS WARRANTY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:**

1. Warranty claims within the extended 180 days are valid only when the product is registered and activated in the warranty registration section of [www.northkb.com](http://www.northkb.com) within 60 days of purchase.
2. Warranty registration must be accompanied by the original purchase receipt in which the name of retailer and date of purchase must be clear and legible.
3. Warranty is only valid when the product is used for its normal intended recreational use and will not cover products used in teaching or rental operations, unless this is an official North qualified & affiliated school.
4. North Kiteboarding will make the final warranty determination, which may require inspection and/or photos of the equipment which clearly show defects. If necessary, this information must be sent to your point of purchase, or your country's North Kiteboarding distributor, postage prepaid.
5. If North Kiteboarding deems the product defective, the warranty only covers the repair or replacement of the defective product. North Kiteboarding will not be responsible for any costs, losses or damages incurred as a result of the loss of use of this product.
6. The warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, abuse, neglect or normal wear or tear including, but not limited to: punctures, rigging with other than North Kiteboarding components, damage due to excessive sun exposure or hot temperatures such as inside an unventilated car, damage due to the product being stored in temperatures exceeding 45 degrees Celsius, damage caused by improper handling and storage, damage caused by use in waves or shore breaks, damage caused by self launching or self landing, damage caused by crashing the kite at high speed, damage caused by the use of kickers, sliders or other such equipment or riding on anything other than water, damage caused by using any inappropriate tools or any tool other than those specified within the installation guides and user manuals, damage caused by neglect of the care and maintenance instructions provided within the Installation Guides and User Manuals.
7. This warranty is void if any repair, change or modification has been made without authorization to any part of the equipment.
8. The warranty for any repaired or replaced equipment is good from the date of the original purchase only.
9. All warranty claims must be accompanied by a digital copy of the original purchase receipt in which the name of the official retailer and date of purchase must be clear and legible.
10. There are no warranties that extend beyond the warranty specified herein.

For any warranty claims please contact your North Kiteboarding retailer. A claim form can be downloaded from [northkb.com](http://northkb.com).

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## OVERVIEW

1 - Toe Rail

2 - Deck Pads

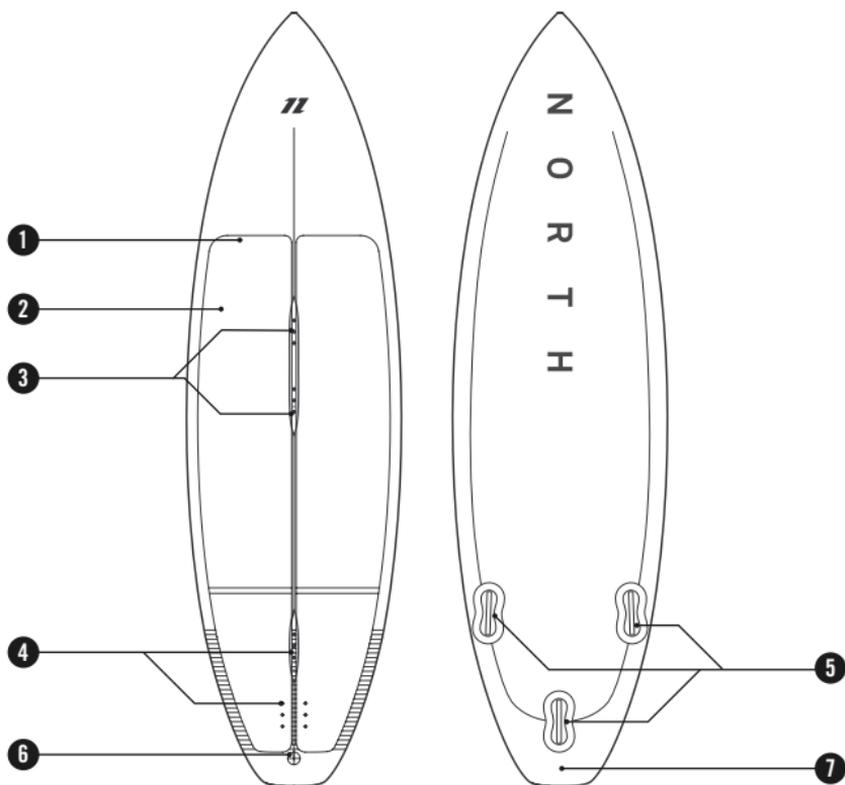
3 - Front Inserts

4 - Rear inserts

5 - FCSII Fin Boxes

6 - Leash Plug

7 - Serial Number



## INVENTORY LIST

### Your North Surfboard comes with the accessories included:

- 3x North Hexcel Coremat surf fins
- 6x Grub screws (for fin boxes)
- 3x Infills (for fin compatibility in the FCSII boxes)
- 1x North fin key (for fin installation)
- 1x North leash attachment loop

We have included the premium lightweight North Hexcel Coremat Finset and Infill Kit so you are ready to hit the water right away. Your North Surfboard is also compatible with click-in tool-less FCSII fins.

### To install FCSII Fins please refer to the FCSII manufacturers User Manual.

#### **WARNING:**

Do not use power tools for installation as it may cause damage as control of torque and power is limited. Doing so will render your warranty void.

#### **WARNING:**

Prior to assembly, please ensure board and accessories are clean and free of sand. Ensure all screw inserts are clean. Do not cross-thread the inserts.

#### **WARNING:**

Over tightening screws can cause irreversible damage to the fin boxes. Doing so will render your warranty void.

#### **WARNING:**

Use the North fin key supplied. Ensure the fin key is fully engaged before turning. Using the wrong tool or not fully engaging the tool will damage the grub screw head and create sharp edges which may cause injury upon contact with skin.

## INSTALLATION

### FIN INSTALLATION

1. Ensure the board, fins, grub screws and infills are free from dirt and sand. Pay close attention to the grub screw threads and fin boxes.
2. Identify the correct orientation of each of the three fins.
3. **Note: The symmetrically rounded fin is the centre fin. The two side fins have the flat side facing inwards.**
4. Place the silicon infills into the front of each of the fin boxes. Insert each infill in at an angle, engaging the front of each infill into the front of the box and then pushing the rear of each infill down so it slides into the box.
5. Ensure you install the correct infill into the corresponding fin box. The odd one out is the rear fin infill. The two asymmetrically angled infills are the outer fin box infills and are labeled with arrows pointing towards the rail.
6. Insert the three fins into their corresponding fin boxes so the base of the fin is flush with the bottom of the board.
7. Tighten the two grub screws on both sides of each fin box until firm, using the fin key provided. **Note: Do not over tighten as this may cause damage to the fins and boxes.**
8. Ensure all three fins are secure and stable.

### STRAP INSTALLATION

The North Comp Surfboard has been designed as a strapless board.

The North Charge and Cross Surfboard models are designed to be ridden with or without straps.

**Please Note:** Straps Sold Separately. The North Free Surf Straps can be purchased additionally. Visit [www.northkb.com](http://www.northkb.com) to find your local retailer.

**Please refer to the Binding Manual for installation instructions online at [northkb.com](http://northkb.com)**

### LEASH INSTALLATION

All North Surfboards come attached with a leash attachment loop located on top of the board near the tail.

**To install a leash please refer to the leash manufacturers User Manual.**

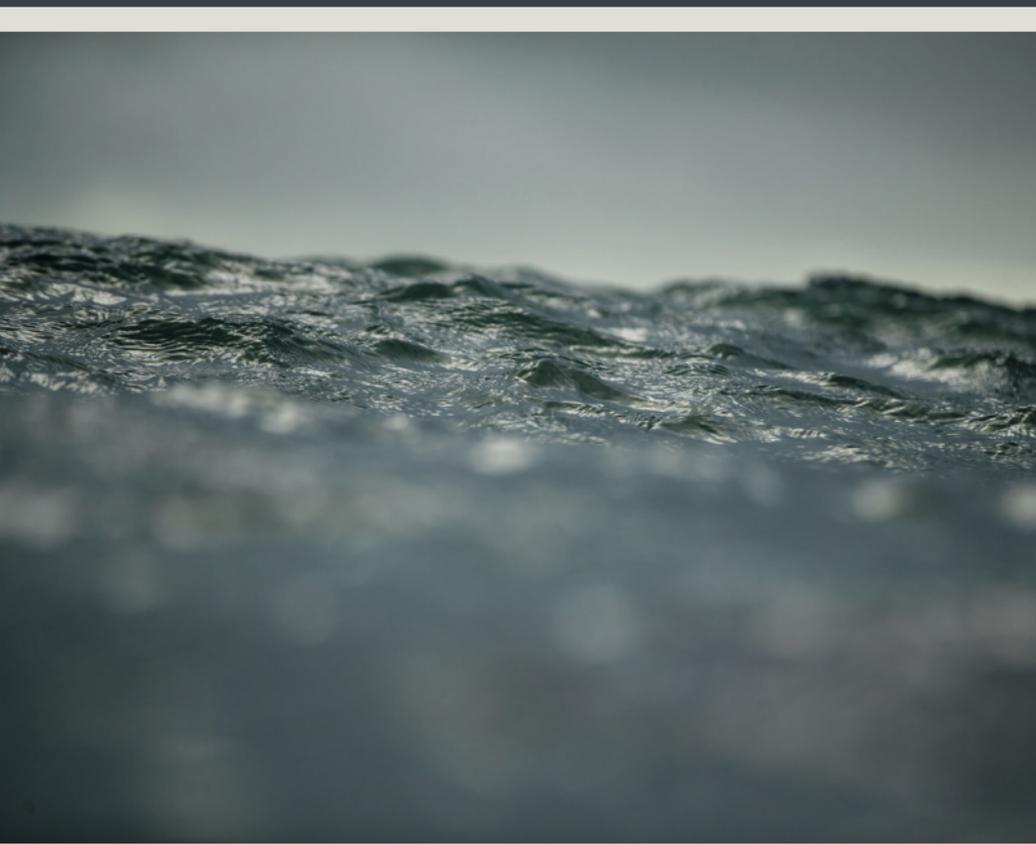
## BOARD CARE

- We recommend washing all kitesurfing equipment with fresh water after each session and drying it in the shade.
- Your North Surfboard is fragile. Avoid damaging it when not in use by storing it in a board bag.
- Avoid unnecessary UV exposure by storing your board away from direct sunlight.
- Avoid exposure to hot temperatures such as inside an unventilated car. Store board in temperatures not exceeding 45 degrees Celsius.
- When using the North product with non-North accessories, please refer to their manual to ensure compatibility.
- Check board and inserts prior to use. Ensure screws are tight and there are no cracks, holes or scratches which could compromise your board's structure.
- Tighten the strap screws firmly. Do not over tighten. These screws are subject to extreme loads and should be checked regularly if still tight.

**NOTE:** This North Kiteboarding Surfboard is designed for kitesurfing and surfing in and around waves. This surfboard is not intended for large jumps such as kiteloops etc. Breakage is possible on hard landings due to the lightweight and high-performance design. Direct large wave impact and direct impact with hard objects, can damage or break the board.

## SERIAL NUMBER

Serial number can be found on the tail of the board on the base. **PLEASE REFER TO OVERVIEW ON PAGE 8.**



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