

TAKACAT

Assembly Instructions for LX Series Inflatable Boats

Models 260LX – 460LX



Assembly Instructions:

1. Open the box and get out the boat hull tubes. Unfold and open out on a clean, flat surface



2. Locate the inflator valve at the rear of the hulls and inflate to 3 psi with the included hand pump or optional electric pump. Don't forget to activate the check valve in the inflation valve by pressing down on the centre pin and turning it ¼ turn in either direction. If the check valve is popped up, it won't let any air escape.

NB: The pressures should be at the heat of the day so if the setting up on a cold morning either re check the pressure at the heat of the day or allow for some pressure/expansion by not inflating to the max pressure



3. From the rear – insert the lower transom bar into the lower set of tubes on the boat hulls. The stainless tab should be facing up when installed properly.

(NB: The black flaps in the photos below are no longer on the boats as there has been a design change in 2021 – new photos will be coming soon)

Note – Using a mixture of soap and water will make inserting the bar easier.



4. From the front, insert the upper transom bar into the upper set of tubes on the boat hulls. The stainless tab should be facing down when insert properly.
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5. Slot the smaller motor mount board inside the Tube Transom.

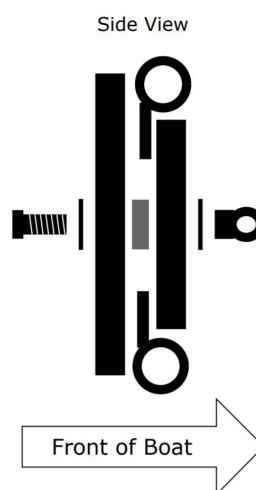


6. Creating a sandwich, assemble the rest of the transom. The bolt passes from the rear to the front with the rubber washer between the wooden motor mount boards.

Proper sandwich order below:

- a) Bolt
- b) SS Washer
- c) Back Board
- d) Rubber Washer
- e) Front Board
- f) SS Washer
- g) Hand Nut

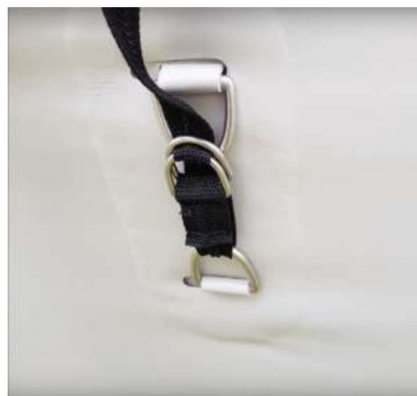
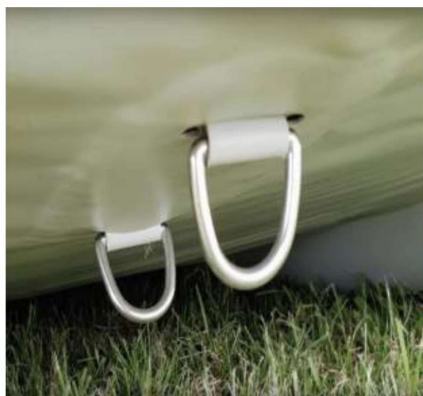
Tighten firmly by hand, no tools required!



7. Unroll the inflatable floor and insert into its position. There is no need to get it perfectly under each hull tube, but the rear of the floor should be flush with the Lower Transom Bar.



8. Insert D-Rings on the bottom of the air deck floor, through the slots in the boat floor fabric layer. Lash the two D-Rings together with the included webbing strap.

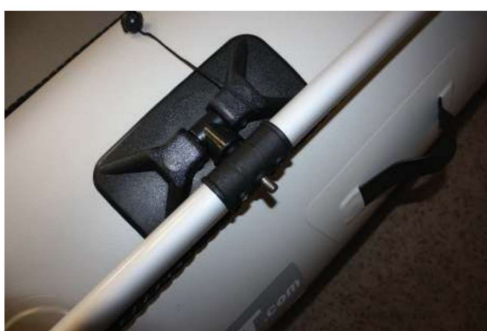


9. Inflate the floor to 10 psi. While inflating the airdeck floor, be sure to pause and walk on the floor to push it into place. Don't forget to activate the check valve by pressing down on the centre pin and turning it ¼ turn in either direction. If it is popped up it won't let any air escape.



10. Inflate the Inflatable Seat. The seat can be inflated to a pressure that is most comfortable. The seat is designed for comfortable rowing and can also be used as a throwable flotation device if needed.

11. Assemble each oar and install. Be sure to attach retaining nut to prevent losing oars when in use.



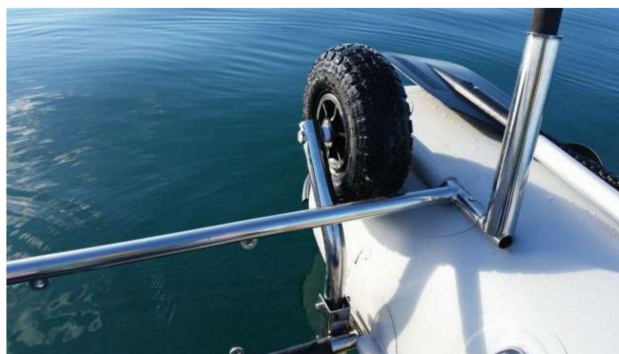
12. If you opted for the Quick Release Wheels, install them now in the down position. When in the down position, the wheels provide enough height to mount a 15" short shaft outboard in the upright position.

Note – Wheels are side specific so please make sure you mount them with the tyres facing inward when in the down position to prevent friction damage to the boat hulls

Please note: that all Takacat models are designed to be use with a short shaft (15" shaft) outboard only.



13. If you opted for the Quick Release Rod Holder, install them now into the Upper Transom Bar.



14. After launching your boat into the water, check the pressure in the hulls to verify you still have 3 psi hull air pressure. If the water is cooler than the air temperature, the air inside the hulls will condense causing a pressure drop. Use the manual pump to inflate back to 3 psi hull pressure if needed.

Well done – now you are set up with your new Takacat.

Cleaning Instructions

Rinse your boat with clean fresh water whenever possible after each use.

At the end of each season it is recommended you wash it with soapy water (plant based) and fully rinse after. We recommend a dish soap. Let it fully dry before rolling the boat up and putting it back in its storage bag.

Store your boat inside the storage bags provided and in a dry place.

Important – DO NOT use a vinyl preserving agent on fabric surfaces. Chemicals in such agents will dry out the fabric and this will void any warranty.

Repair Instructions

We do not include adhesive with our repair kit. Be sure to purchase pvc boat adhesive to complete your repair kit.

Follow the repair instructions on the adhesive packaging or look for better instructions online via you tube or contact sales@takacatasia.com for more details.

For larger repairs, we recommend you take your Takacat to a local inflatable boat service centre.

Towing/Anchoring/Mooring

Takacat Inflatable must be empty when it is towed by another boat. The towing line should be rigged to the bridle between the two bow D-Rings. The inflatable must be under constant supervision when it is being towed.

Anchoring and mooring line should be secured to the same bridle mentioned above.

Rowing

Takacat inflatable catamarans are supplied with 2 oars and oar locks. Please make sure the seat is properly inflated and installed prior to use.

Install the oars in oar lock pins, attach oar lock pin cap screws prior to use.

NOTE: Do not use oars as leavers as they will break.

Motoring

WARNING: DO NOT OVERPOWER AND EXCEED THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF THE MOTOR

Overpowering can result in severe handling and/or stability problems with serious consequences.

When the boat is being powered, passengers should hold onto the lifeline in order to avoid falling overboard. When operating the motor-powered boat, sit on one of the hulls.

Rapid acceleration should be avoided to prevent falling overboard backwards.

Regular check should be made on the motor attachment screws. Loose screws will cause erratic boat operation and possible the loss of your outboard motor!

Onboard, check that the loads are not chafing or puncturing the boat skin.

Beaching

Remember to lift the motor shaft when coming into the beach otherwise you can cause significant damage to your motor.

Do not drag the Takacat inflatable boat across rocks, sand, gravel or on pavement as damage may occur to the boat skin.

If the boat is temporarily left on a beach part of the boat should be left in the water so that the internal heat caused by exposure to sunlight can escape and so that air pressure in the tubes can decrease.

Cover the boat with a UV Protective Boat Cover to block direct exposure to sunlight if the boat is to be stored in direct sunlight for an extended period of time. Covers can be purchased from your local supplier or via www.takacatasia.com.



Specifications

Please do not exceed the following limits:

T260LX

Length/Width: 2.60 x 1.56m

Draft: 0.1m

Tube Diameter: 0.48m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 3

Max. Loading: 360kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 8HP

Max. Engine Mass: 30kg

Length of Shaft: S (15")

T300LX

Length/Width: 3.00 x 1.56m

Draft: 0.1m

Tube Diameter: 0.48m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 4

Max. Loading: 367kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 10HP

Max. Engine Mass: 40kg

Length of Shaft: (15")

T340LX

Length/Width: 3.40 x 1.66m

Draft: 0.1m

Tube Diameter: 0.48m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 5

Max. Loading: 515kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 15HP

Max. Engine Mass: 50kg

Length of Shaft: S (15")

T380LX

Length/Width: 3.40 x 1.66m

Draft: 0.1m

Tube Diameter: 0.48m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 6

Max. Loading: 640kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 20HP

Max. Engine Mass: 60kg

Length of Shaft: S (15")

T420LX

Length/Width: 4.20 x 1.80m

Draft: 0.15m

Tube Diameter: 0.55m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 7

Max. Loading: 730kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 20HP

Max. Engine Mass: 60kg

Length of Shaft: S (15")

T460LX

Length/Width: 4.60 x 1.85m

Draft: 0.15m

Tube Diameter: 0.55m

Max. Tube Pressure: 0.2bar / 3psi

Max. Floor Pressure: 0.7bar / 10psi

Max. Person: 8

Max. Loading: 815kg (including engine)

Max. Engine Power: 20HP

Max. Engine Mass: 60kg

Length of Shaft: S (15")

Please note – Takacat (Ocean Portables NZ Ltd) does not take responsibility for any misuse of this inflatable catamaran. Please always remember others around you and those onboard and be a responsible skipper.

For any warranty issues, please see www.takacatasia.com