

Instructions: The Teton

Materials list:

- 1 U-shaped float tube cover
- 1 U-shaped flotation bladder
- 1 backrest bladder
- 1 mesh stripping apron with spreader bar sleeve
- 3 piece spreader bar
- 1 bladder repair kit with instructions, 2 self-adhesive patches

How to inflate your float tube bladders

Classic float tube bladders are designed to be inflated by mouth or foot pump.

To inflate the flotation bladder, open the valve by turning the cap on the valve stem counter-clockwise. After inflation close the valve by turning the cap clockwise.

To inflate the backrest bladder just pull out the valve and blow. To deflate the backrest bladder you can insert the small plastic tube from your bladder repair kit into the open valve to wedge it open.

Inflating and assembling your float tube

1. Place your cloth float tube cover flat on the floor with the pockets facing down and unzip the zipper along the bottom and inside of the cover.

2. Inflate the U-shaped flotation bladder about 30%—just enough to hold its shape. Unzip the left armrest pocket on your float tube cover and find the small hole where the bladder valve stem will slip through. Now slip the flotation bladder into the cover.

Be sure that the valve stem comes through its hole in the armrest pocket and that the bladder is evenly distributed within the cover. Check that the bladder is untwisted, flat, and lying dead center underneath the armrest pockets. (A twisted bladder will distort the cover when you blow it up). After the bladder is inserted in to the cover close the zipper.

3. Partially inflate the backrest bladder and insert it into the backrest pocket directly over the flotation bladder. Be sure it is straight and untwisted within the pocket and make sure the inflation valve is centered in its opening. Close the zipper on the backrest bladder pocket and finish inflating the bladder. **It is important that you do this before you inflate the flotation bladder.**

4. Inflate the flotation bladder until most of the wrinkles are out of the cover. If any twists develop stop, deflate the bladder, unzip the bladder pocket and straighten it within its pocket, zip the pocket closed and reinflate. An indicator of correct positioning is the valve stem—it should be sitting squarely in the hole and sticking straight forward.

You may need to add or release some air if you travel between low and high elevations or if the temperature changes. Always take out some air before leaving your float tube in a car—the heat can expand the air in the bladders quite a bit.

5. Connect the three spreader pieces by inserting the two long tubes into the shorter coupling tube with the angled ends on both long tube ends facing the same direction. Now place the mesh stripping apron on the floor with the graphics facing up. Slip the spreader bar with the angled ends facing down into the fabric sleeve at one end of the apron. Now insert the ends of the apron sleeve into the fabric receptacles on the top and front of the left and right pontoons.

Launching and using your float tube

1. Start with a gentle slope (like a boat ramp).

2. At the water's edge unclip the quick-release seat buckle at the front of the seat (press the two “buttons” on the side of the buckle in). Release the rip-and-grip tabs holding the stripping apron in place (if attached) and fold forward over the spreader bar. Then remove one end of the spreader bar from its fabric receptacle.

3. Attach fins to your feet, then place your float tube in knee-high water. Step into your tube from the open side and turn so that your back is facing the backrest. Clip the seat buckle back together between your legs. Now reinsert the spreader bar into its fabric receptacle.

4. Lift your float tube from the sides and walk into the water until the water is above your knees. Now just sit down in your float tube, refasten the rip-and-grip tabs of stripping apron and float. Practice kicking with your fins to go backward or to turn.

Safety

Be a smart floater. Use a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while using your float tube and fish with a buddy. Your Classic float tube is designed for calm water. It is not to be used as a river rafting device. Never float during thunderstorms or in any rough weather.

There is a safety flag holder on the back of your float tube. Please check your local laws. Some states may require you to fly a safety flag when floating.

Care and storage of your float tube

Always partially deflate the bladders before storing your assembled float tube in a vehicle or hot area. The air in the bladders can expand significantly.

If you are not going to use your float tube for an extended period deflate it and store it. To avoid mildew, be sure that your float tube is dry before you pack it and that you store it in a dry place.

Warranty

Your Classic float tube is factory warranted by Classic Accessories, Inc. for workmanship and materials for one year from the date of purchase. Over-inflation or use for activities other than floating will invalidate the warranty.



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