

Vanhunks



USER MANUAL
Inflatable
Stand up Paddle Board (SUP)



WELCOME TO VANHUNKS

Thank you for purchasing our Stand-Up Paddle Board (SUP). This manual will introduce you to your board, parts set-up and accessories that came with it.

Vanhunks Boarding is located in Cape Town, South Africa. We pride ourselves on the quality and workmanship that goes into each and every board that we make and we're confident that you will be very happy with the board you just brought home.

At Vanhunks Boarding we are passionate about boards. We strive to create quality products to take your riding to the next level.

Our mission is to supply gear that conforms to the highest levels of performance and quality, our craft and our customers underpin everything we do and drive our dedication to delivering high-quality products and exceptional service.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding, just like surfing, is rooted in Hawaii at least as far back as the 1960's. Associated with longboards, the early paddle surfers discovered that by using a paddle they could catch waves easier and carve or turn with more precision. It also gave them the ability to use their longboards when waves were small or nonexistent.

Surfing is an individual and somewhat romantic sport that people all over the world dream of trying or mastering in their lifetime. The beauty of Stand-Up-Paddling is that you don't need an ocean to do it! Any good size body of water, for example, a lake, pond, or even a river will do! The reemergence of Stand-Up-Paddling has allowed people who do not live by the ocean to experience the thrill of standing on a surfboard and riding on water!

Stand-Up-Paddling helps to keep you fit as it works your core muscles through balance and paddling. It's great exercise and peaceful relaxation as you become one with your board and the water.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black bikini, is seen from behind, standing on a white and orange stand-up paddleboard (SUP) on a body of blue water. She is holding a black paddle. The background is a vast expanse of water under a clear sky.

LIVE YOUR LEGEND!!!





WARNING AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

GENERAL WARNINGS:

1. Stand-up Paddling is a dangerous sport. Use of this product exposes the user to unexpected risks, dangers and hazards.
2. Always use extreme caution when using this product. Never act in a careless manner when using this product. Misuse of this product may result in serious injury or death.
3. Only use this product if you are in good physical health, and know how to swim.
4. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others around you when using this product.
5. If you are under the age of 18, you must have a legal guardian read these warnings and safety precautions. Do not use this product without adult supervision.
6. Do not use this product if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medications.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES:

1. Before using this product, the user should take lessons from a certified school. This product should not be used by anyone who is not experienced with stand-up paddling.
2. Always wear a Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device when using this product. This product is not a personal flotation device.
3. Never use this product without a proper surf leash. A loose SUP in the water is extremely dangerous to you, and

everyone around you. Failure to use a surf leash may result in serious injury or death.

4. Examine your surf leash after each use, and replace it if you see any sign of wear.
5. Always wear a helmet and booties when using this product.
6. Always paddle with an experienced partner when using this product.

WEATHER CONDITIONS & LOCATION WARNINGS:

1. Always observe Coast Guard rules and regulations when using this product.
2. Never use this product in offshore wind conditions.
3. Never use this product in more than 10 knots of wind. Using this product in windy conditions may result in serious injury or death.
4. Use caution when carrying this product. Carrying the board in windy conditions may result in serious injury to yourself and others around you.
5. Never use this product in thunderstorms and lightning conditions.
6. Never use this product in conditions that are beyond your ability (such as, but not limited to, high surf, riptides, currents, or river rapids).
7. Never use this product near other boat traffic, or watercrafts.
8. Never use this product near crowded beaches or waters.



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS / INFLATION / DEFLATION

GENERAL PADDLING TIPS

How to Use

Assume a comfortable stance with your feet positioned roughly shoulder width apart. Knees slightly bent in a relaxed upright stance, shoulders back, looking straight ahead. Avoid looking down at your feet.

Paddle grip: Place your top hand on end of handle and your bottom hand approximately 24" down shaft of paddle. Paddle in a comfortable forward motion, with arms slightly bent. To turn left concentrate paddling on the right hand side of the board to turn right concentrate paddling on the left hand side of the board.

Inflate your board with the Vanhunks pump included with your board. This pump is fitted with the hose and adapters to fit the valves on this board.

THE INFLATION PROCEDURE:



1. Choose a smooth and clean surface to unfold your board.
2. Unscrew the valve cap.
3. Push button in and turn approximately 90 degrees so it is in the "OUT" position.
4. Insert the pump hose end piece and inflate until you reach the required pressure.
5. After inflation, tighten all the valve caps (clockwise). Only the valve(s) cap can ensure final AIR TIGHTNESS.
6. To release air from the side tubes and bottom floor tube, remove the valve cap (1) and push button (2) in and turn approximately 90 degrees so it is in the "IN" position.

Maximum air pressure for this produce is 14 psi/.965 bars.
DO NOT INFLATE BEYOND 14 PSI/.965 BARS.

Warning! If you leave your board exposed to the hot sun, check the pressure and deflate it slightly. Otherwise, the board may become over inflated and stretch the material.

The ambient temperature affects the tube's internal pressure; a variation of 1°C/ 1.8°F causes a variation of the pressure in the tube of +/- 4 mBar (0.06psi)

INFLATION TIPS AND PRECAUTIONS

1. The board can be inflated either with our hand pump or an electric pump. The electric pump can inflate the board to a moderate pressure and save a lot of time with about 90% of the required air volume. You will need to use your hand pump to inflate the chambers to the correct pressure.
2. Do not use an air compressor. Damage to your board caused by over inflation from an air compressor is not covered by your warranty.
3. Before undertaking a long paddle, inflate the board for a full 24 hours to be sure the board is airtight. If you are seeing a consistent decrease in air pressure, follow the instructions for leak detection in the board repair section of this manual.

BOARD DEFLATION STEPS

1. Clear any water or debris out of the valve areas.
2. Slowly press down on the valve stem to start letting air out of the board. There will be an initial burst of air, but that will slow down very quickly. Once the air flow has slowed down, press the valve stem all the way down and turn it clockwise to lock it into the "open" position.

LEASH INSTALLATION

WARNING! Never use a SUP without a leash. A loose SUP in the water is extremely dangerous to you and others around you. Failure to use a leash may result in serious injury or death. Regularly check your leash for wear and tear. (Follow the pictorial explanation.)



Attaching a leash to the board (see above):

1. Pull the leash string loop through the eyelet.
2. Fasten the leash string loop to the steel bar, by looping it.
3. Pull the ankle strap through the leash string loop. Open the Velcro attachment and feed the flap through the leash string.
4. Pull on the leash to ensure the attachment is secure.





Attaching a leash to your ankle (see below):

1. Open the Velcro ankle attachment and wrap the flaps snug around your ankle.
2. Close the Velcro flaps securely.
3. Pull on the leash to ensure the attachment is secure.



PADDLE

How to hold your paddle:



ADJUSTING YOUR PADDLE TO LENGTH

Set the right paddle height for your session.

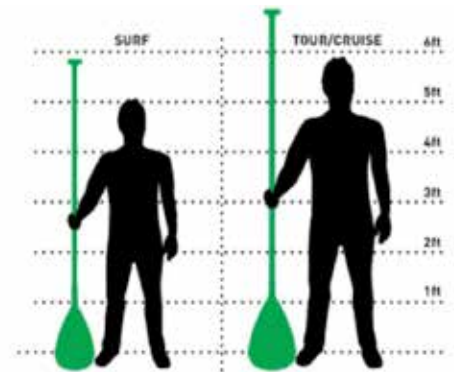
Paddle length is a personal preference and may differ from rider to rider.

Surfing:

A shorter length shaft is recommended for wave riding. Add 8" to 10" to your height for correct length

Flat Water / Cruising:

A longer length shaft is recommended for racing and flat water cruising. Add 10" to 12" to your height for the correct length



FIN INSTALLATION



LARGE FIN INSTALLATION (See above)

Use a Phillips head or a flat head screwdriver to install the center fin.

1. Ensure the center fin box is clean and free of debris.
2. Use the screw and slide the metal plate into place.
3. Holding the fin at an angle insert the metal pin of the fin into the fix box.
4. Keep the fin at an angle and slide the fin into position and align the fin screw slot with the screw plate.
5. Secure screw into fin screw slot and screw plate.
6. Make sure the screw is tight and the fin is securely fastened but do not over-tighten.



WARNING!

"Do not drag your board or stand on the board while in sand or shallow water with the fins attached. The board should be carried to the water and placed in water deep enough to so that your bottom fins are not touching sand or rocks as fin damage may result."



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

We know you're stoked to hop on your new board and get into the water to start paddling, but please take a few minutes to read and follow these instructions to help you enjoy your board for a long time. You'll be glad you did.

1. To deflate the board, remove the valve cap from the valves in the board.
2. Rinse your board and paddle regularly with fresh water and ensure your board is dry before storage.
3. Over time, the color (graphic) may fade if left in the sun for prolonged periods of time. This is normal. When not in use we recommend that you store your board away from direct sunlight.
4. Always CARRY the board and paddle to the body of water you will paddle in. Do not drag the board or paddle.
5. When storing for long periods, please rinse the board with fresh water and towel dry or allow the board to completely air dry before putting it away.
6. When storing your paddle, unclip and dismantle the paddle (shaft), rinse with fresh water and allow to air dry before putting it away.
7. Do not leave your board in direct sunlight or extreme heat for extended periods of time.
8. Keep your leash clean from sand, dirt, and debris to ensure a proper, snug fit.
9. Make sure the board is completely dry before putting it away.
10. Make sure that no sand or gravel remains inside the board or between the hull and the inner chambers. This could result in abrasion or even punctures while storing the board.
11. Roll it up from the opposite end of the valves (so remaining air can escape from the valves).

Warning! Whenever you take your board out of the water and deflate it, allow time for it to air out and dry. Neither the skin/hull or the inside chambers will suffer from water damage, but stagnant water could cause mildew and foul odor.

LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR

Repairs are easily done with your included patch kit. Read the following paragraphs for leak detection and repair tips. If you are losing air pressure, not caused by colder temperatures, check the board for leaks, starting with the valves. A leaking valve is rare, but if you do find a leak we can send you a replacement valve. To locate a leak, we recommend mixing soap and water in a spray bottle. Spray around the valve. If you see bubbles forming, check your valve seating and base and be sure the valve insert is screwed tight. If you continue to have problems it's probably time to order a new valve. Replacement of the whole valve can be done with a simple tool that comes with the replacement valve.

If the board is losing air and all the valves are good, you probably have a small puncture. Small punctures can be repaired easily and permanently. Spray around the inside and outside of the board until air bubbles become visible and mark the position of the leak. If you do not find air bubbles, inflate the board to maximum air pressure and try to listen to find the leak. If you can narrow the area down, return with a spray bottle to identify the source of the leak.

Punctures less than 1/8" in size can be repaired simply without a patch. Deflate your board, then clean and dry the area to be repaired. Apply a small drop of glue to cover the puncture, and let dry 12 hours.

Small Repairs

Your board comes with a repair kit as standard equipment. If you no longer have your repair kit, you can order a new one from your dealer.

1. Check that the board is fully deflated and lies flat.
2. Prepare a round patch no less than 3 inches or 7 centimeters in diameter.
3. Clean the patch and the area surrounding the leak with alcohol.
4. To contain excess glue, use masking tape to tape off the area around the patch.
5. Apply 3 thin, even coats of repair kit adhesive to both the surface of the board and the patch. Wait 5 minutes between each coat.
6. After the 3rd coat, wait 10-15 minutes before applying the patch. Use a hand roller to apply the patch evenly. Pay special attention to the edges to ensure a quality seal.
7. Wait 24 hours before re-inflating.

Warning!

- Perform all of your repairs in a well-ventilated area.
- Avoid inhaling toxic vapors.
- Avoid contact with the skin or the eyes.
- Keep all repair materials (glue, solvents, etc) away from the reach of children.
- The repairs on the welds must not be glued. Only the manufacturer of the board can perform repairs on the glued seams themselves.

Large or Difficult Repairs

If you have a difficult repair, give our office a call and we will advise you on the best way to repair it.





WARRANTY POLICY

THE LEGAL STUFF

Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd warrants that this product, when a retail customer purchases it from an authorised Vanhunks Boarding dealer, will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 90 days (3 months) from the date of purchase by the original retail customer. This warranty is solely for the benefit of the original retail purchaser and may not be assigned to another party.

This warranty is subject to the following limitations:

1. The warranty is valid only when the product is registered online at www.vanhunksboarding.com within seven (7) days from the date of purchase.
2. The warranty is valid only when this product is used for normal recreational activities and does not cover products used in rental or school operations.
3. Vanhunks Boarding will make the final warranty determination, which may require inspection and/or photos of the equipment, which clearly show the defect(s). If necessary, this information must be sent to the Vanhunks Boarding distributor in your country with prepaid postage. Product can be returned only if Vanhunks Boarding gives a return authorization number in advance. The return authorization number must be clearly labeled on the outside of the package, or it will be refused.
4. If a product is deemed to be defective by Vanhunks Boarding, the warranty covers the repair or replacement of the defective product only. Vanhunks Boarding will not be responsible for any costs, losses, or damages incurred as a result of loss or use of this product.
5. This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, abuse, neglect, normal wear and tear including, but not limited to, punctures, damage due to excessive heat exposure, damage caused by improper handling and storage, excessive exposure to sunlight, damage caused by use in waves or shore break, board breakage caused by falling or crashing in surf conditions, use in commercial, rental or teaching environments, or damage caused by anything other than defects in material and workmanship.
6. This product must not be modified and/or fitted with a motor.
7. This product must not be used in excess of the manufacturers recommended maximum load capacity.
8. This warranty is void if any unauthorized repair, change or modification has been made to any part of the equipment.
9. The warranty for any repaired or replacement equipment is good from the date of the original purchase only.
10. The original purchase receipt must accompany all warranty claims. The name of the retailer and date of purchase must be clear and legible.
11. There are no warranties that extend beyond the warranty specified here in.

RENTAL / SCHOOL COMPANIES PLEASE READ! This warranty is for individual consumer owners and is not intended for use in a commercial rental operation. Rental / SCHOOL companies assume **ALL** risks associated with the misuse of this product. All warranties are voided when used at a commercial rental operation.

WE DO NOT DEEM THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES REASONABLE WARRANTY REQUESTS:

The warranty **ONLY** applies to products bought directly from Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd or an Authorized dealer or stockist. **Products must be registered on the Vanhunks Boarding website within seven (7) days of purchase to be eligible for a limited warranty.** Any products that have NOT been recorded online will in no way be entitled to a limited warranty claim. Second-hand purchases or E-Bay purchases (and the like) are not covered under the limited warranty policy.

If you have any questions or require more details about the Vanhunks Boarding **Limited Warranty** or **procedure** for making claims hereunder, please contact Vanhunks Boarding at support@vanhunksboarding.com or visit www.vanhunksboarding.com.

Release of Liability, Claim Waiver and Assumption of Risk Agreement

1. Release and Waiver of Claims Agreement

In consideration of your use of this product, you hereby agree to the following, to the fullest extent permitted by law:

1. To waive any and all claims that you have or may in the future have against Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd or any of its agents, resulting from use of this product and any of its components; and
2. To release Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd or any of its agents from any and all liability from any loss, damage, injury or expense that you or any users of this product may suffer, or that your next of kin may suffer, as a result of the use of this product, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence or breach of contract on the part of Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd or any of its agents, in the design or manufacture of this product.

2. Arbitration

In further consideration of the sale to you of this product and any of its components, you hereby agree to submit to binding arbitration any and all claims, which you believe you may have against Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd or any of its agents, arising from the use of any of the Vanhunks Boarding (Pty) Ltd equipment. The arbitration shall be pursuant to the rules of South Africa.

2.1 Arbitration Association

Arbitration shall be commenced within one (1) year from the date on which any alleged claim first arose. Further, the arbitration shall be held in Cape Town, South Africa unless otherwise mutually agreed to by all parties. The submission to the South African Arbitration Court shall be limited and any court of competent jurisdiction may enforce the arbitration award.

3. Binding Effect of Agreement

In the event of your death or incapacity, this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon your heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives.

4. Entire Agreement

In entering into this Agreement, you are not relying upon any oral or written representations other than what is set forth in this agreement and User's Guide.

5. Assumption of Risk

By purchasing, using and assembling this product, you are agreeing to:

1. Be bound to the terms set forth below; and
2. Require anyone using this product to be bound by such terms.

If you are unwilling to be bound by these terms, return this product before use for a full refund.

Use of this product and any of its components involves certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards, which can result in serious personal injury and death. In using this product you freely agree to assume and accept any and all known and unknown risks of injury while using this equipment. The risks inherent in the sport can be greatly reduced by abiding to the Warning and Safety Precautions listed in this User Guide and using common sense.



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Who is Vanhunks?

Our name was inspired by an African legend.

The legend goes that in the 18th century, Dutch pirate Van Hunks retired to the Cape of Good Hope. One of his greatest pleasures was climbing Wind-berg now known as Devils Peak and smoking his pipe for hours on end, thinking about his life of sailing the seven seas.

One day he came across a stranger dressed in a black cloak with a large hat pulled down over most of his face. It was this meeting that changed Cape Town forever. The two struck up a conversation and Van Hunks boasted about how much he could smoke and the fact that he was the only man that could smoke as much as he did.

The mysterious stranger challenged him to a smoking duel; Van Hunks readily accepted the challenge. The two men smoked for hours and a gigantic cloud started to form and started billowing down the slopes of Table Mountain. Van Hunks was determined to out-smoke the stranger at all costs and eventually he won the duel. He was boastful, but when he realised that the cloaked stranger was in fact the devil, Van Hunks staggered back in fright. Suddenly thunder and lightning appeared and Van Hunks was never to be seen again.

When the South-Easter winds blow in Cape Town and the white cloud forms over Table Mountain, legend goes that Van Hunks and the Devil are smoking again...



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