# \$2 SIMBA SURF HELMETS

**OWNERS MANUAL** 

#### Introduction

Born in Surfing. Built for Safety.

SIMBA SURF exists to foster a long and healthy surfing life for everyone—from first-day novices to the world's elite. As experienced surfers, we know an accident is not an *if*, it's a *when*. With that in mind, we set our standards high to create a superior product that reduces risks and empowers riders. Years of design development and rigorous testing in waves around the world have gone into the creation of this product.

Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of a head injury. The SIMBA SURF helmet is designed to withstand impact, offering protection to the head, ears, and cheeks.

The helmet also offers protection from long term exposure to the sun, wind, and water.

To ensure proper use of this helmet, please familiarize yourself with its features and proper care by carefully reading through this manual before using.

## Warnings & Guidelines

Wearing a SIMBA SURF helmet can reduce impact and the risk of a head injury—including skull fractures, lacerations, and contusions.

Always select the right helmet for your activity. This helmet is specifically designed for surfing and other water-related sports. It is not intended for land-based sports, heavy impact sports or riding motorized vehicles.

A helmet's effectiveness is dependent upon a proper fit. Your helmet (and its chin strap) should feel snug and comfortable before entering the water. It should never feel loose or move excessively while on your head. Do not alter or make any modifications to your helmet other than using the SIMBA Halo fit Pads<sup>th</sup> that come with the helmet. Please carefully follow the instructions on how to insert your fit pads. Any other modifications to the helmet may make the helmet unsafe. No helmet completely eliminates the dangers associated with an activity or sport. A helmet can only provide a level of protection for the area that it covers. This helmet cannot prevent neck injuries, a fatality or the chance of drowning. Please exercise care and good judgment when using the helmet.

If your SIMBA SURF Helmet is involved in a major collision or shows any signs of damage, please replace it immediately.

#### Important Warning

This product is not intended for use on whitewater river classes 5 & 6 according to the International Canoe Federation (ICF). This helmet is not for use in non aquatic sports such as cycling, skateboarding and skiing. While no helmet can prevent all head injuries and serious injury or death could occur, the use of a helmet, taking lessons, surfing responsibly and within your abilities, and common sense can together reduce the risk of head injuries. For maximum protection, the helmet must be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions which are located in the owners' manual. After receiving an impact the helmet may be damaged and no longer capable of protecting the head against future impacts. Damage may not be visible. A helmet that has sustained an impact should be returned to the manufacturer for inspection or be destroyed and replaced.

PROPOSITION 65 WARNING: This product may contain a chemical known to the state of California to cause Cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm.

# Care Instructions

The lifespan of your SIMBA SURF helmet largely depends on how it's treated. Thoroughly rinse this helmet with fresh water after every use. Do not store this helmet outdoors or in direct sunlight. Do not leave this helmet in your vehicle for prolonged periods of time. Extreme heat can deteriorate the shell, padding, and adhesives.

To clean your SIMBA SURF helmet, simply use a mild dishwashing liquid soap and freshwater, then allow it to air dry. Do not use boiling water when cleaning it, and do not place it next to a fire or in a dryer. Never use harsh solvents to clean any part of this helmet.

#### Warranty Information

SIMBA SURF products are warrantied with proof of purchase from an authorized dealer against manufacturer's defects for up to one year from the date of purchase. If SIMBA SURF products are proven defective, SIMBA SURF will offer to replace the product at retail market value at no charge. Damages due to impact, negligence, and/or general wear and tear are not grounds for warranty. For further questions about the warranty, please email customercare@simbasurf.com.

# User Responsibilities

- 1. Always wear your helmet in the proper position.
- 2. Make sure your chin strap is tightened and properly fastened.
- 3. Check straps and adjustments every time you wear your helmet. Inspect your helmet regularly for signs of wear and damage.
- 4. Exercise care and good judgment every time you use your helmet.
- 5. Don't wear a helmet that has been in an accident.
- 6. Don't attach anything to the helmet unless the manufacturer recommends it.
- 7. Don't take unnecessary risks just because you are wearing a helmet.

# Getting the Perfect Fit with the SIMBA Halofit Pad<sup>™</sup> System

Thanks again for your purchase of a SIMBA SURF helmet. Our goal is to make sure you have a great fit with your helmet. Before trying it out in the water, please read the following to ensure you have the best experience with your new helmet.

Remember that your helmet is not a substitute for common sense and knowing your ability and limitations.

#### Proper Size Helmet

First, make sure you have selected the proper size shell. The helmet should ft comfortably on your head. If it is uncomfortably tight with all the Halofit Pads™ removed, you need to move up to the next size helmet shell.

Once you have determined that you have the best fitting shell for your head, there are a few final steps to attain the best fit possible.

Your helmet comes with the SIMBA Halofit Pad<sup>™</sup> System. All heads have different shapes. For this reason, we created a padding system with the ability to customize the fit to the shape of your head.

There are two complete sets of pads included with your helmet. The blue set of pads is 7mm thick and the green set is 9mm thick. The pads have a paper backing with adhesive as well as temporary glue tabs on the surface of the paper which allows you to sample different pad setups on your head. Make sure to make all adjustments in a well-lit area since the pads need to be placed in the channels in the helmet padding.

If the helmet is too tight, remove the fit strip in the area closest to the pressure point. Mix and match the pads with different thicknesses to attain the best fit. Once you achieve the fit you desire, remove the paper backing, evenly place the pad in the channel and firmly press down on the pad.

A properly fitting helmet will not easily move forward or back on your head. This is important since you do not want your helmet to interfere with your vision. A mirror can be helpful to double check that the helmet is sitting on the head properly.

Once the fit pad fitting is complete, adjust the chin strap to keep the helmet secure and close to the face and chin. The helmet should be snug but comfortable.

When you are satisfied with your fit, get out there and surf.