



# INTEX<sup>®</sup> OWNER'S MANUAL INFLATABLE KAYAK

## IMPORTANT

THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION.  
READ IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT AND  
KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

ISO-6185 KAYAK

Due to a policy of continuous product improvement, Intex reserves the right to change specifications and appearance, which may result in updates to the instruction manual, without notice.

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## **Introduction**

This manual has been compiled to help you to operate your craft with safety and pleasure. It contains details of the craft, the equipment supplied or fitted, its systems, and information on its operation and maintenance. Please read it carefully, and familiarize yourself with the craft before using it.

If this is your first craft, or you are changing to a type of craft you are not familiar with, for your own comfort and safety, please ensure that you obtain handling and operating experience before assuming command of the craft. Your dealer or national sailing federation or yacht club will be pleased to advise you of local sea school, or competent instructors.

PLEASE KEEP THIS MANUAL IN A SECURE PLACE, AND HAND IT OVER TO THE NEW OWNER WHEN YOU SELL THE CRAFT. RECORD THE "HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER" (HIN) WHICH IS PRINTED ON THE KAYAK'S HULL IN THE FOLLOWING BOX:

**HIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Manufacture's Certification**

Our kayaks comply with **ISO 6185** standard established by the International Organization for Standardization.

**NMMA** (FOR USA ONLY) certification means that the kayak, sold in the United States, has been judged by the National Marine Manufacture's Association to be in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations and American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) standards and recommended practices.

## **Safety**

Craft designed for voyages on sheltered coastal waters, small bays, small lakes, rivers and canals when conditions up to, and including, wind force 4 and significant wave heights up to, and including, 0.3 m may be experienced, with occasional waves of 0.5 m maximum height, for example from passing vessels.

## **⚠ WARNING**








- This is not a life saving device. Use only under competent supervision. Never allow diving into this product. Never leave in or near the water when not in use. **Never tow from any vehicle.**
- Read the complete Owner's Manual before use and store this Manual in a safe place for future reference.
- Follow all the Safety and Operating Instructions on this Manual.
- TYPE IIIB, inflatable kayaks intended for beach use, short-time and short-distance cruising.
- Never navigate alone. Beware of offshore winds and currents.
- Do not exceed the maximum recommended capacities. Overloading violates regulations.
- Everyone on board must wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
- Use caution when stepping or climbing aboard the kayak. Step into the center of the kayak for maximum stability.
- Distribute the weight of passengers, gear, tackle box, and accessories so that the kayak sits level fore (front) to aft (back) and side-to-side.
- Do not use your kayak if you suspect a puncture or leak.
- Adults should inflate the chambers in numbered sequence.
- Not for white water rafting or any other extreme sports activities.
- Follow these rules to avoid drowning, paralysis or other serious injuries.

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## Manufacturer's Recommendation

The total number of persons and total weight shall not exceed the limits printed on the kayak. Please refer to the boat's hull label for the actual values of your boat.

### CRAFT LABEL FORMAT

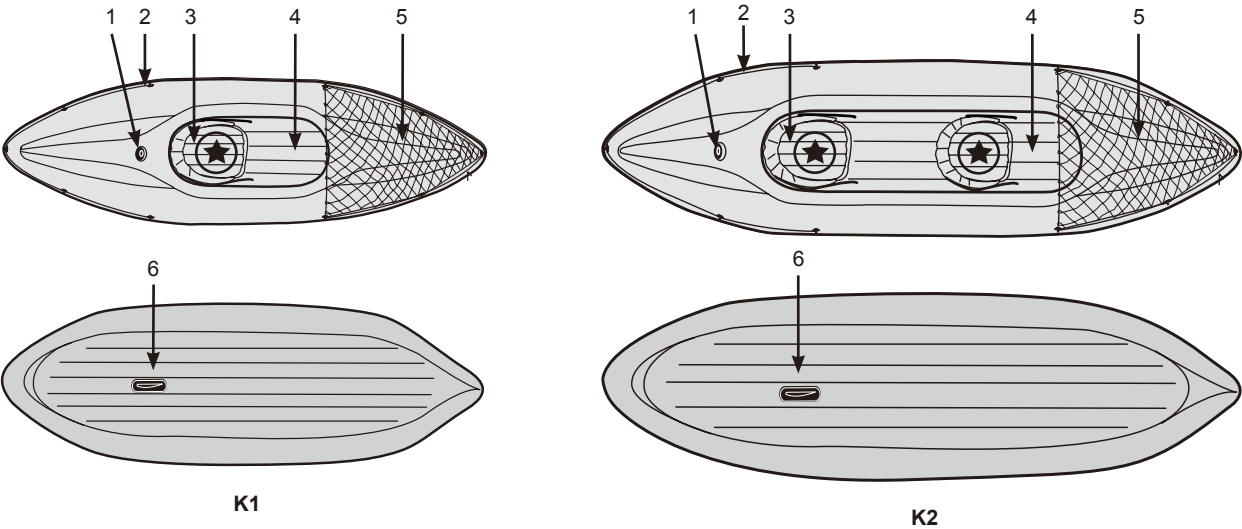
<b>ISO 6185 PART 1 TYPE</b> _____	<b>MAXIMUM CAPACITIES</b> <b>MAXIMUM-KAPAZITÄT</b> <b>CAPACITÉS MAXIMUM</b>  +  = ____ Kg ( ____ Lbs)	①
Do not overinflate or use high pressure air compressor to inflate. Adults should inflate the chambers with cold air in numbered sequence. This boat not rated for propulsion by a motor. Use the enclosed ruler to check while inflating.	<b>PERSONS</b> <b>PERSONEN</b> <b>PERSONNES</b>  = ____  = ____	②
Nicht zu stark aufblasen und keinen Kompressor zum Aufblasen verwenden. Erwachsene sollten die Kammern in der angegebenen Reihenfolge mit kalter Luft aufblasen. Das Boot kann nicht durch einen Motor betrieben werden. Verwenden Sie das beigegefügte Meßgerät um die korrekte Füllung zu überprüfen.	<b>MANUFACTURER</b> <b>HERSTELLER</b> <b>FABRICANT</b> 	③
Ne pas surgonfler. Ne pas utiliser de compresseur pour le gonflage. Le gonflage doit être effectué par un adulte avec de l'air froid en suivant les étapes suivantes. Ce bateau n'est pas adapté pour être équipé d'un moteur. Utiliser la règle jointe pour ajuster le gonflage de la chambre à air principale.	<b>MODEL</b> <b>MODELL</b> <b>MODÈLE</b> _____	④
<b>BY INTEX®</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED WORKING PRESSURE FOR EACH CHAMBER</b> <b>EMPFOHLENE ARBEITENDE DRUCK FÜR JEDE LUFTKAMMER</b> <b>RECOMMANDÉ FONCTIONNEL PRESSION POUR CHAQUE CHAMBRE À AIR</b>  ●  = ____ bar ( ____ psi)	⑤
	<b>MAXIMUM CAPACITIES / CAPACITÉS MAXIMALES</b>	
	<b>PERSONS OR ____ kg ( ____ Lbs) / PERSONNES OU ____ KG</b> <b>____ POUNDS, PERSONS, GEAR / ____ KG, PERSONNES ET ÉQUIPEMENT</b>	
	<b>DESIGN COMPLIANCE WITH NMMA REQUIREMENTS BELOW IS VERIFIED. / LA CONFORMITÉ DU DESIGN AVEC LES EXIGENCES NMMA EST VÉRIFIÉE.</b> <b>MFGR. RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION CONTROL / MFGR. RESPONSABLE DU CONTRÔLE PRODUCTION</b>	⑥
	<b>LOAD CAPACITY (BASIC FLOTATION)</b> <b>CAPACITÉ DE CHARGE (FLOTATION DE BASE)</b> ____ Kg ( ____ Lbs) MAX. Certified by the National Marine Manufacturers Association using ABYC standards Certifié par la National Marine Manufacturers Association en utilisant les normes ABYC	
	<b>CN- XEE</b> _____	⑦

- ① Manufacturer's recommended maximum load capacity.
- ② Maximum person's capacity.
- ③ Manufacturer's name and country of origin.
- ④ Model name and number.
- ⑤ Manufacturer's recommended working pressure.
- ⑥ NMMA (for USA only) certification means that the kayak, sold in the United States, has been judged by the National Marine Manufacture's Association to be in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations and American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) standards and recommended practices.
- ⑦ Hull identification number (HIN).

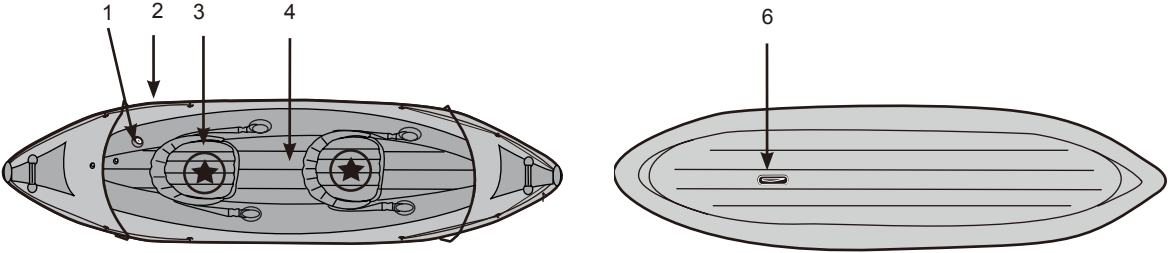
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Description

Challenger Kayak Series



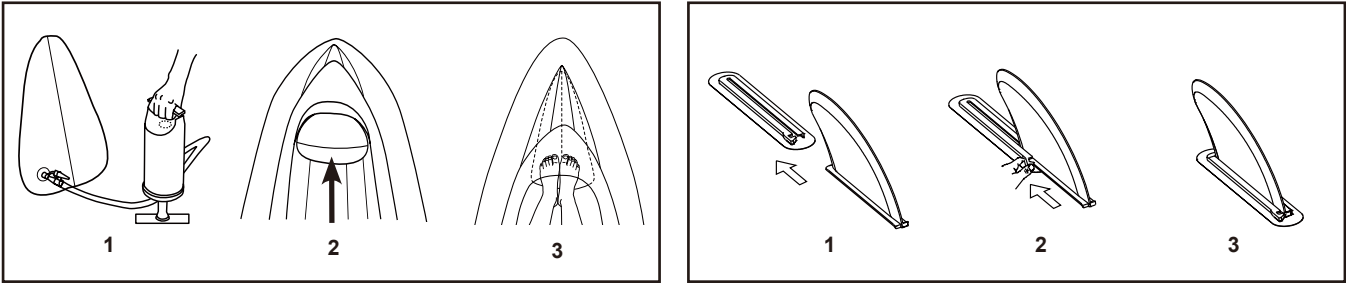
Explorer K2



"★" - Recommended seating arrangement of the occupants.

Descriptions	
1	Boston valve
2	Grab Line
3	Seat or seat cushion
4	Inflatable floor
5	Cargo net
6	Skeg

**NOTE:** Drawings for illustration purpose only. Actual product may vary. Not to scale.



## **Inflating Instructions**

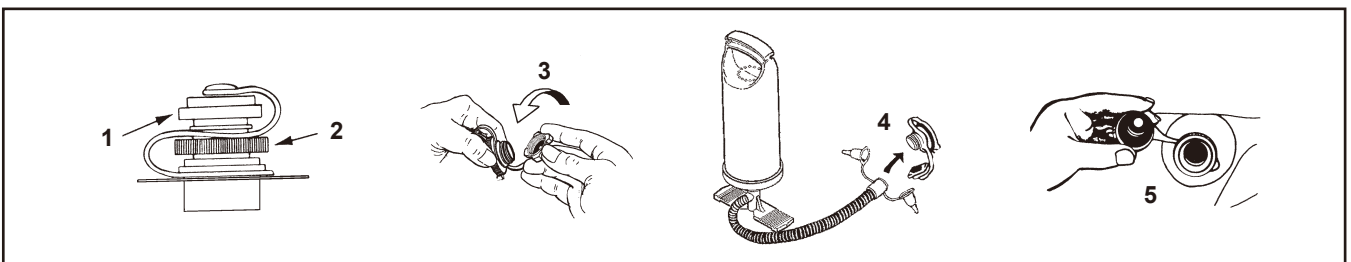
Before starting, locate a clean area free of stones or other sharp objects. Unroll the kayak so it is laid out flat, and locate your pump.

Use a hand or foot operated air pump to inflate the boat. Do not use high-pressure air compressors. Adults should inflate the chambers following the numerical sequence marked on the valves. It is very important to follow the numerical sequence; failure to do so will result in an improperly inflated boat. Fill each chamber until it is stiff to the touch but NOT hard. Use the enclosed ruler to check the main chamber for proper inflation. DO NOT OVER INFLATE. Fill with cold air only.

**IMPORTANT:** Air temperature and weather condition do affect the internal air pressure of inflatable products. In cold weather the product will lose some pressure due to the fact that the air will contract. If this occurs, you may want to add a little air to the product. However, in hot weather, the air will expand. You must let some air out to prevent the product from failing due to overpressure.

## **How to Use Boston Valve:**

1. Double valve cap (valve lets air in, not out).
2. Quick deflation cap.
3. Unscrew Double valve cap.
4. Insert output end of air pump into valve and fill. Do not over inflate or use high pressure compressor.
5. To deflate: unscrew quick-deflation cap. **CAUTION:** Double valve does not operate when this cap is off. Do not unscrew this cap while boat or inflatable is in water.



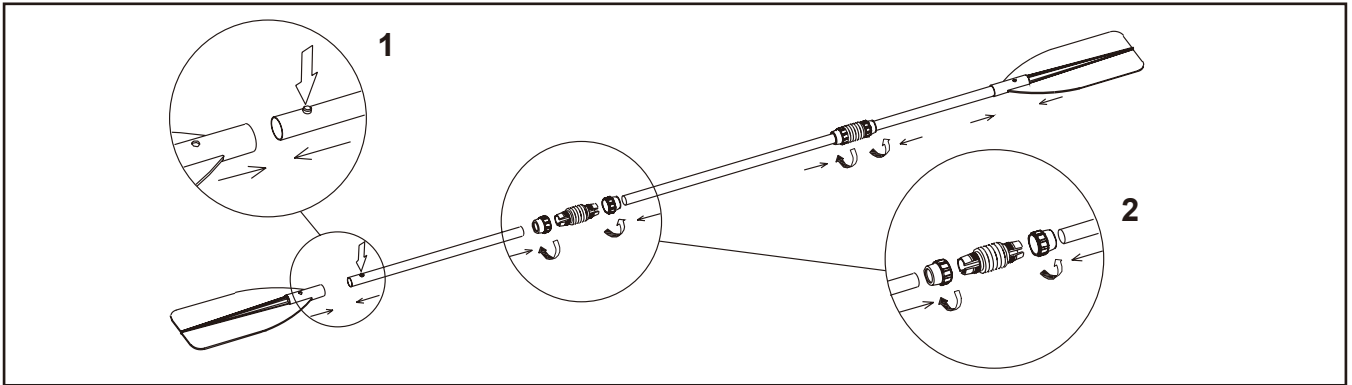
## **Seat Installation (Certain Models):**

1. Inflate each seat cushion slowly to about 75% of its capacity.
2. Finish inflating the seat cushions slowly until it is firm to the touch but NOT hard.  
**DO NOT OVER INFLATE!**
3. To disassemble the seats, deflate the seats first and reverse the installation procedures.
4. Some seat cushions after inflation are tuck in directly into the fore, mid or aft locations of the kayak cockpit.

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## **Paddle Assembly:**

1. Press and align the push-bottom on the short shaft with the paddle blade hole, ensure the push-bottom is securely snapped onto the paddle blade hole.
2. Join the 3 shafts together with the couplers and securely tighten the coupler covers.
3. To disassemble, reverse the assembly steps. Note: is not necessary to detach the paddle blades from the shafts.



## **Safety and Operating Instructions**

### **Before Departing from the Shore or Dock**

#### **Know all required information and inform your passengers:**

- Take a boating safety course and get hands-on training from your boat dealer or local boating authorities.
- Know all local regulations and hazards related to water activities and boat operation.
- Check weather forecast, local currents, tides and wind conditions.
- Advise someone on land of the time you plan to be back at your starting point.
- Explain basic boat operation to all passengers.
- Children and non-swimmers need special instructions in the use of life jacket or personal floatation devices (PFD).
- Be sure that one of your passengers can operate the boat in case of emergency.
- Learn how to determine the distance you can cover, and remember that bad weather conditions can alter this.
- Review all safety requirements regularly.

#### **Check the working condition of the boat and equipments:**

- Check inflation pressure.
- Inspect the valves caps.
- Check the load is evenly distributed, fore (front) to aft (back) and side-to-side.

#### **Make sure that all required safety equipment is on board (check the laws and regulations of the country or locality in which you are boating to see if additional equipment may be needed):**

- One personal flotation device (PFD) per person.
- Air pump, oars, repair kit and tool kit.
- Any other mandatory equipment.
- The boat papers and your boating license (if applicable).
- Lights are required if operating after dark.

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## Rules to Observe During Navigation

- Be responsible, do not neglect the safety rules, this could jeopardize your life and the lives of others.
- Always keep control of your boat.
- Respect local regulations and practices.
- Near the shore, navigate in the designated boating area.
- Remember that weather conditions can rapidly deteriorate. Always be sure that you can reach a shelter rapidly.
- Everyone on board must always wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Do not drink alcohol or take drugs before or while operating your boat. Maintain passenger sobriety.
- Do not exceed the authorized number of persons or weight.
- Make sure your passengers remain seated at all times. At planning speeds, in rough water or during sharp turns, all passengers should position themselves in seats or on the floor.
- No bow riding. Bow riding is illegal in most areas and is extremely dangerous. In case of falling, the man overboard is in the way of the propeller.
- Be especially careful when docking. Arms and legs may be injured if they are outside the boat.
- Keep clear of swimmers and divers. Always avoid areas where divers/swimmers are in the water.
- Keep a sharp lookout especially when operating near beaches and launch sites. The Alpha flag indicates proximity of divers. You **MUST** maintain a safe distance as required by your local boating laws, which may range from 50 meters (164 feet) to 91 meters (300 feet).
- Avoid sharp turns at high speeds. You could get ejected from the boat.
- Do not make changes in direction without advising passengers.
- Avoid all contact between the buoyancy tubes and sharp objects or aggressive liquids (such as acid).
- Do not smoke on board.

## Care and Maintenance

The kayak is made of the highest quality materials and complies with ISO 6185 standards. Altering the construction of the kayak will endanger your own safety, safety of the occupants and void the limited warranty!

There is very little that you have to do to keep your kayak in good condition for many years. Do not store your kayak inflated. If you store it in a closet, basement or garage, we suggest you pick a cool, dry place, making sure the kayak is clean and dry before you store it - or mold can accumulate.

Use as few cleaning agents as possible, do not discharge waste agents into water, and clean your kayak preferably on land.

Clean your kayak after a trip to prevent damage from sand, salt water or sun exposure.

Most dirt can be removed with a garden hose, a sponge and mild soap. Make sure the kayak is completely dry before storing. Store the product and accessories in a dry, temperature controlled, between 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius) and 104 degrees Fahrenheit (40 degrees Celsius) storage location.

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## **Disassembly and Storage**

First clean your kayak thoroughly following the Care and Maintenance instructions. Open all air valves, deflate kayak completely and remove all the accessories from the kayak.

Flip the kayak over. Fold the left side of the kayak over and then fold the right side over the left. Fold the bow end twice to the middle of the kayak tightly while forcing out any remaining air; repeat this procedure for the stern. Replace all air valves' caps. With two opposing folded sides, fold one end over the other like closing a book. Your kayak is ready for storage. Fold the kayak loosely and avoid sharp bends, corners and creases which can damage the kayak.

## **Troubleshooting**

If your kayak appears a bit soft, it might not be because of a leak. If the kayak was inflated late in the day with 32 °C (90 °F) air, that air might cool down to 25 °C (77 °F) overnight. The cooler air exerts less pressure on the hull, so it could appear soft the next morning.

If there has been no temperature variation, you need to start looking for a leak:

- Take a good look at your kayak from just a few feet away. Flip it over and closely check over the outside. Any large leaks should be clearly visible.
- If you have an idea where your leak is, use a mix of dishwashing liquid and water in a spray bottle, and spray over the suspicious areas. Any leak will produce bubbles that will pinpoint the location of the leak.
- Check valves for leak, if necessary, spray soapy water around the valve and the valve base.

## **Repairs**

Through constant use you may occasionally puncture your kayak. Most leaks only take a few minutes to repair. Your kayak comes with a repair patch, and additional repair supplies can be ordered from Intex Consumer Service or from our website.

First locate the leak; soapy water will bubble out from the source of the leak. Thoroughly clean the area surrounding the leak to remove any dirt or grime.

Cut a piece of repair patch large enough to overlap the damaged area by approximately 1.5 cm (1/2"). Round off the edges, and place the patch on the damaged area and **PRESS DOWN FIRMLY**. You may want to use a weight on top to keep it in place.

Do not inflate in 30 minutes after patching.

If the patch does not hold, you can purchase a PVC or silicon based glue for repairing camping mats, tents or shoes from your local market to patch your boat, please refer to the instruction of the glue for patching.

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## Limited Warranty

### Intex Inflatable Kayak

Your Intex Inflatable Kayak has been manufactured using the highest quality materials and workmanship. All Intex Inflatable kayaks have been inspected and found free of defects prior to leaving the factory. This Limited Warranty applies to the Intex Inflatable Kayak only. The following provision is only valid within the European member states countries: The legal regulation of Directive 1999/44/EC will not be effected by this Intex warranty.

The provisions of this Limited Warranty apply only to the original purchaser. This Limited Warranty is valid for a period of 90-days from the date of purchase. Keep your purchase information with this manual, as proof of purchase will be required and must accompany warranty claims or the Limited Warranty is invalid.

If a manufacturing defect is found within this 90-day period, please contact the appropriate Intex Service Center listed in the separate "Authorized Service Centers" sheet. If the item is returned as directed by the Intex Service Center, the Service Center will inspect the item and determine the validity of the claim. If the item is covered by the provisions of the warranty, the item will be repaired or replaced at no charge.

IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE TERMS OF THIS WARRANTY AND IN NO EVENT SHALL INTEX, THEIR AUTHORIZED AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES BE LIABLE TO THE BUYER OR ANY OTHER PARTY FOR DIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES.

Some countries, or jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

This Limited Warranty does not apply if the Intex Inflatable Kayak is subject to negligence, accident, improper operation, trailering or towing, improper maintenance or storage, abnormal use or application, or to damage by circumstances beyond Intex's control, including but not limited to, punctures, tears, abrasions, or ordinary wear and tear. This Limited Warranty applies only to those parts and components manufactured by Intex. The Limited Warranty does not cover unauthorized alterations to the boat.

Read the owner's manual carefully and follow all instructions regarding proper operation and maintenance of your Intex Inflatable Kayak. Always inspect your equipment prior to use. Your Limited Warranty may be void if instructions are not followed.

RECORD THE OWNER'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND CRAFT **HIN** BELOW:

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