

PILOT

KITE CONTROL BAR
BELOW BAR SWIVEL / ABOVE BAR TRIM

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TAKE A LESSON!

THIS MANUAL IS NOT A KITE LESSON! BEFORE YOU LAUNCH YOUR KITE, TAKE LESSONS FROM A PROPERLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL!

For information on lessons in your area go to oceanrodeo.com/kiteboarding/L2K

IMPORTANT NOTE

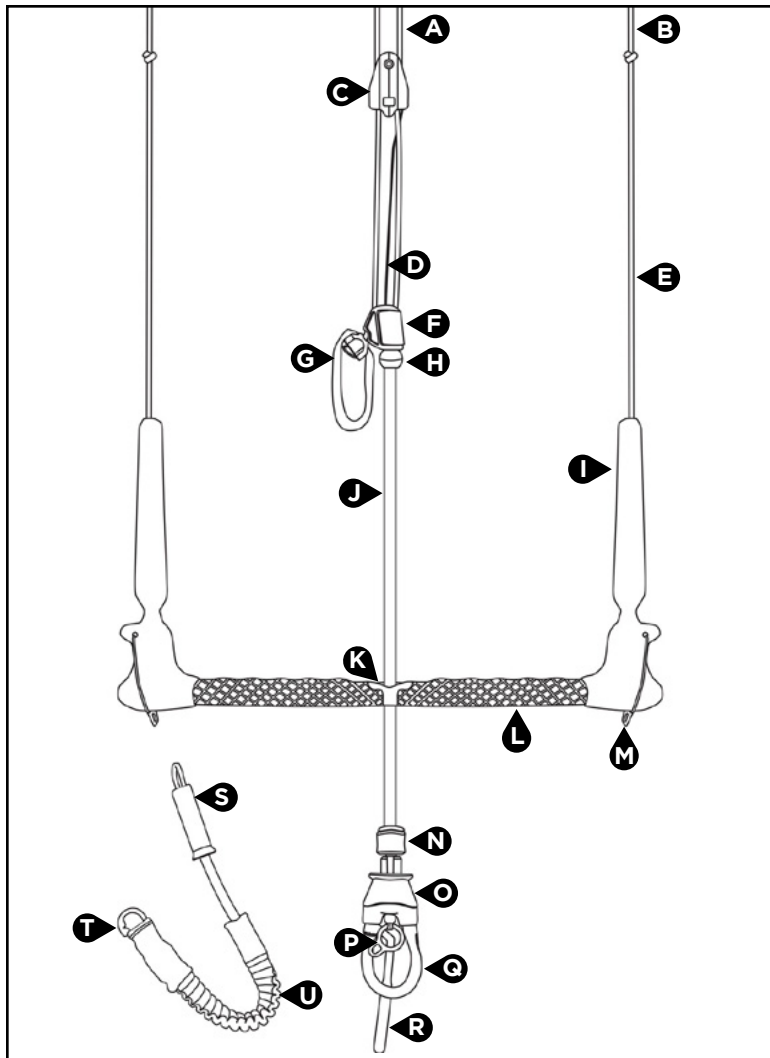
Read this manual thoroughly before using your new kite control bar. This is not a kiteboarding instruction manual, nor does it eliminate the need for professional instruction in the sport of traction kiting.

The user is therefore advised to obtain such instruction as well as familiarizing him or herself with the information in this manual, prior to the use of the accompanying kite control bar and line set.

For more information and a listing of certified schools in your area, visit oceanrodeo.com/kiteboarding/L2K

Caution: Kite powered sports can be very dangerous and physically demanding. The user of this product should understand that participating in kite powered sports may involve serious injury or death and agree to observe the following safety precautions:

- Get instructions specific to your kite and its safety systems.
- Be first aid certified and carry first aid and rescue devices.
- Consult your doctor prior to taking kite lessons.
- Always wear a nationally approved personal flotation device when on the water.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and water temperatures.
- Check your equipment's condition before every session; look for signs of use and potential failure.
- Never kite alone.
- Do not kite in overpowered or gusty conditions.
- Do not kite in offshore wind conditions.
- Before launching your kite at an unfamiliar location, scout for safety hazards and consult other kites in the area for possible concerns (rocks, reefs, currents, changeable weather, local 'best practices', etc).
- Never launch with obstacles or people closer than two full line lengths downwind.
- Never kite near power lines!
- Never ask a non-kiter to launch or land your kite!
- Always wear a kite leash! Never wear a board leash!
- Always weigh your kites with rocks or sand when on the beach to prevent inadvertent launch.
- Always announce your launch so people around you can be prepared to move or assist in the event of a problem.
- Do not exceed your ability. Be honest with yourself.
- Never use alcohol or other mind altering drugs prior to kiteboarding.
- Never modify or otherwise alter any safety or release system.
- Never kite if your release system is not fully functional.



BAR FEATURES

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|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| A | FRONT FLYING LINES | P | LEASH ATTACHMENT RING |
| B | BACK FLYING LINES | Q | TRIM LOOP |
| C | PULLEY | R | LOCK IN TUBE |
| D | SINGLE FRONT LINE RE-RIDE | S | KITE LEASH RELEASE CUFF |
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| F | TRIM CLEAT | U | KITE LEASH |
| G | VELCRO TRIM HANDLE | | |
| H | STOPPER BALL | | |
| I | BAR FLOAT | | |
| J | FRONT LINE TUBING SHEATH | | |
| K | CENTRE LINER | | |
| L | BAR GRIP | | |
| M | LINE STORAGE TAB | | |
| N | BELOW BAR SWIVEL | | |
| O | RELEASE CUFF | | |

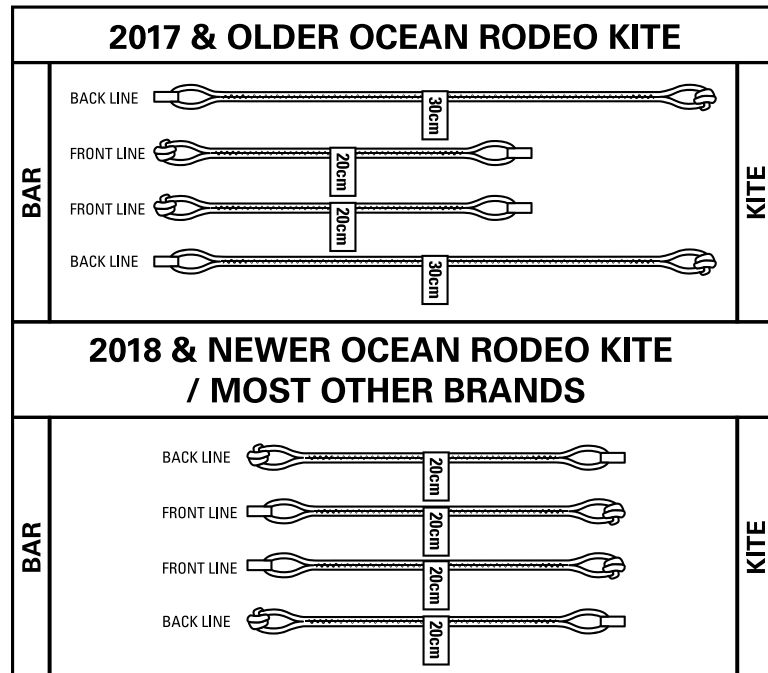
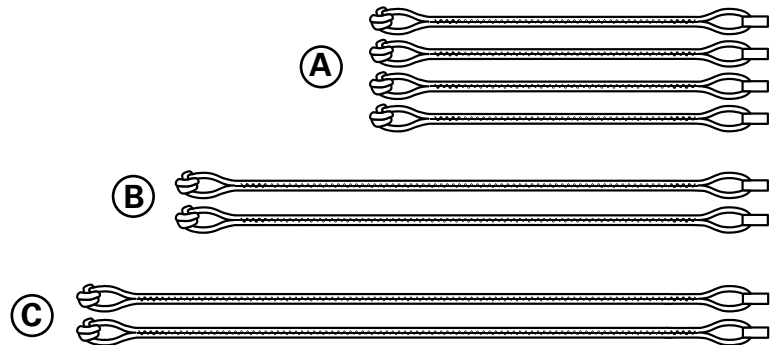
PIGTAIL GUIDE

Warning:

Before riding with your new Ocean Rodeo Pilot bar, please ensure you are using the appropriate pigtails and that your kite is properly rigged.

Included with this bar you have received:

- 4 x 20cm pigtails (A)
- 2 x 30cm pigtails (B)
- 2 x 35cm pigtails (C)



Note:

If you have noticeable front line stretch, you can offset it by replacing the backline pigtails with one of the longer alternative sets provided.

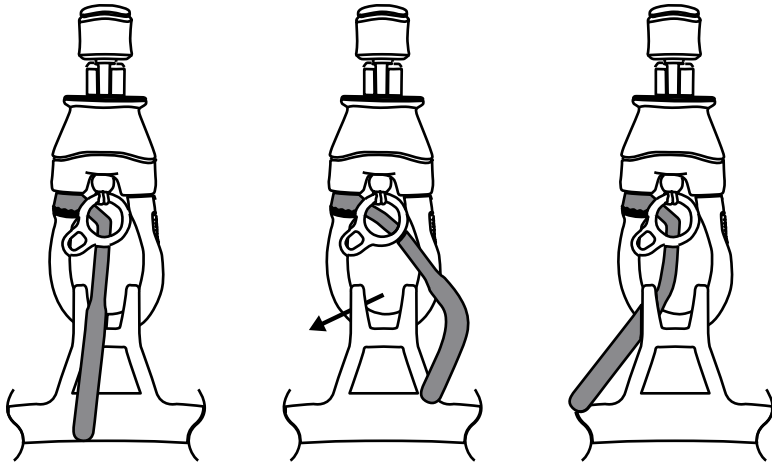
For Ocean Rodeo Kites from 2017 and older:
Use 35cm (C) pigtails to offset frontline stretch.

For all other kites:
Use the 30 cm (B) pigtails to offset frontline stretch.

USING THE LOCK-IN TUBE

The lock-in tube helps keep your trim loop hooked in if you have slack or minimal tension on your lines while riding.

To use the lock-in tube, simply flex the tubing into the head of the harness, under the trim loop.

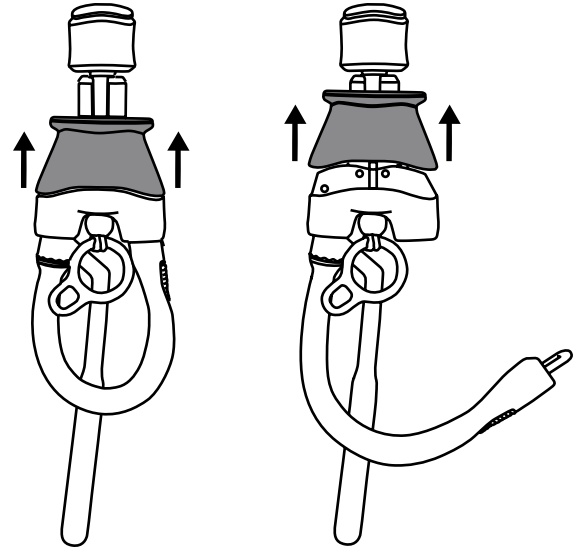


TRIM LOOP RELEASE CUFF ACTIVATION

Note: Always test your quick release before each session!

To separate yourself from the trim loop in an emergency situation, push the orange release cuff away from you.

As long as your kite leash is attached to the center line leash attachment, the control bar will ride up a single front line and depower the kite.

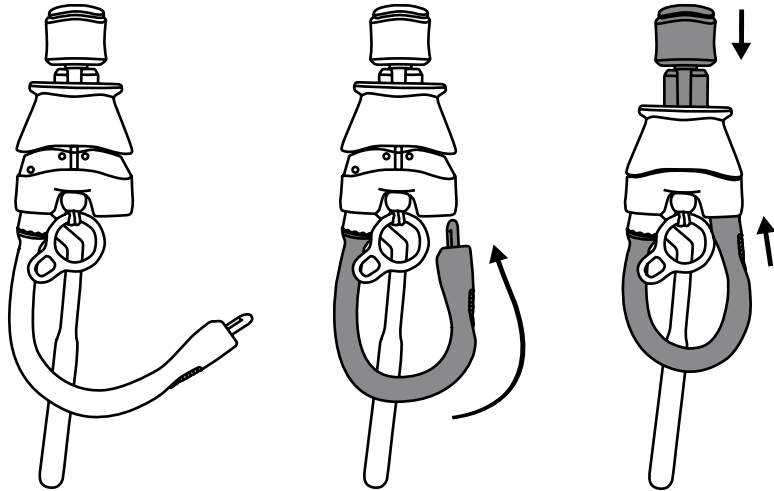


TRIM LOOP RESET

To reset your trim loop after it has been released:

- Hold the quick release by the swivel head, and insert the ring end of the trim loop back into the quick release.
- Push the loop up into the quick release while holding the swivel head, opposing this force.
- The loop will snap back into the quick release once enough pressure has been applied.

WARNING: Ensure fingers are kept away from the release cuff while resetting!



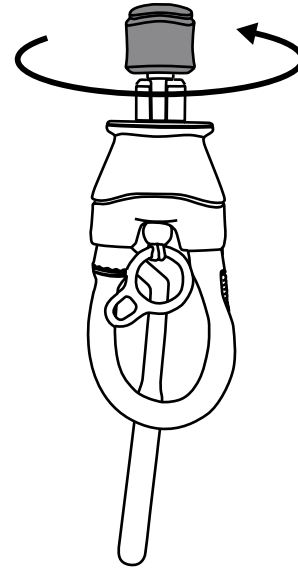
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BELOW BAR SWIVEL

Twisted front lines can affect the operation of your front line re-ride system.

To correct twisted front lines: Grasp the swivel head and turn it in the opposite direction of the line twists.

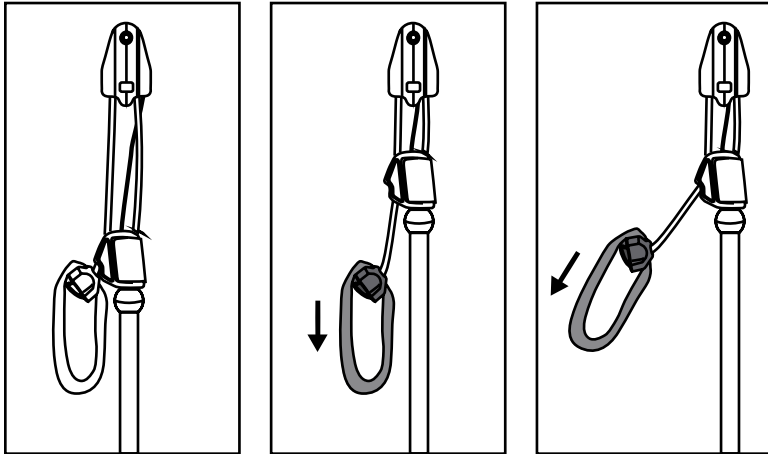
WARNING: Multiple twists in your front lines can create dangerous amounts of friction and prevent proper depowering when the front line re-ride system is activated. Untwist your lines regularly!



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BAR TRIM ADJUSTMENT

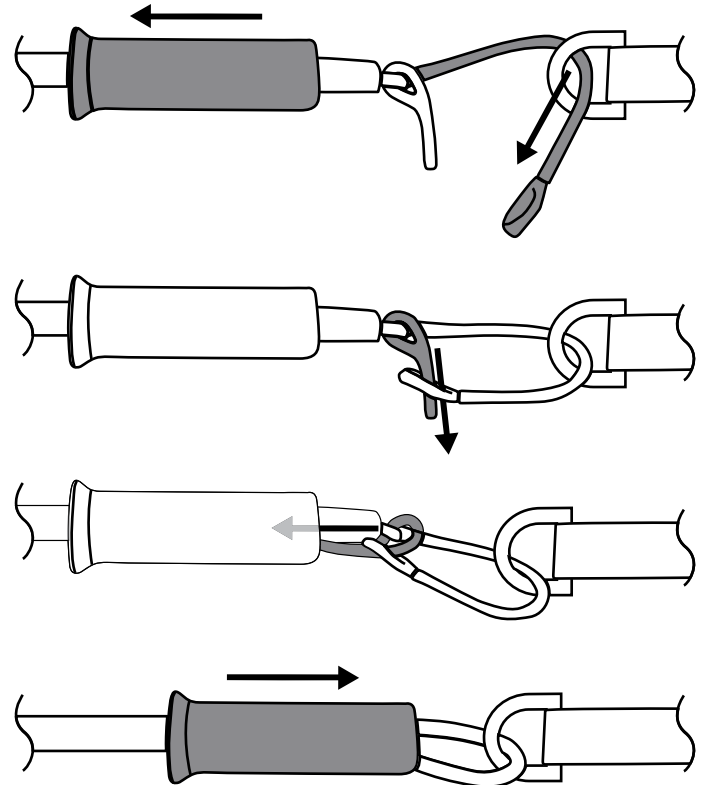
- Bar is set at maximum power when trim line is in longest position.
- To depower the kite, pull down on Velcro trim handle.
- To add power to the kite, pull down and away from the cleat to disengage.



KITE LEASH ATTACHMENT

Note: Always attach your leash with the rider end release cuff closest to your harness!

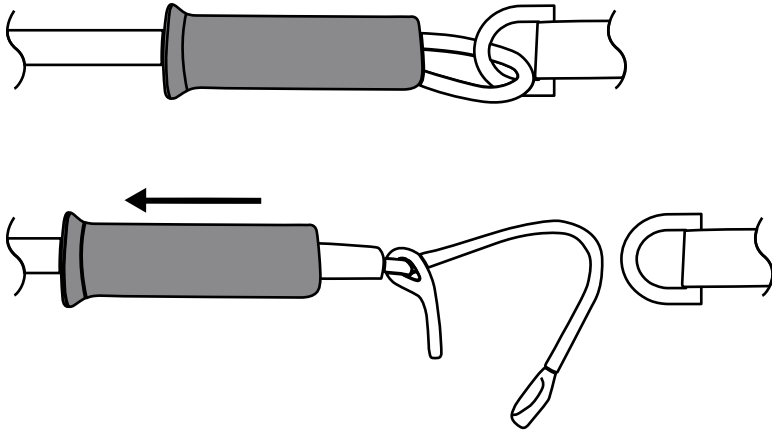
Follow the images below to attach your leash to the D-ring connection point on your harness:



KITE LEASH RELEASE

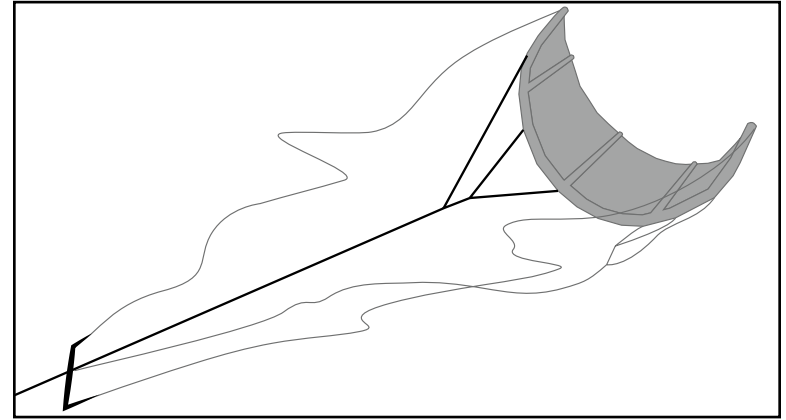
Note: Always test your leash release before each session!

To eject your leash, push the release cuff away from you as shown in the images below:



SINGLE FRONT LINE RE-RIDE

When activated, the bar's safety system depowers your kite by releasing tension on 3 of the 4 flying lines. This allows the kite to depower and remain safely tethered to you by your leash.



STORING AND CARING

For smooth operation; if your bar is covered with sand or debris, give it a quick rinse in the water before and after riding.

To avoid tangles, we suggest you wind your lines in a figure 8 pattern around your bar ends. This 'end over end' approach will prevent coils in your lines and allow you to smoothly run them out again for your next session.

Thoroughly rinse with fresh water after each session and store out of direct sunlight.

WARNING!

Knots can easily form in your flying lines, especially close to the kite end of your lines. Always inspect for and remove knots when found. Knots weaken your flying lines! Lines with immovable knots should be replaced!

LINE STORAGE BUNGEEES

Use bar end line bungees to secure your kite lines for tangle free storage.



WARRANTY

All kite control bars are covered by a one year warranty offered to the original purchaser on workmanship and materials. Warranty is limited to the repair or replacement at Ocean Rodeo's sole discretion. This warranty does not cover damage caused by normal wear and tear, misuse or negligence and does not extend to any other equipment possibly damaged in the event of a product failure.

This warranty is invalid and void if unauthorized repairs or modifications have been made to the equipment. Bars used for professional or commercial use (rentals, instruction, etc) are covered under a 30 day warranty only. Repairs or alterations not covered by warranty will be billed to the customer.



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