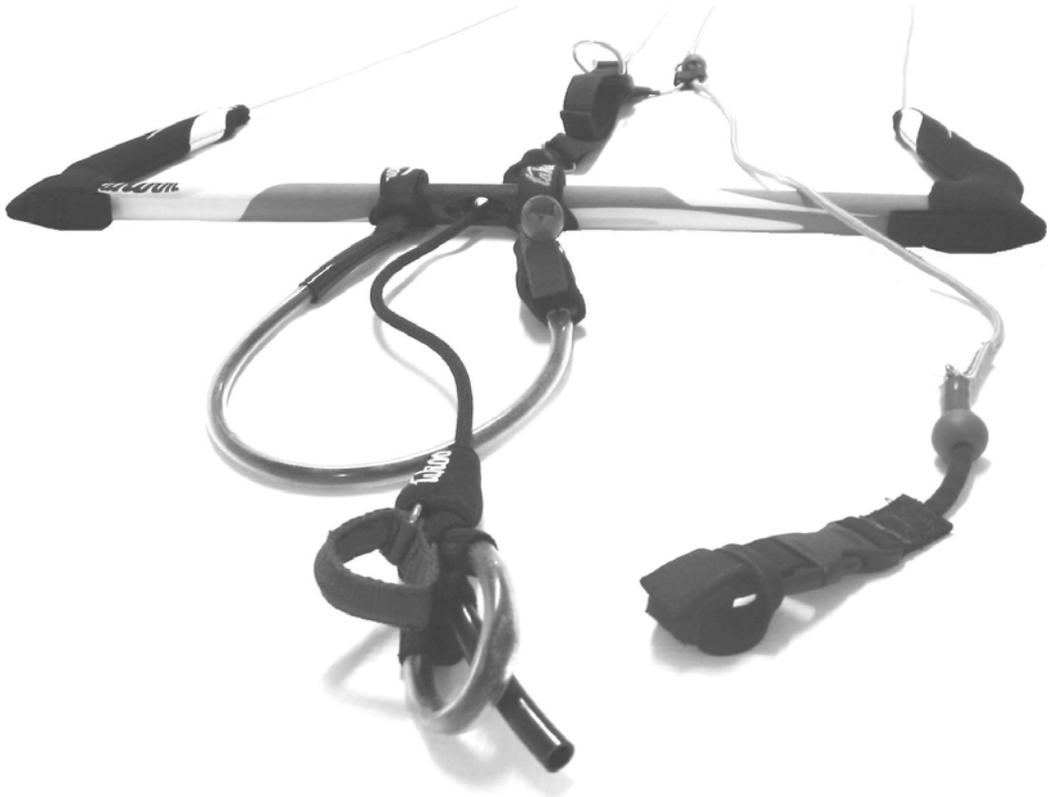




## **DREAM BAR USER GUIDE**



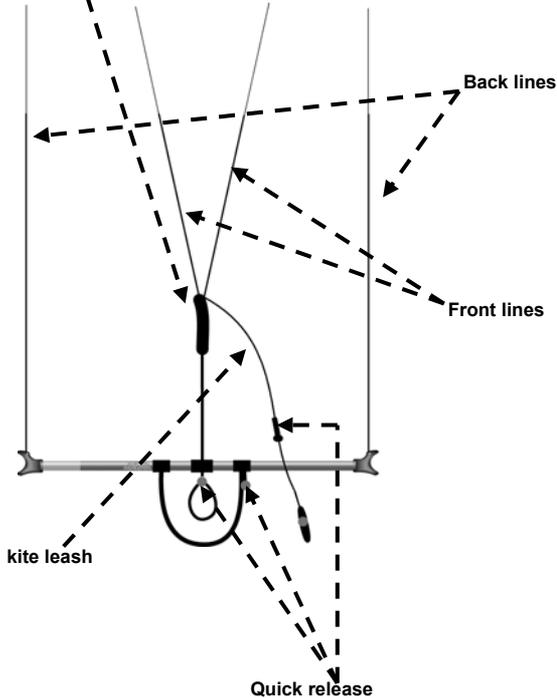
TAKOON would like to thank you for purchasing this TAKOON dreambar, and for your confidence in the high quality of our products. Before any attempt to use this product, please ensure you pay full and careful attention to the contents of this manual.

You must read and understand the entire contents of this manual before any attempt to fly your bar. This manual is made to help you operate your new kite, but nothing replaces proper instruction.

You must be fully aware of the risks that go with this sport, and know that you are exposing yourself to real danger. **Inappropriate use of traction kite devices can cause severe accidents or even lead to the death of the user or third parties.** It is heavily recommended to undergo an initial training in a recognised kitesurf school.

## Contents of this product

Adjustement strap for center line



### PARTS LIST

- Flying lines
- Control bar
- Kite leash
- Complete harness loop with quick release
- Storage bag
- Connectors

## Connecting the lines to the kite

Your bar is supplied with yellow and grey back lines (yellow for the left side and grey for the right side) and white front lines. Connect your back lines to the back connectors of your kite using a Lark's Head knot (grey to grey for the right side and yellow to yellow for the left line). The front lines have to be connected to the connector of the kite with the right color (grey to grey, yellow to yellow).

Your bar is made to avoid accidentally switching back lines and front lines and between right side and left side connections. Be sure lines are not tangled. Setting up the lines wrong is a major source of accidents.

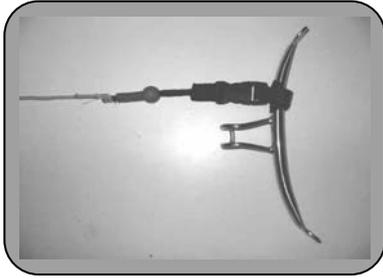


## Quick releases

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, OPERATE YOUR KITE WITHOUT THE KITE LEASH AND THE QUICK RELEASE. TRY AND CHECK THEM BEFORE RIDING. USING INSTINCTIVELY A QUICK RELEASE NEED A REAL LEARNING. THE QUICK RELEASES NEED A MINIMUM OF CHARGE TO WORK.**

Note : most riders have the wrong instinct to hang on desperately to the bar if they get into difficulties. You should not hesitate to dump the bar and retain the kite via the leash.

**Warning:** You have to be used to the quick release before a critical situation. Most riders have the bad habit to try their quick release for the first time in dangerous conditions and they are not aware about its use.



**IMPORTANT:**

Before launching your kite, you must have understood the purpose and operation of the quick releases in place on your control bar:

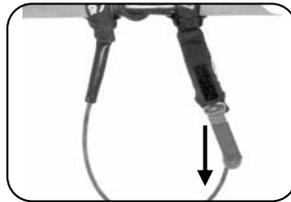
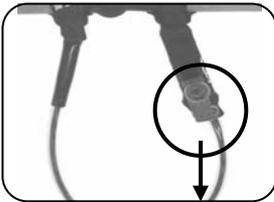
- a leash with Quick Release and attachment to your harness
- a quick release on the chicken loop (de-power loop)
- a quick release on the large harness line

The leash allows you to let go of the control bar without losing your kite. The kite leash is fitted to one of the front lines close to the adjustment strap, and should reach your harness.

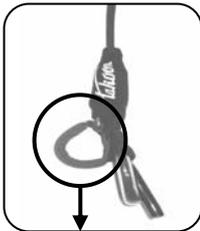
Releasing the control bar (using the quick release on the harness line or the chicken loop (de-power loop) will automatically depower the kite, which will land by itself. Make sure you have enough safe room down wind.

The Quick Release also allows you to kill the power developed by the kite. The Quick Release should only be operated if you want to release the control bar (e.g. the power is too great to unhook the harness loop from your harness, the situation is dangerous).

**Harness line quick release: Pull the red bowl**

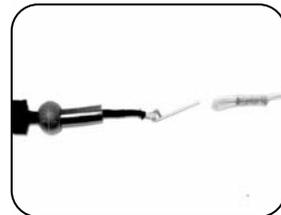
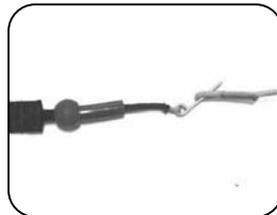
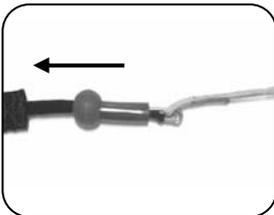


**Chicken loop quick release: Pull the red loop**

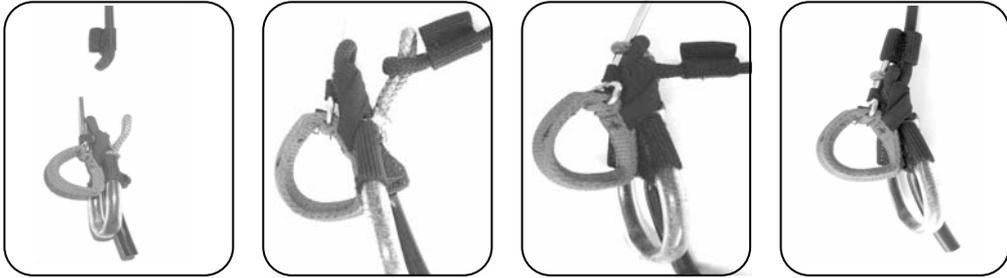


**Leash quick release: Pull the red bowl**

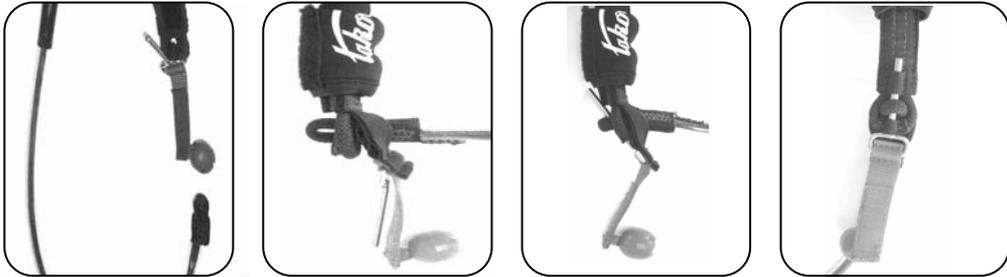
Use it only in dramatic situation, the kite can be dangerous for other people.



### Reload the chicken loop quick release



### Reload the harness line quick release



### 6.2- Pre-flight checks

Before launching your kite, check all the equipment one last time.

The following is a check-list of the main points:

- general condition of the kite
- pressure in the struts
- flying lines with the right length, not crossed and free of knots
- lines connected to the correct sides of the kite
- harness loop centered on the control bar
- kite leash in good condition
- quick releases in good condition

Points to remember:

- Always make sure you are fully equipped before launching: harness, personal floatation device, helmet, etc...
- Always wear some kind of foot protection when launching, as you risk injuring your feet if you slide a few yards while the kite gains altitude.

### Basic rules for launching

Get into the habit of connecting the leash to your harness before even picking up the control bar.

**YOUR CHICKEN LOOP (DE-POWER LOOP) ON YOUR CONTROL BAR MUST ALWAYS BE HOOKED INTO THE HARNESS BUCKLE.**

This will allow you to reduce the power during launching by de-powering fully (pushing the bar away from you).

### Adjusting the length of the central strap

The control bar setup includes an adjustment strap for the front lines, which allows you to adjust the power of your kite for a variety of wind conditions, even while riding. With the strap fully released, your kite will develop maximum power, as the back lines will be pulling the kite square to the wind.

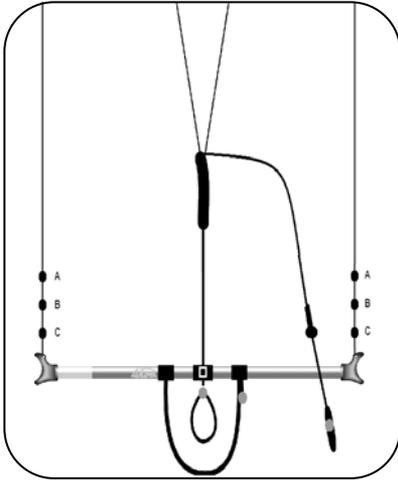


By tightening the adjustment strap (pulling towards you), the kite will progressively become less powerful (left picture), as the relative slack in the back lines will allow the kite to 'open up' and present less surface area to the wind. The kite becomes very slightly less responsive when the strap is tightened. Pull the plastic coated loop located on the strap to have more power (see right picture). You can progressively increase the power of your kite by incrementally pulling the plastic loop. **It is safer when launching the kite to have the kite depowered with relatively more front line tension.**



### Tuning the kite

You can control the power of your kite using the depower system. Following your style, tune the length of your backlines using a lark's head knot from the connector of the bar winders to one of the knots made in the back line (A, B or C).



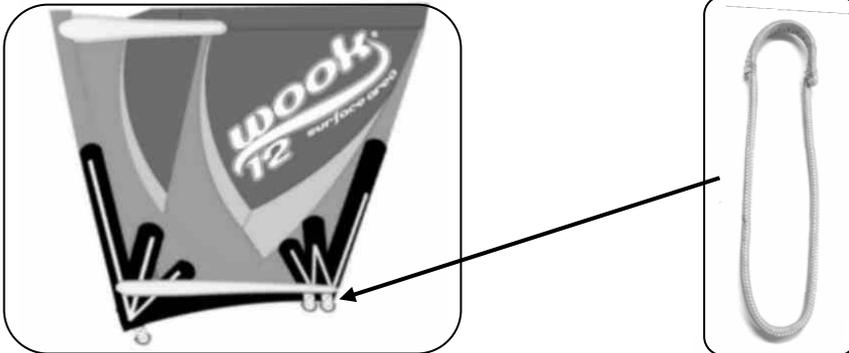
**Knot A:** more power, and more reactivity.

**Knot B:** standard tuning for a TAKOON Kite.

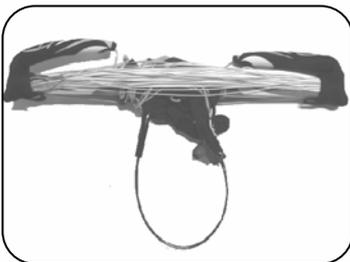
**Knot C:** Less power and less reactivity. Perfect for learning tricks.

### You don't ride with a TAKOON kite with the anti-invert line system

Your TAKOON dreambar is delivered with two small connectors (a grey buckle for the right tip of your kite and a yellow buckle for the left tip) that you must connect to the insertion for the backlines in your kite. To connect the backline to the connector make a lark's head knot from the connector to your backline. Like this, you benefit to the anti-invert line system.



### To roll the lines



Remove the rope covers and roll the lines around the winders (roll the lines as a 8 to avoid the twist),. Replace the rope covers to prevent knots between lines.

## TAKOON WARRANTY

TAKOON PRODUCTS ARE WARRANTED to be free of defects from manufacture in material and or workmanship to the original owner FOR 1 YEAR.

This warranty is subject to the following limitations:

- The warranty is valid only when this product is used for normal recreational activities,
- This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse or abuse, damage due to excessive sun exposure or seam failure due to over inflation in the sun, damage caused by improper handling and storage, damage caused by use in shore break, damage resulting from improper maintenance and damage caused by anything other than defects in material and workmanship,
- This warranty is voided if any unauthorized repair, change or modification has been made to any part of the equipment,
- The warranty originates from the date of the original purchase only,
- There are no warranties, which extend beyond the warranty specified here. If you are faced with any problem respecting the warranty limitations, bring back the defective product to your TAKOON dealer with the following documents and informations:
  - A copy of the kite/board/bar user's invoice which indicates the purchase date (if it does not clearly figure on the invoice, the sale date to the distributor will be chosen as beginning of the warranty),
  - The type of the board/kite,
  - A precise description of the defect,
  - A good picture of the defect (no POLAROID, they are too hazy),
  - Your name and your address.

Your TAKOON dealer will send the defective product to an official TAKOON repair center. You will have to pay the carriage costs. TAKOON will make the warranty determination.

If a product is deemed to be defective by TAKOON, the warranty covers the repair or replacement of the defective product only. TAKOON will not be responsible for any costs, losses, or damages incurred as a result of loss or use of this product.

## WARNING

It is the user's responsibility to carefully read this user's guide and instruct all users on the safe operation of this product.



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