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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Spalding NBA Portable Basketball System (Model 72351) is designed for recreational basketball play in driveways or backyards. It features a durable 44-inch polycarbonate backboard, a solid steel Slam Jam breakaway rim, and an all-weather net for consistent performance in various conditions.

The system includes a 37.5-gallon base that can be filled with water or sand to provide stability during play. Integrated wheels allow for easy portability, enabling users to position the system as desired and store it conveniently. The Pro Glide lift system facilitates height adjustment from 7.5 feet to 10 feet in 6-inch increments, accommodating players of different ages and skill levels.



Image: The Spalding NBA Portable Basketball System, showcasing its 44-inch polycarbonate backboard, red rim, black pole, and large black base with wheels.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Assembly of the Spalding NBA Portable Basketball System is designed to be straightforward, requiring minimal installation compared to in-ground systems. It is recommended to have at least two people for assembly to ensure safety and ease of handling larger components.

Required Tools (Not Included):

- Adjustable wrench or socket set
- Rubber mallet (optional, for fitting bolts)
- Measuring tape
- Water hose or sand for base filling

Assembly Steps:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging and verify against the parts list provided in the separate assembly guide.
2. **Assemble Pole Sections:** Connect the three-piece steel pole sections as per the detailed instructions in the assembly guide. Ensure all connections are secure.
3. **Attach Backboard and Rim:** Secure the 44-inch polycarbonate backboard and the Slam Jam breakaway rim to the upper pole section. Follow the specific bolt and hardware instructions to ensure proper alignment and stability.
4. **Connect Pole to Base:** Attach the assembled pole to the 37.5-gallon portable base. Ensure the base is empty before connecting.
5. **Fill the Base:** Once the system is upright and stable, fill the base with either water or sand. Water is easier to fill and empty, while sand provides greater stability and is less prone to freezing in cold climates. Ensure the base is completely filled to maximize stability.
6. **Adjust Height:** Use the Pro Glide lift system to set the desired rim height. Refer to the Operating section for detailed height adjustment instructions.

For detailed, step-by-step assembly instructions, please refer to the separate assembly manual included with your product packaging.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Height Adjustment (Pro Glide Lift System):

The Pro Glide lift system allows for easy adjustment of the rim height from 7.5 feet to 10 feet in 6-inch increments. This feature is beneficial for accommodating players of various ages and skill levels, from younger children to adults.

1. **Locate Adjustment Mechanism:** Identify the height adjustment mechanism on the main pole.
2. **Release Lock:** Follow the specific instructions on the mechanism to release the locking pin or lever.
3. **Adjust Height:** Carefully raise or lower the backboard and rim to the desired height. Ensure the pole slides smoothly.
4. **Secure Lock:** Once the desired height is reached, re-engage the locking pin or lever to secure the system in place. Verify that the system is firmly locked before use.

Always ensure the system is stable and the height adjustment mechanism is securely locked before allowing play. Do not attempt to adjust the height while someone is hanging on the rim or playing near the system.

Portability:

The portable base is equipped with wheels for easy relocation. To move the system:

1. **Tilt System:** Carefully tilt the system forward onto its wheels.

2. **Roll to Desired Location:** Gently roll the system to its new position.
3. **Lower and Stabilize:** Once in the desired location, carefully lower the system back onto its base, ensuring it is level and stable before use.

It is recommended to move the system with the base filled for stability, but be mindful of the weight. For long-term storage or significant relocation, consider emptying the base first.

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Video: A demonstration of the Spalding 72351 Portable Basketball System, highlighting its features and ease of use, including the height adjustment and portability.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your basketball system.

- **Base Fluid Level:** Periodically check the water or sand level in the base. Refill as necessary to maintain maximum stability. If using water in freezing climates, consider adding non-toxic antifreeze or emptying the base completely during winter months to prevent cracking.
- **Hardware Inspection:** Annually inspect all bolts, nuts, and connections for tightness. Tighten any loose hardware to ensure structural integrity and safety.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the backboard, rim, and pole with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish or polycarbonate.
- **Net Replacement:** The all-weather net is designed for durability, but inspect it periodically for wear and tear. Replace the net if it becomes frayed or damaged to ensure continued play.
- **Rust Prevention:** While components are designed for outdoor use, inspect metal parts for signs of rust. Apply rust-inhibiting paint if necessary to prolong the life of the system.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
System is unstable or wobbly.	Base not fully filled; loose hardware.	Ensure base is completely filled with water or sand. Check and tighten all bolts and nuts.
Height adjustment mechanism is difficult to operate.	Dirt or debris in the mechanism; lack of lubrication.	Clean the mechanism and apply a silicone-based lubricant to moving parts.
Base is leaking.	Cap not sealed properly; crack in the base.	Ensure the fill cap is securely tightened. Inspect the base for cracks; if a crack is found, consider using sand instead of water or contacting customer support for replacement options.
Backboard appears flimsy or damaged.	Normal polycarbonate flexibility; impact damage.	Polycarbonate has some natural flexibility. If there is significant damage or a crack, discontinue use and contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	72351
Backboard Material	Polycarbonate (44 inches wide)
Rim Type	5/8-inch solid steel Slam Jam breakaway rim
Net Type	All-weather net
Base Capacity	37.5 gallons (fill with water or sand)
Pole Type	Three-piece steel pole (3.0 inches round)
Height Adjustment	Pro Glide lift system, 7.5 to 10 feet in 6-inch increments
Item Weight	81 Pounds
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Outdoor

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Spalding NBA Portable Basketball System is covered by a **5-year limited warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service.

For full details regarding warranty coverage, limitations, and how to file a claim, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Spalding website.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Should you have any questions, require assistance with assembly, or need to report a missing or damaged part, please contact Spalding Customer Support.

Contact Information:

Please refer to the contact details provided in your product packaging or visit the official Spalding website for the most current customer service information.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (72351) and proof of purchase readily available.