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Model: 531576

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Petmate Sky Kennel is designed to provide a safe and durable travel solution for your pet, ensuring their comfort and protection from stress during transport. This carrier features a robust plastic construction, non-corrosive wing nuts, strong steel wire, and an interlocking door for long-term security. It is suitable for air and car travel, meeting most air cargo specifications. Always verify specific requirements with your chosen airline.



Image: Front view of the Petmate Sky Kennel 32 Inch Pet Carrier, showcasing the sturdy wire door and ventilation.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Before using the Petmate Sky Kennel, please read and understand all safety guidelines. Proper assembly and use are crucial for your pet's safety and comfort.

- **Airline Compliance:** This kennel is designed to meet most air cargo travel specifications. However, airline regulations vary and can change. **Always contact your specific airline to confirm their current pet travel requirements before your trip.**
- **Proper Sizing:** Ensure the kennel is appropriately sized for your pet. Your pet should be able to stand up, turn around, and lie down comfortably inside. Refer to the 'Specifications' section for recommended pet weight.
- **Secure Assembly:** Always ensure all components are securely fastened according to the assembly instructions. Loose parts can compromise safety.
- **Ventilation:** The kennel features ample ventilation openings. Do not obstruct these openings, as proper airflow is essential for your pet's well-being.

- **Supervision:** Never leave your pet unsupervised in the carrier for extended periods, especially in extreme temperatures.



Image: The Petmate Sky Kennel is designed to meet IATA requirements for live animal transport, providing peace of mind for pet owners.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly:

- Kennel Top Half
- Kennel Bottom Half
- Wire Door
- Wing Nuts (for securing top and bottom halves)
- Clip-on Food and Water Dish
- 'Live Animal' Stickers (2)
- Identification Stickers
- Absorbent Kennel Pad (may vary by package)

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Follow these steps to assemble your Petmate Sky Kennel:

1. **Place Bottom Half:** Position the kennel's bottom half on a flat, stable surface.
2. **Attach Top Half:** Carefully align the top half of the kennel with the bottom half. Ensure the edges meet evenly and the ventilation holes align.
3. **Secure with Wing Nuts:** Insert the provided bolts through the designated holes around the perimeter of the kennel where the top and bottom halves meet. Secure each bolt with a wing nut from the inside. Hand-tighten all wing nuts firmly to ensure a secure connection. Do not overtighten.

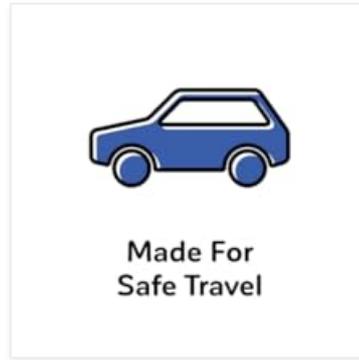


Image: Detail of a wing nut, used to securely fasten the kennel's top and bottom sections.

4. **Install Wire Door:** Position the wire door within the front opening of the kennel. Ensure the door pins align with the hinge holes on the top and bottom of the kennel opening. The four-way fortified door provides additional security.
5. **Attach Food and Water Dish:** Clip the food and water dish onto the wire door or an interior grate as desired. Ensure it is securely attached to prevent spillage.
6. **Apply Stickers:** Affix the 'Live Animal' and identification stickers to the exterior of the kennel as required by airline regulations or for general identification.
7. **Insert Pad:** Place the absorbent kennel pad (if included) on the bottom of the carrier for your pet's comfort.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Placing Your Pet Inside

1. Open the wire door by disengaging the squeeze latch mechanism.
2. Gently guide your pet into the kennel.
3. Close the door and ensure the squeeze latch is fully engaged and secure. The four-way fortified door is designed to remain closed during transport.



Image: The secure squeeze-latch system on the kennel door.

5.2 Using the Travel Kit

- **Food and Water Dish:** Fill the clip-on dish with appropriate amounts of food and water. Ensure it is securely attached to prevent spillage during transit.
- **'Live Animal' Stickers:** These stickers alert handlers that a live animal is inside. Place them prominently on the kennel.
- **Identification Stickers:** Use these to clearly label the kennel with your pet's name, your contact information, and any special instructions.

5.3 Handling and Transport

- For smaller sizes, use the integrated carry handle for easy lifting.

- For larger sizes, or when carrying heavier pets, use two hands to support the bottom of the kennel.
- The kennel includes tie-down holes to limit movement during transport, especially in vehicles or during air cargo handling. Secure the kennel using appropriate straps (not included) through these holes.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- **Cleaning:** Clean the kennel regularly with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and allow to air dry completely before reuse.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the kennel for any signs of wear, damage, or loose components. Check the wire door, latches, and wing nuts for proper function and security.
- **Storage:** Store the kennel in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- **Replacement Parts:** If any part becomes damaged, contact Petmate customer service for replacement parts. Do not use a damaged kennel.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Kennel halves do not align:** Ensure the top and bottom halves are correctly oriented. Rotate the top half 180 degrees if necessary. Check for any obstructions.
- **Door does not close securely:** Verify that the door pins are properly seated in the hinge holes. Inspect the squeeze latch mechanism for any damage or debris. Ensure no foreign objects are blocking the door's path.
- **Wing nuts are loose:** Hand-tighten all wing nuts firmly. If they continue to loosen, inspect the bolts and nuts for wear and replace if necessary.
- **Pet seems uncomfortable:** Ensure the kennel is the correct size for your pet. Introduce your pet to the kennel gradually with positive reinforcement. Provide a comfortable bedding and familiar toys.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	531576
Size	32 Inch
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	81.28 cm x 57.15 cm x 60.96 cm (32" x 22.5" x 24")
Item Weight	1 kg (Approximately 2.2 lbs)
Material	Durable Plastic (50% Recycled Content)
Color	Gray
Closure Type	Squeeze Latch and Wing Nuts
Minimum Recommended Pet Weight	30 lbs

Feature	Detail
Maximum Recommended Pet Weight	50 lbs
Recommended Uses	Air Travel, Car Travel, Pet Transport
Special Features	Lockable, Comfortable, Four-way Ventilation, Interior Moat, Tie-down Holes

Find the right size

Size up kennel if pet is over the weight



medium
30-50 lbs
border collie



Image: Visual guide to the dimensions of the 32-inch Sky Kennel and recommended pet size.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, replacement parts, or further assistance, please contact Petmate customer service. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

- **Online Support:** Visit the official Petmate website for FAQs and support resources.
- **Contact Information:** Refer to the product packaging or Petmate's official website for current customer

service contact details.