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1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Quechua Arpenaz 20L is a lightweight and water-repellent hiking backpack designed for day hikes, camping, and general outdoor activities. Its 20-liter capacity provides sufficient space for essential gear, while adjustable straps ensure a comfortable fit. This manual will guide you through the proper use and care of your backpack.



Front view of the Quechua Arpenaz 20L hiking backpack, showcasing its compact design and main zippered compartment.

2. SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT

Proper adjustment of your backpack is crucial for comfort and weight distribution, especially during extended use.

2.1. Shoulder Straps

- Loosen all straps before putting on the backpack.

- Place the backpack on your back and tighten the shoulder straps until the pack sits comfortably and snugly against your back. The top of the shoulder straps should meet your shoulders without excessive gaps.

2.2. Chest Strap (Sternum Strap)

- Fasten the chest strap across your sternum.
- Adjust its height and tension to prevent the shoulder straps from sliding outwards and to distribute weight across your chest. It should be snug but not restrictive.

2.3. Waist Strap (Hip Belt)

- Fasten the waist strap around your hips.
- Tighten it so that a significant portion of the pack's weight is transferred to your hips, relieving pressure from your shoulders.



Rear view of the backpack, highlighting the adjustable shoulder straps, chest strap, and waist strap for personalized fit.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Effective packing and use will enhance your experience with the Arpenaz 20L backpack.

3.1. Packing Your Backpack

- **Heavy Items:** Place heavier items close to your back and centered to maintain balance.
- **Medium Items:** Distribute medium-weight items around the heavy ones.
- **Light/Bulky Items:** Pack lighter, bulkier items further from your back or at the top/bottom.
- **Frequently Accessed Items:** Store items you need often (e.g., snacks, map, phone) in the external pockets for easy access.



The main compartment of the backpack, illustrating its capacity for a water bottle and other hiking necessities.

3.2. Using Pockets

- The main compartment is suitable for larger items like clothing, food, or a small first-aid kit.
- The outer utility pocket provides quick access to smaller items.
- Side mesh pockets (if present) are ideal for water bottles or other items you need to grab without removing the pack.



Side view of the backpack, highlighting the convenient zippered outer pocket for storing small items.

3.3. Water Repellency

The backpack features a water-repellent treatment. This means it can resist light rain or splashes. It is not fully waterproof, and prolonged exposure to heavy rain may result in water penetration. For complete protection in wet conditions, consider using a rain cover (sold separately).

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will extend the lifespan of your backpack.

4.1. Cleaning

- **Hand Wash Only:** Do not machine wash, tumble dry, iron, or dry clean.
- Use a soft brush or sponge with lukewarm water and mild soap.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- Avoid harsh detergents or bleach, as these can damage the fabric and water-repellent coating.

4.2. Drying and Storage

- Air dry the backpack completely in a well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight or heat sources.

- Ensure the backpack is completely dry before storing to prevent mold and mildew.
- Store in a cool, dry place.

4.3. Inspection

Regularly inspect zippers, seams, and straps for any signs of wear, fraying, or damage. Address minor issues promptly to prevent further deterioration.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

5.1. Discomfort While Carrying

- **Solution:** Re-adjust all straps (shoulder, chest, waist) to ensure proper weight distribution. Make sure heavier items are packed close to your back.

5.2. Zipper Sticking or Difficulty Closing

- **Solution:** Ensure no fabric is caught in the zipper teeth. Gently pull the zipper. If it continues to stick, apply a small amount of zipper lubricant or a graphite pencil lead to the teeth. Avoid forcing the zipper.

5.3. Minor Tears or Abrasions

- **Solution:** For small tears, use a fabric repair kit or adhesive patch designed for outdoor gear. For significant damage, professional repair may be necessary. Avoid overloading the backpack, especially with sharp or heavy objects, to prevent tears.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Quechua
Model	Arpenaz 20L
Capacity	20 Liters
Material	100% Polyester
Water Resistance Level	Water Repellent
Care Instructions	Hand Wash Only
Approximate Dimensions (H x W x D)	18.9" x 10.2" x 5.5"
Approximate Weight	11.2 ounces
Closure Type	Zipper
Strap Type	Adjustable Shoulder, Chest, and Waist Straps
Pocket Description	Main Compartment, Utility Pocket, Side Pockets

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, claims, or product support, please refer to the official Quechua website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty-related inquiries.