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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Spalding 54" Polycarbonate Backboard NBA Portable Basketball System. Designed for outdoor residential play, this system offers durability and adjustable height for various player ages and skill levels.

Key features include a 54" x 32" polycarbonate backboard with arena-style padding, a steel board frame, and a Slam Jam breakaway rim. The Exactaheight lift system allows for height adjustments from 7.5 feet to the regulation 10 feet in 6-inch increments. Stability is provided by a 34-gallon base, equipped with two wheels for convenient portability.



Figure 1: Spalding 54" Polycarbonate Portable Basketball System

This image displays the complete portable basketball system, featuring the clear polycarbonate backboard, orange rim with net, and the black base with support pole. The system is designed for outdoor use and portability.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always read and understand all instructions before assembly and use.
- Ensure the base is completely filled with water or sand before use to prevent tipping.
- Do not hang on the rim or backboard. This can cause serious injury and damage the system.
- Regularly inspect all components for wear, damage, or loose fasteners. Replace damaged parts immediately.
- Keep children away from the system during assembly and when adjusting height.
- Lower the system to its lowest height or secure it during high winds or severe weather conditions.

- Position the system on a level surface.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Assembly of the Spalding Portable Basketball System typically requires **two people** and can take several hours. Follow the included manufacturer's instructions carefully. It is recommended to lay out all parts and identify them before beginning assembly.

1. **Unpack and Identify Parts:** Carefully unpack all components and verify against the parts list provided in the manufacturer's assembly guide.
2. **Initial Assembly:** Begin assembling the base, pole sections, and backboard according to the step-by-step instructions. Do not fully tighten all fasteners until instructed, as some flexibility may be needed for alignment.
3. **Positioning:** Before filling the base, move the assembled system to its desired permanent location. Once the base is filled, the system will be very heavy and difficult to move.
4. **Filling the Base:** The 34-gallon base must be filled with either water or sand for stability. Sand is generally recommended for greater stability, especially in windy conditions, though it is more challenging to fill and move. Ensure the fill cap is securely fastened after filling.
5. **Final Tightening:** Once the base is filled and the system is in its final position, proceed to fully tighten all bolts and fasteners as per the assembly instructions.

Note: Some users have reported that the instructions are clear, but careful attention to detail is required. Ensure all components are correctly oriented before tightening.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This portable basketball system is designed for ease of use and adjustability.

- **Height Adjustment (Exactaheight Lift System):**

The Exactaheight lift system allows you to adjust the rim height from 7.5 feet to the official 10 feet in 6-inch increments. Locate the adjustment mechanism on the main pole. Follow the specific instructions provided with your system for safe and proper height adjustment. Ensure the system is stable and no one is near the backboard or rim during adjustment.

- **Portability:**

The system is equipped with two wheels on the base for limited portability. To move the system, carefully tilt it back onto its wheels and roll it to the desired location. Always ensure the base is filled for stability before attempting to move it. Moving a system with a full sand base can be extremely difficult and may require multiple people.



Figure 2: Player demonstrating use of the basketball system

This image shows a player in mid-air, about to dunk a basketball on the portable system. It illustrates the system's use in an outdoor residential setting, highlighting its functional design for active play.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your basketball system.

- **Base Fluid Level:** Periodically check the water or sand level in the base. Refill as necessary to maintain stability. If using water, consider adding antifreeze in colder climates to prevent freezing and cracking of the base.
- **Hardware Inspection:** Annually, or more frequently with heavy use, inspect all bolts, nuts, and fasteners. Tighten any loose hardware.
- **Component Check:** Examine the backboard, rim, net, and pole for any signs of damage, cracks, rust, or excessive wear. Replace worn or damaged parts promptly.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the backboard and pole with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could scratch the polycarbonate.
- **Winter Storage:** In areas with harsh winters, it is advisable to lower the system to its minimum height or store it indoors if possible to protect it from extreme weather.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Base is leaking.	Damage to the plastic base, loose fill cap.	Check the fill cap for tightness. Inspect the base for cracks or punctures. Small leaks may be repaired with waterproof sealant or tape. If damage is significant, the base may need replacement.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
System feels unstable or sways excessively.	Base not fully filled, insufficient weight in base (water vs. sand), uneven ground.	Ensure the base is completely filled. For maximum stability, fill the base with sand instead of water. Relocate the system to a level surface.
Backboard "bonks" or vibrates excessively upon impact.	Base not sufficiently weighted.	Ensure the base is completely filled, preferably with sand, to provide adequate counterweight and dampen vibrations.
System appears slightly crooked or tilted.	Assembly alignment issues, uneven ground.	Review assembly instructions to ensure all components are correctly aligned and tightened. Verify the ground surface is level. Minor tilting may be inherent to portable systems.
Wheels are difficult to use or do not stay in sockets.	Overweight base, damaged wheel assembly.	Ensure the base is not excessively heavy for the wheels. Inspect wheels and axles for damage. If moving a sand-filled base, additional assistance may be required.

SPECIFICATIONS



Figure 3: Approximate Dimensions of the Basketball System

This image provides a visual representation of the basketball system's dimensions, including the backboard width (54 inches), base width (32 inches), base depth (20 inches), and overall height (up to 144 inches or 12 feet).

Feature	Detail
Model Number	66673WT
Backboard Size	54 inches (width) x 32 inches (height)
Backboard Material	Shatter-proof Polycarbonate with arena-style padding

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Rim Type	Slam Jam Breakaway Rim
Height Adjustment	7.5 feet to 10 feet in 6-inch increments (Exactaheight Lift System)
Pole Type	3.5 inch round steel pole with 20 degrees angle
Base Capacity	34 gallons (water or sand)
Portability	Two built-in wheels
Product Dimensions (Overall)	48 x 36 x 144 inches (L x W x H)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Spalding basketball system, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Spalding website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects for a limited period.

For technical support, replacement parts, or further assistance, please contact Spalding customer service. Contact details can usually be found on the manufacturer's website or on the product packaging.

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