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Brand: Bont

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the instruction manual for your new Bont Skates Prostar Purple Suede Professional Roller Skates. These skates are designed for both indoor and outdoor use, featuring a durable suede boot and unique glow-in-the-dark LED wheels that activate with motion. This manual provides essential information on setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your skates to ensure a safe and enjoyable skating experience.



Figure 1: Bont Skates Prostar Purple Suede Professional Roller Skates, side view.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when using your roller skates. Adhering to these guidelines will help prevent injuries:

- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear a helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads.
- **Check Equipment:** Before each use, inspect your skates for any loose parts, worn wheels, or damaged components. Ensure all nuts and bolts are tightened.
- **Skate in Safe Areas:** Use skates in designated skating areas, away from traffic, pedestrians, and uneven surfaces. Avoid wet or slippery conditions.
- **Learn Basic Skills:** Master basic skating, stopping, and turning techniques in a controlled environment before attempting advanced maneuvers.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water, especially during extended skating sessions.
- **Know Your Limits:** Do not attempt tricks or speeds beyond your skill level.

SETUP

Sizing and Initial Fit

Bont boot sizing is unique and does not directly correspond to standard US shoe sizes. For optimal control and comfort, your skate boots should fit snugly, like a second skin. Please refer to the manufacturer's sizing chart, typically based on foot length in millimeters, to determine your correct Bont size. A proper fit is crucial for performance and preventing discomfort.

Heat Molding Instructions

The thermoplastic material in the heel of your Bont skates allows for custom heat molding, providing a personalized fit that can significantly enhance comfort and performance. This process can be completed in under 10 minutes using a hairdryer. It is particularly beneficial for skaters with narrow or wide ankles.

1. **Remove Insoles:** Carefully remove the insoles from both skate boots.
2. **Heat the Boot Heel:** Using a hairdryer on a medium-to-high setting, gently heat the heel area of the boot. Move the hairdryer continuously to ensure even heating and prevent overheating any single spot. The boot should become pliable.
3. **Push Out Uncomfortable Areas:** Once the boot is warm and pliable, you can gently push out any areas that feel uncomfortable or tight. You can use your hand or a blunt tool for this.
4. **Use a Clamp (Optional):** For additional heel tightening, a clamp can be used to apply gentle pressure to the heel area while the boot is still warm.
5. **Put on Skate Boots:** Immediately after heating, put on the skate boots with your regular skating socks. Ensure your foot is pushed back into the heel cup.
6. **Tighten Boot Straps:** Securely tighten the laces and any straps to hold your foot firmly in place.
7. **Stand and Bend Knees:** Stand up and bend your knees, maintaining this position for a few minutes as the boot cools and molds to the shape of your foot.

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Video 1: Official guide on how to heat mold Bont Fiberglass Roller Skate Boots for a custom fit.



Figure 2: Front view of the Bont Skates Prostar, highlighting the suede material and lacing system.

Pre-Skate Check

Before each skating session, perform a quick check of your skates:

- **Wheels:** Ensure all wheels spin freely and are securely attached. Check for any cracks or excessive wear.
- **Bearings:** Listen for any unusual noises from the bearings. Clean or replace if necessary.
- **Trucks:** Verify that the trucks are properly tightened to your preference for stability and maneuverability.
- **Toe Stops:** Confirm that the toe stops are firmly in place and not excessively worn.



Figure 3: Underside view of the skate plate and truck assembly, showing the wheels and toe stop attachment.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Basic Skating Posture

Maintain a slightly bent knee posture with your weight centered over your skates. Keep your head up and look forward, not down at your feet. Your arms should be relaxed and ready to help with balance.

Starting and Gliding

Push off with one foot, gliding forward on the other. Bring the pushing foot back to meet the gliding foot, then repeat the motion with the other foot. Practice smooth, controlled pushes.

Stopping Techniques

- **Toe Stop:** To use the toe stop, shift your weight slightly back, lift the toe of one skate, and press the toe stop firmly onto the ground. This is effective for quick stops.
- **Plow Stop:** Spread your feet wide, turn your toes inward, and push your heels outward, creating a "V" shape with your skates. Bend your knees and push down firmly to slow down and stop.

Turning

To turn, lean in the direction you want to go and gently push off with the opposite foot. Practice wide turns before attempting sharper ones.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning Your Skates

The purple suede material requires specific care:

- **Suede Cleaning:** Use a suede brush to remove dirt and restore the nap. For tougher stains, use a specialized suede cleaner. Avoid excessive water.
- **Laces and Straps:** Periodically check laces and straps for wear and tear. Replace if damaged.

Wheel and Bearing Care

Proper wheel and bearing maintenance ensures smooth performance and extends the life of your skates:

- **Wheel Rotation:** Rotate your wheels regularly to ensure even wear. This typically involves swapping wheels from front to back and left to right.
- **Bearing Cleaning:** If bearings become sluggish or noisy, they may need cleaning and lubrication. Remove them from the wheels, clean with a bearing cleaner, and apply a few drops of skate bearing lubricant.
- **LED Wheels:** The glow LED wheels are motion-powered and do not require batteries. If an LED stops working, check for any obstructions or damage to the wheel's core.



Figure 4: Close-up of a Bont Glow LED light-up roller skate wheel, showing its translucent material.

Toe Stop Adjustment/Replacement

Toe stops can be adjusted for height or replaced when worn down. Use an appropriate skate tool to loosen the nut holding the toe stop, adjust its position, and then re-tighten securely.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Skates feel uncomfortable or too tight.	Improper fit; boot not fully molded to foot.	Re-perform heat molding process (refer to Setup section). Ensure proper sizing.
Wheels are not spinning freely.	Dirty or damaged bearings; axle nuts too tight.	Clean and lubricate bearings. Loosen axle nuts slightly, ensuring wheels still have minimal side-to-side play.
LED lights on wheels are not working.	Insufficient motion; internal mechanism obstruction/damage.	Ensure wheels are spinning with enough speed. Check for debris or damage around the wheel core. If persistent, contact support.
Skates feel unstable.	Loose trucks; worn cushions.	Tighten kingpin nuts on trucks. Consider replacing worn truck cushions.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Bont
Model	Prostar Purple Suede Professional Roller Skates
Boot Material	Suede
Boot Color	Purple
Sole Material	Leather
Closure Type	Lace-Up
Wheel Type	Roller skate Wheel (Glow LED Light Up)
Wheel Material	Polyurethane
Wheel Size	62x35mm (83A hardness)
Heat Moldable	Yes (Thermoplastic in heel)
Intended Use	Indoor and Outdoor Skating

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