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Model: The Havana 11'3" | Brand: AKONA

## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the user manual for your new AKONA The Havana 11'3" Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Board. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, setup, maintenance, and storage of your paddle board. Please read it thoroughly before your first use to ensure a positive and safe experience on the water.



*Image: The AKONA The Havana 11'3" Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Board, showcasing its vibrant design and overall shape.*

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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Your safety is paramount. Adhere to the following guidelines to prevent injury and ensure a safe paddling experience:

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while using the paddle board.
- Check local weather conditions, water currents, and tides before paddling. Avoid paddling in strong winds, currents, or during storms.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 250 pounds. Overloading can compromise stability and performance.
- Always attach the ankle leash to yourself and the board. This keeps the board tethered to you if you fall off.
- Ensure the board is inflated to the recommended pressure of 15 PSI before use. Under-inflation can lead to instability.
- Paddle with a partner or inform someone of your paddling plans, including your route and estimated return time.
- Be aware of your surroundings, including other watercraft, swimmers, and obstacles.
- Do not use the board under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

## SETUP GUIDE

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Follow these steps to prepare your inflatable paddle board for use:

1. **Unpack and Unroll:** Remove the board from its bag and unroll it on a clean, flat surface free of sharp objects.
2. **Locate the Valve:** Find the inflation valve, typically at the tail of the board. Ensure the valve pin is in the 'up' position (outward) for inflation. If it's down, press it once to pop it up.
3. **Connect the Pump:** Attach the hose from the included manual pump to the valve by twisting it clockwise until secure.
4. **Inflate the Board:** Begin pumping air into the board. The pressure gauge on the pump will start to register pressure once the board becomes firm. Continue pumping until the gauge reads 15 PSI.
5. **Seal the Valve:** Once inflated, quickly disconnect the pump hose and twist the valve cap securely onto the valve. This prevents air leakage.
6. **Attach the Fin(s):** Slide the large center fin into the fin box located on the underside of the board. Secure it with the attached clip or pin. Ensure it clicks into place.
7. **Assemble the Paddle:** Connect the sections of the adjustable paddle. Adjust the paddle length so that when standing, the top handle reaches your wrist when your arm is extended overhead. Secure the adjustment clamp.
8. **Attach the Leash:** Connect one end of the ankle leash to the D-ring at the tail of the board and the other end to your ankle.



*Image: The AKONA The Havana paddle board shown with its essential accessories, including the adjustable paddle, manual pump, and ankle leash.*

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Learn the basics of paddling and maneuvering your board:

- **Entering the Water:** Carry the inflated board to calm, shallow water. Place the board gently into the water, ensuring the fin clears the bottom.
- **Mounting the Board:** Start by kneeling on the center of the board, just behind the carry handle. Place your hands on either side of the board for stability. Once stable, slowly stand up, placing your feet shoulder-width apart over the carry handle. Keep your knees slightly bent.
- **Paddling Technique:** Hold the paddle with one hand on the top grip and the other on the shaft. Reach forward with the paddle, submerging the entire blade in the water. Pull the blade through the water towards your feet. Alternate sides to maintain a straight course.
- **Turning:** To turn, paddle on one side of the board. For a sharper turn, perform a 'sweep stroke' by paddling in a wide arc from the nose to the tail of the board on the side opposite your desired turn direction.
- **Falling Off:** If you fall, try to hold onto your paddle. The leash will keep your board close. Swim back to your board and remount from the side or tail.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Proper care will extend the lifespan and performance of your AKONA paddle board:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, rinse the board thoroughly with fresh water to remove salt, sand, and dirt. Use a mild soap and soft brush if necessary for stubborn grime.
- **Drying:** Ensure the board is completely dry before deflating and storing. This prevents mold, mildew, and unpleasant odors.
- **Deflation:** To deflate, push the valve pin down and twist it to lock it in the 'down' position. Air will rapidly escape.
- **Folding and Storage:** Once deflated, roll the board tightly from the nose (front) towards the tail (back), pushing out any remaining air as you go. Store the board in its carry bag in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and pests.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the board for any signs of wear, punctures, or damage to the seams and valve. Address minor repairs promptly using a repair kit if needed.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Board not inflating or inflating slowly	Valve pin in 'down' (open) position; pump hose not securely connected; valve cap not removed.	Ensure valve pin is in the 'up' (closed) position for inflation. Check pump hose connection. Remove valve cap before inflating.
Board losing air after inflation	Valve cap not tightened; small puncture; valve seal issue.	Ensure valve cap is tightly secured. Check for small leaks using soapy water (bubbles indicate a leak). If a small puncture, use the included repair kit. Contact support for valve issues.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Difficulty standing or maintaining balance	Insufficient inflation; improper foot placement; choppy water conditions.	Inflate board to the recommended 15 PSI. Ensure feet are shoulder-width apart and centered over the carry handle. Practice in calm water.
Paddle feels too long or too short	Incorrect paddle length adjustment.	Adjust paddle length so the top handle reaches your wrist when your arm is extended overhead while standing.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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**Model:** AKONA The Havana 11'3" Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Board

**Part Number:** AK-21531

**Dimensions (Length):** 11 feet 3 inches

**Recommended Pressure:** 15 PSI (Pounds per Square Inch)

**Maximum Weight Recommendation:** 250 Pounds

**Material:** Durable PVC (board), Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) deck pad, Fiberglass (paddle/fin components)

**Skill Level:** Beginner

**UPC:** 721535862658

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For detailed warranty information, product registration, or technical support regarding your AKONA The Havana 11'3" Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Board, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official AKONA website.

You can also find more information and contact details by visiting the official AKONA Store on Amazon [AKONA Store](#)

