

## HO Scout 1

# HO Scout 1 Inflatable Kayak Instruction Manual

Model: Scout 1

Brand: HO

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the HO Scout 1 Inflatable Kayak instruction manual. This guide provides essential information for the safe and effective use, setup, operation, and maintenance of your new kayak. The HO Scout 1 is designed for single-person adventures, offering a blend of rugged, lightweight design with functional features for various water activities.

Key features include ArmorShark reinforced side bladders, an Ultra-Reinforced Bow and Stern for durability, and a RIGID Drop-Stitch floor that maintains shape and performance. Its fully inflatable nature ensures compact storage and easy transport, making it ideal for both short excursions and multi-day trips.



Image: Top-down view of the HO Scout 1 Inflatable Kayak, showcasing its sleek design and integrated features.

## 2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Please ensure all items are present and in good condition before proceeding with setup:

- HO Scout 1 Inflatable Kayak
- Atlas Adjustable Fiberglass Shafted Paddle (2-piece, collapsible)
- Dual Action Hand Pump
- Adjustable, Ergonomic High-Back Seat with storage pockets and 2 rod holders
- Soft Adjustable Footholds

- Front Skeg and Leverlock Fin
- Storage & Carry Backpack (front loading, clamshell style)
- PVC Repair Kit

## 3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

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### 3.1 Unpacking and Preparation

1. Unpack the kayak and all accessories from the Storage & Carry Backpack.
2. Lay the kayak flat on a clean, smooth surface to avoid punctures.

### 3.2 Inflation

The HO Scout 1 features three easy-to-inflate chambers for quick setup. Use the included Dual Action Hand Pump.

1. Locate the inflation valves for the ArmorShark reinforced side bladders and the Rigid Drop-Stitch floor.
2. Attach the appropriate nozzle from the Dual Action Hand Pump to the valve.
3. Inflate each chamber until firm. The side bladders provide strength and rigidity, while the drop-stitch floor ensures a stable platform. Do not overinflate.
4. Ensure all valves are securely closed after inflation to prevent air leakage.

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Video: Demonstrates the inflation process of the HO Scout iKayak using the dual-action hand pump, highlighting the three easy-to-inflate chambers and the ArmorShark reinforced side bladders.

### 3.3 Fin Installation

The Leverlock Fin provides exceptional tracking and is easy to install without tools.

1. Locate the fin box on the underside of the kayak.
2. Slide the Leverlock Fin into the fin box.
3. Secure the fin by engaging the lever mechanism. Ensure it is locked firmly in place.



Image: Close-up view of the stern of the HO Scout 1 Kayak, showing the installed Leverlock fin for enhanced tracking.

### 3.4 Seat and Footrest Adjustment

The adjustable, ergonomic high-back seat and soft adjustable footholds ensure comfort and control.

1. Position the high-back seat inside the kayak and secure it using the attached straps to the D-rings.

Adjust the straps for desired back support.

2. Place the soft adjustable footholds to provide optimal leg relief and control for your height.

### 3.5 Paddle Assembly

The Atlas Adjustable Fiberglass Shafted Paddle is a 2-piece collapsible design.

1. Connect the two pieces of the paddle shaft.
2. Adjust the paddle length between 235-260cm to suit your preference and paddling style.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 4.1 Launching and Paddling

Always wear a personal flotation device (PFD) when operating the kayak. Ensure you are familiar with basic paddling techniques before venturing into open water.

### 4.2 Storage Zones

The HO Scout 1 features two double X front and rear bungee storage zones and an open top design, providing ample room for your gear.

- Secure dry bags, coolers, or other equipment under the bungee cords to prevent them from shifting or falling overboard.
- Utilize the storage pockets on the high-back seat for smaller, easily accessible items.

### 4.3 Fishing Features

The adjustable high-back seat is equipped with two built-in fishing rod holders for hands-free multi-reel fishing.

- Insert your fishing rods into the designated holders.
- Ensure rods are securely placed to avoid loss during movement or when reeling in a catch.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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### 5.1 Cleaning

After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the kayak thoroughly with fresh water. The waterproof outer skin is designed for less absorption and faster drying.

- Use a mild soap and soft brush if necessary to remove dirt or grime.
- Rinse thoroughly and allow the kayak to air dry completely before deflating and storing.

### 5.2 Repair Kit

Your HO Scout 1 Kayak includes a PVC repair kit for minor punctures or tears.

- For small punctures, clean the area around the hole, apply adhesive from the kit, and press a patch firmly over the damaged area.
- Allow sufficient drying time as per the repair kit instructions before re-inflating.
- For larger damage, professional repair may be required.

### 5.3 Storage

When not in use, deflate the kayak and store it in the provided Storage & Carry Backpack. The front-loading,

clamshell-style backpack with an oversized opening makes packing and unpacking convenient.

- Ensure the kayak is clean and completely dry before storage to prevent mold or mildew.
- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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### 6.1 Kayak Loses Air

- **Check Valves:** Ensure all inflation valves are securely closed and free from debris.
- **Inspect for Leaks:** Inflate the kayak and apply soapy water to the surface. Bubbles will indicate a leak. Use the included PVC repair kit for minor repairs.
- **Temperature Changes:** Air pressure can decrease in colder temperatures. Re-inflate to the recommended pressure if needed.

### 6.2 Difficulty Tracking Straight

- **Check Fin Installation:** Ensure the Leverlock Fin is correctly installed and locked into the fin box.
- **Even Inflation:** Verify that all chambers are evenly and properly inflated.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Specification
Brand	HO
Model Name	Scout 13
Material	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), Rubber
Color	Green
Style	Classic
Seating Capacity	1
UPC	054065749862
Part Number	22663575
Manufacturer	H.O. Sports, Inc.
Date First Available	November 19, 2021

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information, product support, or to purchase replacement parts, please contact HO Sports directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

