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Model: Safari 330 Red

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gumotex Safari 330 Red is a versatile inflatable kayak designed for various water conditions, including whitewater up to Grade 3, coastal kayaking, and surfing. Its self-bailing bottom makes it suitable for dynamic environments. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, setup, maintenance, and storage of your Safari 330 kayak.

The new Safari 330 model features an enhanced design, offering increased length, width, and stability compared to its predecessor. It is engineered to comfortably accommodate well-built kayakers and provides improved stability, making it suitable for both experienced and less experienced paddlers.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when using your inflatable kayak. Adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD):** Always wear a properly fitted and approved PFD while on the water.
- **Check Weather Conditions:** Before launching, assess weather forecasts and water conditions. Avoid paddling in severe weather or strong currents beyond your skill level.
- **Inspect Kayak Before Each Use:** Check for any signs of damage, leaks, or wear on the kayak body, valves, and accessories. Ensure proper inflation.
- **Do Not Exceed Capacity:** The Safari 330 is designed for a specific seating capacity (2 persons) and weight limit. Do not overload the kayak.
- **Understand Your Limits:** Only paddle in waters appropriate for your skill level. Consider taking paddling lessons if you are new to kayaking.
- **Inform Others of Your Plans:** Let someone know your paddling route and estimated return time.
- **Carry Essential Gear:** Always carry a repair kit, pump, paddle, and a communication device in a dry bag.

3. COMPONENTS AND FEATURES

The Gumotex Safari 330 kayak comes equipped with several key components designed for performance and user comfort:

- **Self-Draining Bottom:** Features drain holes on both sides to allow water to exit the kayak, ideal for whitewater and surf.
- **Adjustable Footrest:** Provides support and leverage for efficient paddling.
- **Thigh Straps:** Enhance control and stability, especially in dynamic water conditions.
- **Comfortable Inflatable Seat with Backrest:** Offers ergonomic support for extended paddling sessions.
- **Elastic Ropes:** Located at the stern and bow for securing dry bags and other gear.
- **Grab Handles:** Positioned for easy handling and transport of the kayak.
- **Removable Tracking Fin:** Improves directional stability and tracking in flat water.
- **Valves:** Equipped with Twist valves and Push-push valves for inflation and deflation. A pressure relief valve is integrated into the bottom of the boat for safety.
- **Included Accessories:** Repair kit, cleaning sponge, and a 70-liter transport drybag.



Figure 3.1: The Gumotex Safari 330 Red inflatable kayak shown alongside its included 70-liter transport drybag.



Figure 3.2: An overhead view of the Safari 330 kayak, highlighting its spacious interior and attachment points for accessories.



Figure 3.3: Side profile of the Safari 330, showcasing its streamlined design and low-profile grab handles.



Figure 3.4: The underside of the kayak, showing the self-bailing drain holes along the keel.



Figure 3.5: Close-up of the front interior, showing the bungee cord system for securing gear and the inflation valve.



Figure 3.6: View of the rear interior, featuring the bungee cord system for additional storage and the comfortable inflatable seat.



Figure 3.7: The kayak's interior, illustrating the adjustable footrest and the secure positioning of the inflatable seat.



Figure 3.8: A detailed view of the kayak's bottom, showing the self-bailing drain holes and the slot for the removable tracking fin.



Figure 3.9: A user demonstrating the proper use of the thigh straps, which provide enhanced control and stability.



Figure 3.10: Two individuals enjoying a paddle in a Gumotex inflatable kayak on a clear river, demonstrating typical usage.

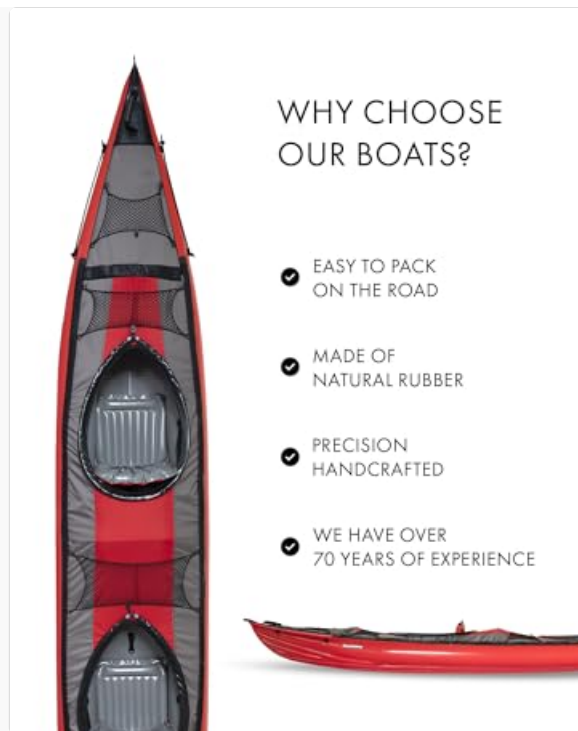


Figure 3.11: An informational graphic highlighting key advantages of Gumotex inflatable boats, including portability, material quality, craftsmanship, and brand experience.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

1. **Unpack the Kayak:** Remove the kayak and all accessories from the transport drybag. Lay the kayak flat on a clean, smooth surface.
2. **Inflation:**
 - Locate the Twist valves and Push-push valves on the kayak's air chambers.
 - Using a compatible pump (not included), inflate each chamber to the recommended pressure. Refer to the pressure markings near the valves. Ensure the pressure relief valve in the bottom chamber is functioning correctly.
 - Inflate the main chambers first, then the floor, and finally the seat and footrest.
3. **Attach Seat and Footrest:** Secure the inflatable seat and adjustable footrest to the designated attachment points inside the kayak.
4. **Install Thigh Straps:** Connect the thigh straps to their respective D-rings or attachment points. Adjust for a snug but comfortable fit.
5. **Insert Tracking Fin:** Slide the removable tracking fin into its slot on the underside of the kayak. Ensure it is securely locked in place.

5. OPERATION AND USAGE

The Safari 330 is designed for dynamic paddling experiences:

- **Paddling:** Use a double-bladed kayak paddle (not included). The adjustable footrest and thigh straps provide excellent leverage and control for efficient paddling and maneuvering.
- **Self-Bailing Feature:** The self-draining bottom allows water that enters the kayak (from waves, splashes, or rain) to drain out automatically. This is particularly beneficial in whitewater or surf conditions.
- **Gear Storage:** Utilize the elastic ropes at the bow and stern to secure dry bags containing your personal gear.

Ensure all items are properly secured to prevent loss.

- **Versatility:** The Safari 330 is suitable for a range of activities, from navigating whitewater rivers up to Grade 3 to exploring coastal areas and enjoying surf.

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Video 5.1: A demonstration of the Gumotex kayak's durability, showcasing its resilience to external forces. This video highlights the robust Nitrilon material used in construction.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper maintenance extends the life of your kayak:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the kayak thoroughly with fresh water. Use the included cleaning sponge and mild soap if necessary to remove dirt and debris.
- **Drying:** Ensure the kayak is completely dry before deflating and storing. This prevents mold and mildew growth.
- **Storage:** Deflate the kayak and fold it neatly into the transport drybag. Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Avoid storing with heavy objects on top.
- **Repairs:** Minor punctures or tears can be repaired using the included repair kit. Follow the instructions provided with the repair kit for best results. For significant damage, consult a professional repair service.
- **Valve Care:** Keep valves clean and free of sand or debris. Periodically check valve seals for integrity.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Kayak loses air slowly.	Loose valve cap, small puncture, or debris in valve.	Tighten valve caps. Check valves for debris and clean. Locate small punctures using soapy water and repair with the included kit.
Kayak does not track straight.	Tracking fin not installed or improperly installed.	Ensure the removable tracking fin is fully inserted and locked into its slot.
Difficulty inflating/deflating.	Valve obstruction or incompatible pump nozzle.	Check valves for any obstructions. Ensure your pump nozzle is compatible with Twist and Push-push valves.
Water accumulates inside kayak.	Drain holes are blocked.	Ensure the self-bailing drain holes on the bottom are clear of debris.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	GUMOTEX
Model Name	Safari 330 Red
Material	Nitrilon

Attribute	Detail
Color	Red
Seating Capacity	2 persons
Item Dimensions (LxWxH)	130 x 32 x 12 inches
Package Dimensions (LxWxH)	21 x 15 x 10 inches
Package Weight	26 Pounds
Style	Classic
Manufacturer	Gumotex
Model Year	2020

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Gumotex Safari 330 Red Inflatable Kayak comes with a **2-year warranty** from the date of purchase, covering manufacturing defects. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support, warranty inquiries, or replacement parts, please contact Gumotex customer service. Refer to the official Gumotex website or product packaging for the most current contact information.

For additional resources and product information, you may visit the official Gumotex store: [GUMOTEX Store on Amazon](#).