

Nike FN0266-601

Kobe 8 Big Kids' Basketball Shoes

USER MANUAL

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1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the proper use and care of your Kobe 8 Big Kids' Basketball Shoes. Designed for rising stars, these shoes offer a blend of performance and comfort for athletic activities, particularly basketball. The design focuses on a lightweight feel and responsive cushioning.



Figure 1: Side view of the Kobe 8 Big Kids' Basketball Shoe in University Red.

2. Product Features

The Kobe 8 basketball shoes incorporate several key features designed to enhance performance and comfort:

- **Midsole Cushioning:** Features a drop-in, thick, full-length foam midsole designed to absorb impact effectively, providing comfort during play.

- **Enhanced Traction:** Herringbone pattern on the forefoot and side of the heel provides strong grip for quick movements and cuts on the court.
- **Engineered Mesh Upper:** The upper is constructed with soft and pliable engineered mesh, which conforms to the foot's shape for a comfortable and secure fit. This material was a pioneering feature when the Kobe 8 was originally released.
- **Lightweight Design:** Inspired by the low-top, featherweight design philosophy of earlier Kobe models, focusing on speed and court feel.



Figure 2: Underside view showcasing the sole's traction pattern.

3. Setup and First Use

Proper setup ensures optimal comfort and performance.

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove the shoes from their packaging. Inspect them for any visible defects or damage.
2. **Lacing:** Ensure laces are threaded through all eyelets. Adjust lacing to achieve a snug, yet comfortable fit. Avoid

overtightening, which can restrict circulation, or leaving too loose, which can cause instability.

3. **Initial Fit Check:** Wear the shoes with the type of socks you typically use for athletic activities. Walk around to assess comfort. Your toes should have a small amount of space at the front, and your heel should feel secure without slipping.
4. **Break-in Period:** While designed for immediate comfort, a short break-in period during light activities can help the shoes conform further to your foot shape.



Figure 3: Top view illustrating the lacing system.

4. Operating (Usage Guidelines)

These shoes are specifically engineered for basketball and general athletic use. Adhere to the following guidelines for optimal performance and longevity:

- **Intended Use:** Primarily designed for indoor basketball courts. While suitable for some outdoor athletic activities, prolonged use on abrasive outdoor surfaces may accelerate wear on the sole.
- **Footwear Rotation:** If engaging in frequent athletic activities, consider rotating between multiple pairs of shoes to

allow each pair to fully dry and recover, extending their lifespan.

- **Proper Sizing:** Always ensure the shoes fit correctly. Refer to the size guide if unsure. Ill-fitting shoes can lead to discomfort or injury.



Figure 4: Angled view of the pair of shoes.

5. Maintenance and Care

Regular care will help maintain the appearance and performance of your Kobe 8 shoes.

- **Cleaning the Upper:** For the engineered mesh and synthetic leather upper, gently wipe with a soft, damp cloth and mild soap. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Cleaning the Sole:** Use a brush or damp cloth to remove dirt and debris from the rubber sole, paying attention to the traction patterns.
- **Drying:** Allow shoes to air dry naturally at room temperature. Do not use direct heat sources like radiators or hair dryers, as this can damage materials.
- **Storage:** Store shoes in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. If storing for extended periods, consider using

shoe trees to help maintain their shape.

- **Material Composition:** The shoes are made from real and synthetic leather, with soft foam cushions.



Figure 5: Rear view of the shoes.

6. Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section addresses minor issues you might encounter.

- **Squeaking Noise:** New shoes, especially on clean indoor courts, may produce a squeaking sound due to the high-traction rubber sole. This is normal and indicates good grip.
- **Discomfort:** If experiencing discomfort, re-check lacing for proper tightness. Ensure you are wearing appropriate athletic socks. If discomfort persists, verify shoe size and fit.
- **Reduced Traction:** Clean the soles regularly to prevent dirt and dust buildup, which can reduce grip. Ensure the playing surface is clean.

7. Product Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	FN0266-601
Brand	Nike
Closure Type	Lace-Up
Outer Material	Real and Synthetic leather, Soft foam cushions
Sole Material	Rubber
Department	unisex-child
Package Dimensions	8 x 5 x 5 inches; 2 Pounds
Date First Available	September 16, 2024
Origin	Imported

8. Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Kobe 8 Big Kids' Basketball Shoes, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or visit the official Nike website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects. For product support, inquiries, or to report any issues, please contact the retailer from whom the product was purchased or Nike customer service directly. Contact information can usually be found on their respective websites.

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