

# ***OWNERS MANUAL***



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### WARNING

**UNSAFE USE OF THE AQUA STACK MAT™ CAN RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. TO REDUCE THE RISKS OF INJURY, READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT UNLESS YOU AND ALL PERSONS USING THE PRODUCT UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE RISK OF INJURY INVOLVED WITH THIS ACTIVITY.**

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Read and understand fully the information in this owner's manual before assembling or using your product. Common sense should dictate the actions taken on the product so that safety is always first.

Thank you for the purchase of the Aqua Stack Mat™. Please read the Owner's Manual in its entirety before assembling and using your Aqua Stack Mat™. This is to alert you of possible dangerous conditions or personal injuries that can arise around bodies of water such as lakes, or oceans. Never use this product in shallow water. This product is designed to be used on large bodies of water with a depth of at least 10-12 feet of water. Position your Aqua Stack Mat™ a safe distance of 10 feet or greater from hard surfaces or objects that someone could possibly strike if they were to fall off. This product is not designed to be used in a swimming pool and should not be used in or around a swimming pool.

This product is for recreational use only. Make sure all persons who use this product receive proper education and supervision and understand all safety instructions. The persons who use this product assume all risk of injury. Do not expose to high heat or open flame.

This product does not have any braking or steering devices. This product should never be towed, pushed or pulled by any watercraft. Place it in an area away from boat traffic and free from obstructions. Keep away from moving watercraft and running boat motors which can cause serious injury or death from contact with boat propellers.

The Aqua Stack Mat™ is designed for stable, anchored flotation. Choose a location for your Aqua Stack Mat™ that is in sufficiently deep water and free from obstructions above and below the water surface. Always consider the height and weight of the users as well as activities performed when selecting a safe location.

It is recommended that all persons wear an approved U.S. Coast Guard Personal Flotation Device (PFD) life vest before entering the water. Children should be under supervision at all times. Not recommended for children under the age of six years. Do not use or attempt to swim to the Aqua Stack Mat™ while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or are tired/fatigued. Do not attempt to swim under or underneath the Aqua Stack Mat™.

Never dive off the Aqua Stack Mat™ head first in shallow water. Do not attempt any flips or any other acrobatic maneuvers. Such actions may cause serious risk of injury to oneself or others in the area.

Never enter the water or play on the Aqua Stack Mat™ alone. Use the product only under mature adult supervision. Never use in stormy weather, rough water conditions or in poor lighting conditions such as before and after dark. Seek shelter when lightning is present or expected, Do Not stay on product. The product should always be kept visible on the water. Even though the mat may or may not have bright colors, using additional visibility devices such as flags or buoys may be needed.

Do not jump from other objects such as a dock or boat onto the Aqua Stack Mat™. This will cause pre-mature wear and failure on the mat. The mat's intended purpose is to sit or lay on and not to be jumped on.

Maximum carrying loader per each mat is 200 pounds. Always maintain a safe distance between the product and any dock, platform, boat, pier or any and all obstructions. To avoid the possibility of a collision, make sure the area around the product is clear of obstructions and other swimmers before each use. Never swim or play under the product.

Always secure from unauthorized or unsupervised use while not using your product. Remove the product from the water when not in use. Always anchor the Aqua Stack Mat™ before it is used directly to your own mooring or anchor system away from obstructions or boating traffic. Do not leave the product in the water for an extended period of time.

### **ATTACHING INDIVIDUAL MATS TO EACH OTHER**

There are two different types of mats that are within the Aqua Stack Mat™:

*-Anchoring Mat* (Has 3qty grommet holes on one side and zipper on opposite side)

*-Middle Mat* (No grommet holes; zippers on both sides)

Securing each mat together can be done on land or in the water. It is recommended to start on dry land and zip every other top and bottom zippers so the mats will Bi-Fold together, in an accordion style. Start by taking the Anchoring End Mat with the 3qty grommet holes first and lay on a hard surface.

Next, take a middle mat section with no grommet holes and place next to the Anchoring mat's side that has the zipper. Attach either the top or bottom zippers together and fully zip. (If Bi-Folding, zip only one)

Take another mat and place it next to the existing two mats that have an open zipper available. Continue to zip as many mats together until you reach your desired overall length. If both top and bottom zippers are zipped, the mat will be in a stabilized position and will not bend, bi-fold or roll.

**EASY BI-FOLD REMOVAL & STORAGE –** While in the water – Unzip the top and bottom zipper of every, other panel (unzip top zipper, next panel, unzip bottom zipper, next panel unzip top zipper, etc)

You can either bi-fold mats directly in the water and remove or bi-fold mats as you pull them out of the water onto a swim platform or dock.

**MESH DRAINAGE POCKETS** – Your stack mat panels may or may not have a black mesh drainage pocket at one end depending upon generation of mat production at time of purchase.

**If the mat Has Drainage Pockets** - Slightly tilt the mats toward the mesh drainage pockets as you are pulling them from the water or if they are stacked together and any water will drain out.

**If your mat Does Not Have Drainage Pockets** - Simply unzip the side zippers a couple inches and slightly tilt the mats toward the unzipped end of the mat and water drains immediately and allows air flow to dry.

You can float on the mats if the top & bottom zippers are not both zipped.

To achieve a solid, stabilized mat - both the top and bottom zippers will need to be zipped closed and zipper head locked.

**SINGLE STACKED MATS** - Simply unzip each mat panel individually from the others in the water or as you pull them out of the water and stack them individually.

**PLASTIC LOCKING ZIPPER HEAD** – Each mat has a Locking Zipper Head. The zipper is in locked position, when the zipper pull is lying flat and facing the rear of the zipper head. The Zipper pull will click and lock into place. The zipper is in the unlocked position, if the zipper pull is vertical or laying towards the front of the zipper head and will move freely to zip and unzip.



Zipper Locked Position



Zipper Unlocked Position



Zipper Unlocked Position

## **ANCHORING**

Always inspect all parts prior to use each time. Inspect all components including each mat, fabric, grommets, bungee cords or lines, zippers, anchors and hardware. If the Aqua Stack Mat™ is anchored, precautions should be taken to eliminate activities that could cause entanglement in the bungee line, rope and/or anchoring device.

Anchor the Aqua Stack Mat™ using the three (3qty) grommet holes at the end of the End Section Mat by connecting an anchor line to or through the grommet holes using the enclosed bungee cord or your own personal securement such as an elastic-lead type rope or line. Having the option to attach the anchor lines to the two or three grommet hole points, this will prevent the wind from swinging the product to an undesirable location.

Attach the opposite end of the rope or line to your boat/dock or other secure location. When attaching your Aqua Stack Mat™, there needs to be looseness on the rope/line; not doing so may cause damage to your product and is not covered by warranty. Consult with local authorities regarding any specific anchoring restrictions in our area.

## **FABRIC CARE AND STORAGE**

The Aqua Stack Mat™ requires little maintenance if maintained properly. The fabric is made from a heavy duty, water resistant material. As with all products, we recommend not leaving the fabric or foam mat in the water for long periods of time.

When removing the Aqua Stack Mat™ from water, be cautious of any obstructions that may damage it. Wipe off any materials that could scuff, tear, rip or scratch the fabric surface or foam mat.

Unzip each mat from each other so that they may fully dry before storing. Reduce exposure to direct UV sun light for extended periods of time to protect the fabric color.

Installing Fabric onto the Foam Core – The fastest way to put the fabric onto the foam core is to place the middle of the foam between your legs and slightly bend the foam into a “U” shape. Slide the fabric onto the end of the foam and feed it all the way to the opposite end. Zip the closed and lock into closed position.

To Remove Fabric from the Foam Core – Unzip the end zipper and pull the foam out from inside the fabric.

Allow each mat’s fabric and cross-linked foam core to dry completely before storage. Store in a dry place away from direct sunlight or other harmful elements. Keep away from any rodents, mice and insects that can chew through the product.

When cleaning your Aqua Stack Mat™ fabric, you can choose to either remove the fabric from the foam core or leave it in place. Use clean water and a sponge with mild non-bleaching soap to clean any soiled areas. The fabric can be removed from the foam and washed in a washing machine on delicate with a mild non-bleaching soap. Bair Products, Inc. does not recommend this, due to variations of machines and will not warranty any damages that may occur. Allow the fabric to Air Dry to prevent any possible shrinkage. The foam core can be cleaned using a sponge with a mild non-bleaching soap and water only.

Do Not use any petroleum based products or solvent for cleaning which may harm the product. Never use a power washer since the high pressure water jet can damage the product.

If the product was supplied with nylon straps or you are supplying your own, secure all the mat sections together and store.

## **WARRANTY**

A Six Month Warranty is set forth below and is given by Bair Products, Inc. with respect to the Aqua Stack Mat™ product purchased directly from Bair Products, Inc. and used in the United States.

The Aqua Stack Mat™ product(s) is delivered in a new condition, in the original packaging and is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of six months from the date of the original purchase invoice or receipt so long as the product remains in the possession of the original owner.

This limited warranty covers all manufacturing defects and does not apply in the following cases:

- Loss or damage to the product due to abuse; mishandling; alteration; accident; failure to follow maintenance or storage instructions; or any uncontrollable situations or acts of God, including storm or animal damage.
- Wear and tear from normal use, dragging of the fabric, weathering or surface snags from sharp objects or animals.
- Fading, staining, rips or tears of the fabric cover or zipper due to normal wear and tear. Embroidery, screen print or other personalized actions that were not original at time of purchase.
- Chemicals used for cleaning, damages due to washing machines or dryers
- Any punctures rips or tears to the closed cell foam core.

- Loss or damage to the product from towing or incorrect tethering.
- Loss or damage from the pressures created from jumping on it for jumping from other objects or from pressures created from constraining the pad while in use.

The following products are NOT covered under a Bair Products, Inc. warranty: bungee cords, clamps, straps.

Defective product(s) returned to Bair Products, Inc. and proven to be defective upon inspection, will be exchanged for new product(s) where applicable with the same or similar product(s). No refunds will be given. The warranty period for any replacement part shall begin upon shipment, but shall in no event exceed the warranty period of the defective product. Products or parts covered by this limited warranty will be returned without charge.

No implied warranty or condition, including any implied warranty or condition of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, applies to the product after the applicable period of express warranty stated above, and no other express warranty or guaranty, except as mentioned above, given by any person, firm, or corporation with respect to the product shall bind Bair Products, Inc.

Without limiting the foregoing, you assume all risk and liability for loss, damage or injury to you and your property arising out of the use, misuse, or inability to use any product sold by Bair Products, Inc. not caused directly by the negligence of the Aqua Stack Mat™. This six month Warranty shall not extend to anyone other than the original purchaser of any product, or the person for whom it was purchased as a gift.

## **LIABILITY**

While every attempt is made to embody the highest degree of protection in all equipment, we cannot guarantee freedom from injury.

The user assumes all risk of injury due to use. All merchandise is sold on this condition, which no representative of the company can waive or change. Bair Products, Inc. is not liable for loss of revenue or profit, failure to realize savings or other benefits, or for any other special incidental or consequential damages caused by the use, misuse or inability to use the product regardless of the legal theory on which the claim is based, and even if Bair Products, Inc. has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Nor shall recovery of any kind against Bair Products, Inc. be greater in amount than the purchase price of the product sold by Bair Products, Inc. or any of its distributors and causing the alleged damage. User assumes all risk and liability for loss, damage, or injury to you and your property and to others and their property, arising out of use, misuse or inability to use any Aqua Stack Mat™ products not caused directly by the negligence of Bair Products, Inc.

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If purchased directly from Bair Products, Inc., items can be returned within 30 days from the date of the invoice or receipt in new, unused condition only. You must first contact Bair Products for a Return Authorization Number. The product must be packaged in its original carton with a copy of proof of purchase and an explanation for return. Item must be in new condition free from any defects. A 20% restocking fee is charged for all returns. Shipping charges if any, must be prepaid by the customer. COD shipments will be refused.

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