

Instructions: *The Cumberland*

Materials list:

- 1 float tube cover with 2 flotation bladders
- 1 mesh stripping apron with spreader bar sleeve
- 3-piece spreader bar
- 1 bladder repair kit (contains: repair instructions and two PVC patches)
- 1 pair of shoulder straps

How to inflate your float tube bladders

Float tube bladders are designed to be inflated by foot or hand pump. Your Cumberland float tube has Boston type valves for easy inflation and deflation. The valve is constructed in 3 parts:

- A. Bladder valve part
- B. Middle valve part
- C. Upper cap

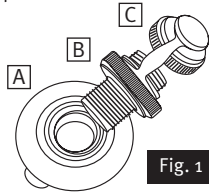


Fig. 1

To inflate:

The middle part [B] must be screwed in tightly to the bladder valve part [A]. The upper cap [C] must be removed from the middle valve in order to inflate.

Use a pump to inflate the float tube just enough to hold their shape.

To Deflate:

DO NOT REMOVE CAP – Unscrew the middle valve (B) from the bladder valve part [A]. It is not necessary to unscrew the middle valve/bottom valve completely to deflate the float tube.

Inflating and assembling your float tube

1. Place your float tube flat on the floor with the pockets facing up.
2. Inflate the two pontoon bladders about 30%—just enough to hold their shape.

3. Check the bladders by unzipping the pontoons (Fig. 2). The bladders should lie flat, untwisted and centered underneath the pontoon pockets. Make sure the rip-and-grip tabs [A] and [B] that attach the bladder to the pontoon cover align (Fig. 3). (A twisted bladder will distort the cover when you blow it up.)

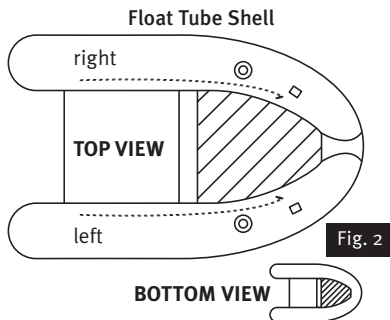


Fig. 2

4. Inflate the flotation bladders until most of the wrinkles are out of the cover. If any twists develop stop, deflate the bladder, straighten it within its pocket and re-inflate. Close the valve caps tightly. You may need to add or release some air if you travel between low and high elevations or if the temperature changes. Always take out some air before leaving your float tube in a car—the heat can expand the air in the bladders quite a bit.

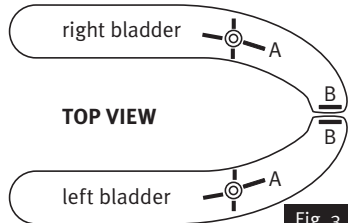


Fig. 3

5. Connect the three spreader bar pieces by inserting the two long tubes into the shorter coupling tube with the angled ends on both long tube ends facing out. Now place the mesh stripping apron on the floor with the graphics facing up. Slip the spreader bar with the angled ends facing down into the fabric sleeve at one end of the apron. Slip the ends of the apron sleeve into the fabric receptacles on the top and front of the left and right pontoons.
6. There are two backrest support straps sewn to the seat backrest with a side release buckle on either end. Be sure these buckles are clipped to their corresponding parts on the inside pontoon. Adjust the length of the strap for a comfortable seat back angle.

Lifting the tube in and out of the water

There are two web handles next to the pontoon pockets that can lift the tube in and out of the water easily.



Launching and using your float tube

1. Start with a gentle slope (like a boat ramp).
2. Attach fins to your feet, then place your float tube in knee-high water. Step into your tube from the open side and turn so that your back is facing the backrest.
3. Now just sit down in your float tube, refasten the stripping apron and float. Practice kicking with your fins to go backward or to turn.

Carrying your float tube

Included with your float tube is a pair of backpacking shoulder straps. Attach a shoulder strap to one side of the float tube at the bow and the other end to the D-ring located on the outside of each of the pontoon pocket, on the same side. Repeat with the other strap on the opposite side.

Anchoring System

Unclip the ends of shoulder straps from the D-rings along the outside of the pontoon pockets, leaving them secured to the bow tube D-rings. Take the two loose ends of the shoulder straps and hook them together. Tie a rope and an anchor to the strap ends. (Anchor and rope not included.)

Safety

Be a smart floater. Use a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while using your float tube and fish with a buddy. Your float tube is designed for calm water. It is not to be used as a river rafting device. Never float during thunderstorms or in any rough weather.

There is a safety flag holder on the seat back of your float tube. Please check your local laws. Some states may require you to fly a safety flag when floating.)

Care and storage of your float tube

Always partially deflate the bladders before storing your assembled float tube in a vehicle or hot area. The air in the bladders can expand significantly.

If you are not going to use your float tube for an extended period deflate it and store it. To avoid mildew, be sure that your float tube is dry before you pack it and that you store it in a dry place.

Repairing Tears and Holes

For best results it is important to apply the patch to a clean, dry surface and that the surface temperature is 50°F or warmer. Use an alcohol prep pad to clean the surface to be repaired. If you do not have an alcohol prep pad use a 50/50 mixture of isopropyl alcohol and water. After cleaning, allow the surface to dry completely. Using scissors, cut the patch to a size that will extend one inch beyond all edges of the tear. Peel back 1/8"-1/4" of the paper backing and center the patch over the tear. While anchoring the exposed patch edge slowly peel away the paper backing while carefully applying the patch over the tear. Take care to avoid air bubbles. Rub the surface of the patch firmly and allow patch to cure for 4 hours before use.



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