



OWNER'S MANUAL



We hope you enjoy your new Souris River Canoe. Once you paddle it, you will appreciate the years of research and development that have gone into making it one of the finest canoes on the market.

SUMMER STORAGE OF YOUR CANOE

- Your canoe should be stored upside down at all times. This will protect it from deforming from the extreme heat of the sun and help prevent strong winds from bashing it around.
- If your canoe is stored in an area where the wind can get at it, then it should be tied down.
- Store the canoe where it will not be exposed to direct sunlight. It is better to store dark-coloured canoes, especially burgundy and CarbonTec, indoors if possible. Dark colours absorb the most sunlight and are most susceptible to fading. If you are unable to store your canoe away from sunlight, consider applying a coat of polyurethane once when the canoe shows signs of fading. The directions for applying urethane are contained in the scratch repair information accompanying this owner's manual. These steps will help you preserve the finish of your canoe.
- To keep the exterior finish from fading, first wash the canoe, then apply a coat of Turtle Wax Ice liquid wax, or Turtle Wax Ice spray wax. Note that any other wax may produce undesirable results.
- Do not put any tarp on your canoe, as the tarp will trap moisture and stain your canoe. The only cover we recommend is a white Tyvek® cover. These covers are available at SpringCreek.com in the U.S.A. (look under "Canoe Accessories"), and directly from Souris River Canoes in Canada (SourisRiver.com or phone 1-807-597-1292).

WINTER STORAGE OF YOUR CANOE

- Store your canoe upside down on a rack or hang it by the handles in the upright position from the rafters of your garage or other building.
- It is a good idea to store your canoe out of the sun for the winter. Ultraviolet rays will slowly break down the exterior surface of the resin over an extended period of time.
- As long as the temperature is below freezing, you may cover your canoe with a waterproof tarp to protect it from the sun.
- Don't allow large amounts of snow to build up on the bottom of the canoe as this could cause structural damage to the hull of the canoe.

OTHER TIPS ABOUT YOUR CANOE

- Never pull your canoe behind a motor boat. This may cause structural damage to the hull.
- When tying your canoe to the top of a car, make sure that the front and back of the canoe are tied to the car as well as two ropes or straps securing the middle of the canoe to the roof racks.
- Never use ratcheting straps to hold-down your canoe. They can apply enough pressure to buckle the hull.
- On canoes with two thwarts, such as the Quetico 17, it is safe to remove the front thwart for more comfortable solo paddling. However, the thwart should be replaced when car-topping your canoe to prevent buckling. If you car-top your canoe without the front thwart, be careful not to over-tighten it.
- Always wear a government approved PFD (life jacket) when you are canoeing.

HAPPY PADDLING!

PLEASE REFER TO THE CAUTION STICKER ON THE BACK OF THE CANOE.