

*the spirit of adventure*



**perception**

2009 PRODUCT CATALOG





# spend every second of smiling

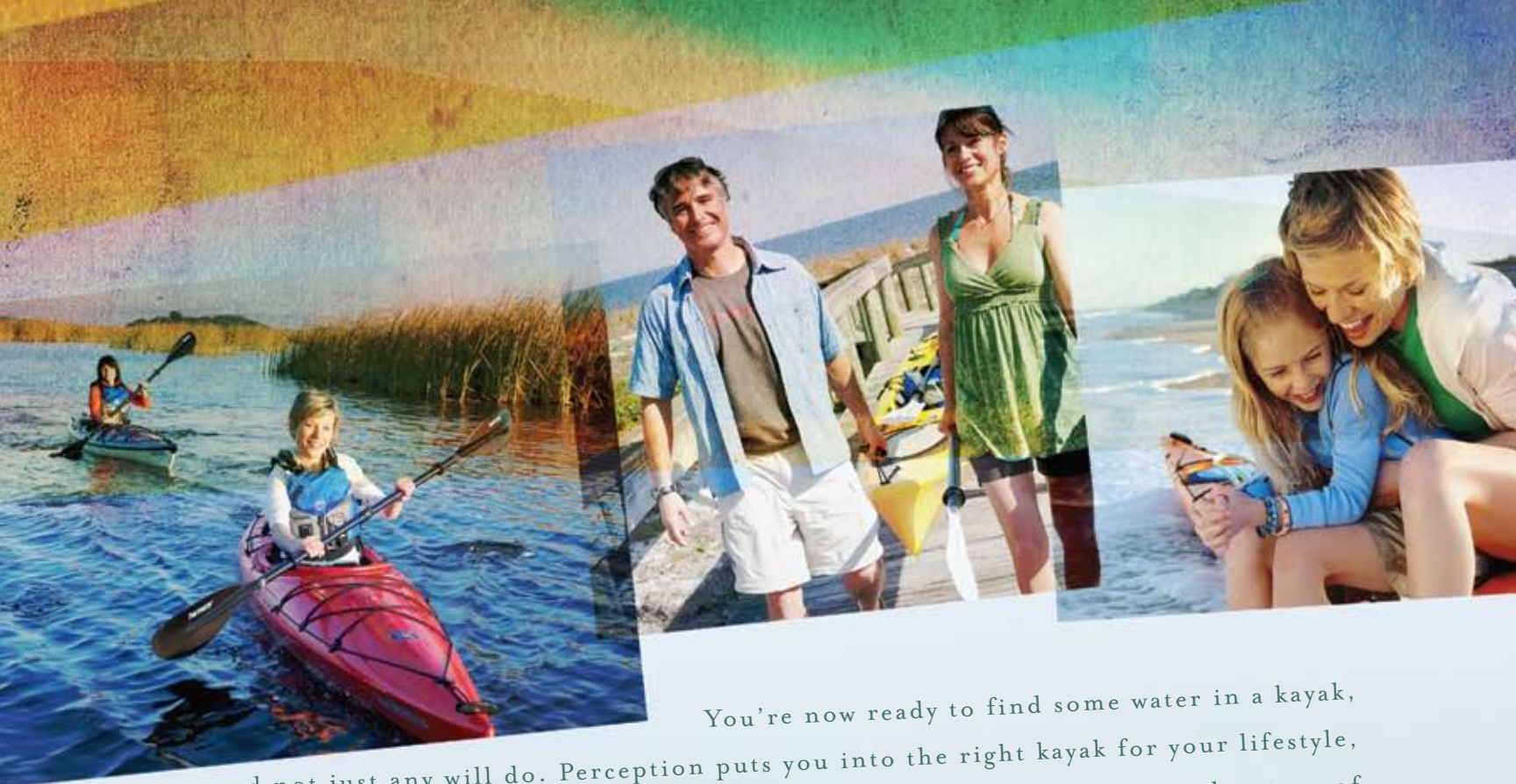
Sometimes it seems like the things you do to "live life to the fullest" can just wind up making it even more complicated. For over 30 years, Perception has been helping people bring that little bit of simplicity back to their lives and share it with the ones they love.

Our heritage of performance, dependability, and versatility is born out of our respect for our customers and for the outdoors. We know that with the right kayak you can build a lifetime of memories, and we want those memories to be available to everyone. That's why we make the best quality models for the money you'll find anywhere.

Flipping through an old photo album always brings a smile to your face that won't go away, as you recall a simpler place. Since then, maybe the balance of personal time, family time, and work has tilted in the wrong direction. Maybe now's the time to start thinking about those blank pages that you haven't filled yet and what you'll be doing in them.

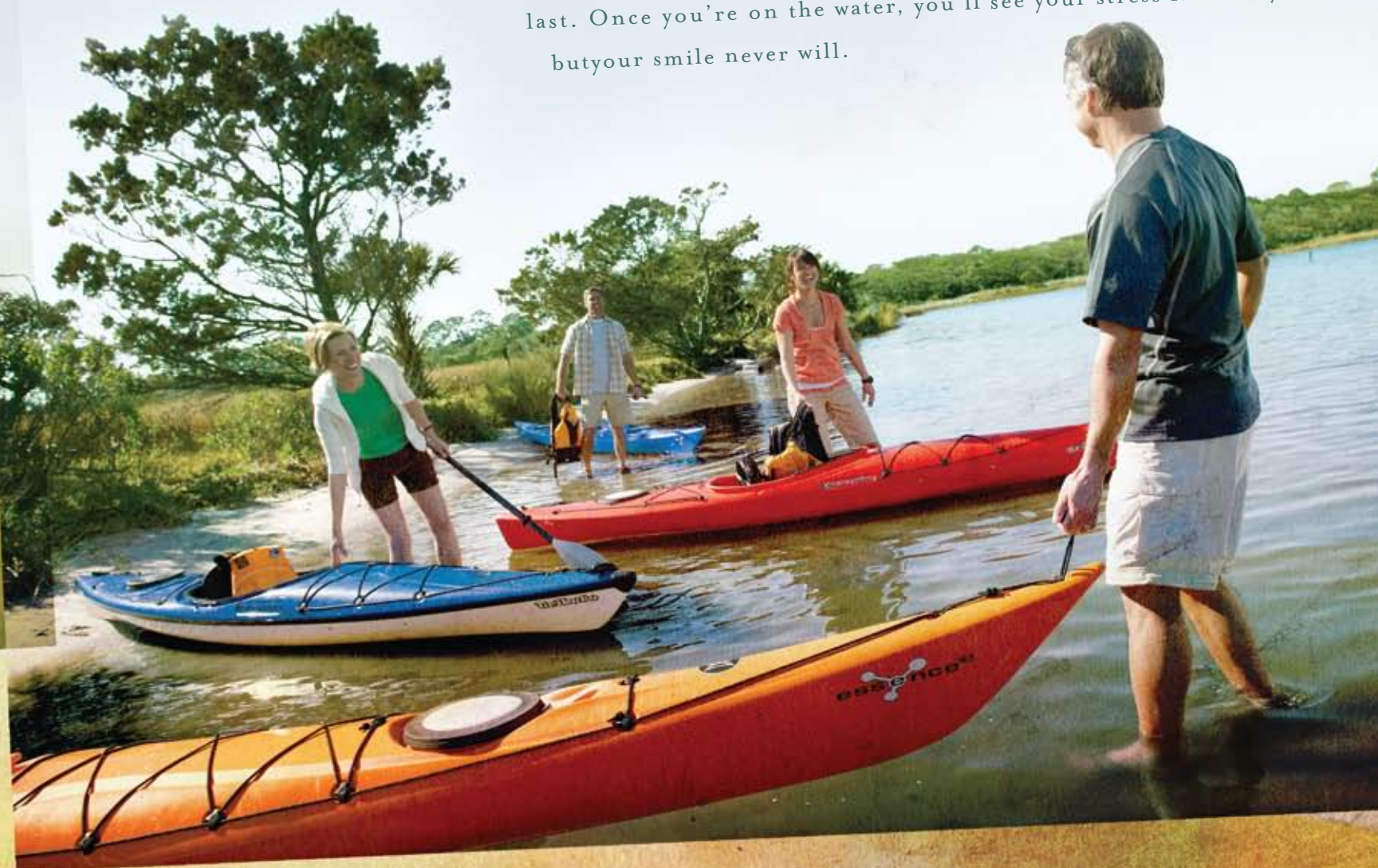






You're now ready to find some water in a kayak, and not just any will do. Perception puts you into the right kayak for your lifestyle, whether it's spending time with the family, relaxing alone, going on the adventure of a lifetime, or simply adding some excitement to your exercise routine.

What are you waiting for? Start experiencing the thousands of places and journeys that a kayak can take you. Make the next chapter of your story even better than the last. Once you're on the water, you'll see your stress fade away, but your smile never will.





# how to choose a kayak

When choosing your perfect kayak, there are many factors to take into consideration. We recommend talking to your local Perception dealer to help with this decision. Information provided here will help you understand our kayak line and steer you in the right direction.

## STEP ONE: PADDLING STYLE

Where do you want to kayak and what will you be doing? Perception kayaks fall into 3 categories. Each category has the right combination of size options, outfitting, gear, storage, and performance features for the intended uses outlined in the chart below.

ATTRIBUTES	RECREATIONAL	TOURING	SEA KAYAKING
IDEAL TYPES OF WATER	Ponds, small lakes, bays, slow moving rivers	Lakes, bays, moving rivers, currents, limited ocean use	Lakes, bays, moving rivers, rougher currents, ocean
TRIP DURATION	Day trips (less than 10 miles)	Day or weekend trips (less than 20 miles)	Day or weekend trips, expeditions
SKILL LEVELS	Beginner to intermediate	Intermediate to Advanced	Intermediate to Advanced
GEAR STORAGE	Low	Moderate	Moderate to High

## STEP TWO: PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Once you've gotten a general idea of your paddling style, you are able to narrow it down more precisely by

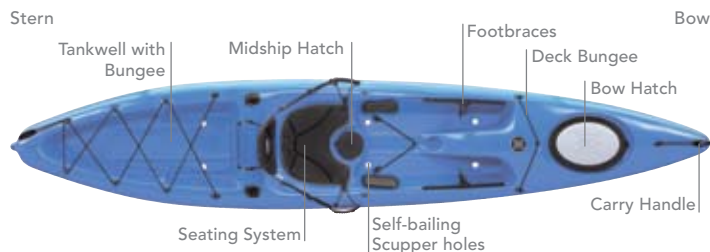
understanding the performance characteristics that are typical for each category. Below is a chart of how each performs relative to the other categories in each characteristic.

CHARACTERISTIC	RECREATIONAL	TOURING	SEA KAYAKING	DEFINITIONS
STABILITY	Best	Better	Good	Stability – general capability of boat's resistance to tipping over under normal conditions.
SPEED / GLIDE	Good	Better	Best	Speed / Glide – boat's efficiency moving through the water and potential for higher velocity.
TRACKING	Better	Best	Good	Tracking – boat's ability to stay in a straight line.
MANEUVERABILITY	Good	Better	Best	Maneuverability – boat's ability to turn easily and precisely.

## STEP THREE: FEATURES AND OUTFITTING

Once you've decided on a kayak model or two that fits your needs, looking at the features and outfitting can help in making your decision.

### SIT-ON-TOP KAYAK



### SIT-IN KAYAK



**COCKPIT:** Cockpit outfitting is key to finding the best fit for comfort, safety, and control. Look for inclusion of a thigh brace or backrest, and adjustability if you will be doing longer trips or kayaking rough conditions. Pay attention to cockpit size to ensure it fits your body type.

**HATCHES AND BULKHEADS:** Located at either end of the boat, the hatch is the opening to store gear and the bulkhead is the vertical wall that seals the compartment. Also a great safety feature providing buoyancy to the boat.

**DECK RIGGING:** Deck lines, bungees, and toggles add safety and convenience for certain types of paddling. A spare paddle, compass, navigational charts, and other items can be readily available on deck.

**RUDDER:** A mechanical device at the stern of the boat that is foot controlled and can aid in both steering and tracking.

**DROP-SKEG:** Mechanical device at the stern of the boat that can be deployed or retracted by hand. Aids in tracking, but not steering.

Finally, we offer a variety of sizes in all of our kayak categories to comfortably accommodate paddlers of all proportions. The best way to ensure the right fit is to schedule a demo with your local dealer.

To see a full assortment of outfitting and accessories visit [www.harmonygear.com](http://www.harmonygear.com).





# Recreation Kayaks

Fun on the water for everyone – it's what our recreation kayaks are all about. But what makes a Perception different is that we want kayaking to be part of your active lifestyle, which doesn't happen in a slow, bulky boat.

Our recreational kayaks offer speed, control, and comfort you'd never expect, with the manageability and stability you do. Once you've paddled one out on the lake, you'll wish next weekend was here already.





## ACADIA SCOUT 10.0

Childhood memories that last a lifetime don't happen in front of the TV. That's why the Acadia Scout is designed just for kids in every way. The lowered deck is the perfect height for visibility while the hull isn't too wide to paddle easily around lakes and ponds. Add in the speedy design and simple, tough outfitting and this trip's one for the photo album.



FEATURES: Adjustable Back Band • SlideLock Footbrace System • Soft Touch Handles

Max Capacity: 150 lbs / 68 kg  
 Length: 10' / 305 cm  
 Width: 23" / 58 cm  
 Deck Height: 10.5" / 26 cm  
 Boat Weight: 25 lbs / 11 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 28" / 71 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 18" / 46 cm



## ACADIA 11.5

Ready to get into paddling, but worried your only options are bulky and uncomfortable recreational boats? Then quit worrying, pack the picnic, and head to the lake in the Acadia 11.5. It offers the stability you'll need, but the shallow V-hull delivers unexpected speed. Instantly after sitting in the comfortable, adjustable Zone outfitting system, you'll know you made the right choice.



FEATURES: Zone Seating System • SlideLock Footbrace System • Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 365 lbs / 166 kg  
 Length: 11'3" / 343 cm  
 Width: 28" / 71 cm  
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm  
 Boat Weight: 48 lbs / 22 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 38" / 97 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 21" / 53 cm



## ACADIA II 14.0

It's true; getting out on the water in a tandem with a friend, the family, or even the dog is as fun as you think. Don't do it in just any kayak, pick the most fun recreational tandem on the market. 3 comfortable, sliding seats for all sized paddlers and a high seat back combine with signature Acadia series performance to share the adventure.



FEATURES: Adjustable Seating System • Keepers Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 650 lbs / 295 kg  
 Length: 14'3" / 434 cm  
 Width: 33.25" / 84 cm  
 Deck Height: 13.75" / 35 cm  
 Boat Weight: 82 lbs / 37 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 86.75" / 220 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 24.5" / 62 cm



**PRODIGY 10.0** | This is what made recreational kayaking such a popular outdoor pastime. The Prodigy 10.0 is ready for many types of water, from lakes to slow, deep rivers. The no-hassle size is easy to throw on a car and to store. Most importantly, it's comfortable and one of the best performing kayaks in its class. And it's affordable, so there's nothing keeping you from your active lifestyle.



**FEATURES:** Adjustable Back Rest • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace  
**Options •** SlideLock Footbrace System • Soft Touch Handles

Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg  
 Length: 10' / 305 cm  
 Width: 29.5" / 75 cm  
 Deck Height: 15.25" / 39 cm  
 Boat Weight: 43 lbs / 20 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 51" / 130 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 23" / 58 cm



**PRODIGY 12.0** | Explore what's a little further from land - load up the water-tight storage compartment for that all-day trip in a Prodigy 12.0. Maybe just relax and bring your bird watching or fishing gear. Efficient performance and exceptional comfort help you make the most of any day.



**FEATURES:** Zone Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace  
**Options •** SlideLock Footbrace System • Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Comfort Carry Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg  
 Length: 12'2" / 369 cm  
 Width: 27.25" / 69 cm  
 Deck Height: 15.25" / 39 cm  
 Boat Weight: 51 lbs / 23 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 51" / 130 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 23" / 58 cm



## SEARCH 13.0

Find out what versatility means in the sit-on-top kayak designed for adventurous paddlers. Packed with features and gear storage options, you can take it all with you. Check out a swimming hole and climb back on, ride the surf, bring the fishing gear, the dog, or just stretch your legs and relax in comfort. Engineered with speed and tracking, but with stability for beginners.



**FEATURES:** Comfort Seating System • Keepers Footbrace System • Oval Dual Density Bow Hatch / 6" Midship Hatch • Tankwell with Bungee • Paddle/Rod Holders • Soft Touch Handles

**SEARCH 13.0 WITH RUDDER** | Rough conditions make for better stories, and the ruddered model gives you the confident control that can just be your little secret

Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg  
 Length: 13' / 396 cm  
 Width: 30" / 76 cm  
 Deck Height: 15.75" / 40 cm  
 Boat Weight: 60 lbs / 27 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 54" / 137 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19" / 48 cm



## SEARCH 15.0 WITH RUDDER

Take the barbeque out of the backyard with the roomy Search 15.0. The well laid-out cockpit boasts comfortable seating and a host of convenient storage features for the ride. Maneuverable design and rudder offer the control needed to leave yourself plenty of energy to fire up the grill or reel in the big catch.




**FEATURES:** Comfort Seating System • Keepers Rudder Footbrace System • Oval Dual Density Bow Hatch / 6" Midship Hatch • Tankwell with Bungee • Paddle/Rod Holders • Soft Touch Handles

**SEARCH 15.0** | Get the performance and outfitting of the Search 13.0 with added room to store even more gear.

Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg  
 Length: 15'1" / 460 cm  
 Width: 28.5" / 72 cm  
 Deck Height: 15.25" / 39 cm  
 Boat Weight: 68 lbs / 31 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 54" / 137 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19" / 48 cm



A woman with her hair in a braid, wearing a white button-down shirt tied at the waist and black shorts, stands on a colorful beach. She is holding a kayak paddle in her left hand and has her right hand on the blue kayak. The kayak is on a beach with a colorful, abstract pattern in shades of green, yellow, and blue. The background shows a clear sky and the ocean.

## *Touring Kayaks*

Open up even more of the exciting possibilities kayaking has to offer by developing your skills and expanding your environments in a Perception touring kayak. These kayaks are designed for more performance, a tighter fit, and more capacity than recreational kayaks, but offer predictable handling so beginners or experts can venture on longer excursions on more types of water.





## CAROLINA 12.0 XS

Go faster! Go faster! Sound familiar? Give the kids what they want with this lightweight, zippy touring boat designed for junior paddlers. Since they're smarter than you think, this isn't just a small boat, but a true-tracking performance kayak for kids. Smaller seat, smaller cockpit, lower deck, and foam floatation; the fun is all that's oversized.



FEATURES: Molded In Seat with Backband • SlideLock Footbrace System • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles

Max Capacity: 200 lbs / 91 kg  
 Length: 12'2" / 369 cm  
 Width: 23" / 58 cm  
 Deck Height: 9.5" / 24 cm  
 Boat Weight: 38 lbs / 17 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 29.5" / 75 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 17.75" / 45 cm



## CAROLINA 12.0

The most versatile touring kayak ever created is in a category of its own. This day or weekend tripper is a performance machine, with great acceleration and speed. The soft chined and V-shaped hull offers stable, smooth paddling. The 12.0 is the perfect size to easily load and offers dry storage for gear to make the most of its capabilities.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Bow Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg  
 Length: 12' / 366 cm  
 Width: 26" / 66 cm  
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm  
 Boat Weight: 50 lbs / 23 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm



## CAROLINA 12.0 AIRLITE

Kayaking never looked or performed this good. The speed and maneuverability the Carolina is renowned for gets a boost from the innovative Airlite construction, offering a lightweight and more responsive ride from added stiffness. The two-tone design gives a sleek look that turns heads all day long.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Bow Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg  
 Length: 12' / 366 cm  
 Width: 26" / 66 cm  
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm  
 Boat Weight: 43 lbs / 20 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm





## CAROLINA 14.0 WITH RUDDER

A little more can take you a long way in this 14 foot Carolina. More speed and even better tracking compliments the added storage space for longer distances or extended weekend camping. The added rudder keeps windy conditions from standing in the way of your destination by giving added control.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • Keepers Rudder Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Bow Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg  
 Length: 14' / 427 cm  
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm  
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm  
 Boat Weight: 59 lbs / 27 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm

**CAROLINA 14.0** | Added length over the 12.0 means added speed and storage; while Zone DLX outfitting means ultimate comfort and fit when cruising.



## CAROLINA 14.0 AIRLITE

Aggressive touring demands an aggressive design. The innovative Airlite construction boasts improved performance and maneuverability from reduced weight and increased rigidity. And a legendary excursion needs plenty of gear and a comfortable ride. This boat delivers with ample dry storage and Zone DLX seating.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Bow Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg  
 Length: 14' / 427 cm  
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm  
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm  
 Boat Weight: 54 lbs / 24 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm

**CAROLINA 14.0 AIRLITE WITH RUDDER** | Since changing weather conditions aren't marked on the map, be prepared to always stay on course with the addition of a rudder.



## CAROLINA II 17.5 WITH RUDDER

Take tandem paddling from fun to exciting. Any skill level can rely on this ultra-stable kayak due to the innovative wide beam design. Ready for lakes and ponds, the touring design is also sea worthy, equipped with rudder for rougher conditions. With ample storage, pack for two and head out for a long weekend.



FEATURES: Adjustable Back Rest • SlideLock Footbrace System • Oval Dual Density Midship Hatch / 10" Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Midship and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 450 lbs / 204 kg  
 Length: 17'6" / 533 cm  
 Width: 28.5" / 72 cm  
 Deck Height: 12.5" / 32 cm / 13.5" / 34 cm  
 Boat Weight: 92 lbs / 42 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 34" / 86 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19" / 48 cm





## TRIBUTE 10.0

**NEW**  
2009

Roll up the yoga mat and take the workout to the outdoors! The Tribute is specially engineered for smaller framed paddlers, but unlike others in its class, maintains performance and roomy comfort. With good tracking, maneuverability, and surprising speed, there's no better recreational kayak for that cardio exercise or a full day of paddling.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 225 lbs / 102 kg  
Length: 10' / 305 cm  
Width: 26" / 66 cm  
Deck Height: 13" / 33 cm  
Boat Weight: 38 lbs / 17 kg  
Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm  
Cockpit Width: 22" / 56 cm



## TRIBUTE 12.0

Not long ago a manageable kayak that was ergonomically engineered for smaller paddlers that also offered sporty performance, was unheard of. The Tribute 12.0 changed all that and continues to gain popularity as people experience the effortless paddling and speed they never expected. Now experience it yourself.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 240 lbs / 109 kg  
Length: 12' / 366 cm  
Width: 24.5" / 62 cm  
Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm  
Boat Weight: 40 lbs / 18 kg  
Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm  
Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm



## TRIBUTE 12.0 AIRLITE

The rugged outdoors get a makeover with the sleek design of the Tribute 12.0 Airlite. And this time looks aren't deceiving, this one's a true performer with stiff, ultralight construction that gives great control and speed for smaller paddlers.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Zone Knee Pad with Inner/Outer Cockpit Brace Options • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Stern Bulkhead

Max Capacity: 240 lbs / 109 kg  
 Length: 12' / 366 cm  
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm  
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm  
 Boat Weight: 34 lbs / 15 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm



## TRIBUTE 14.0

**NEW**  
2009

Improving on the original Tribute design wasn't an easy task, but the new Tribute 14.0 is set to become the most desired kayak for smaller paddlers of all experience levels. Added length gives a nice boost in speed, and the roomier cockpit and upgraded zone outfitting is fun for short trips, and even more efficient and comfortable for longer excursions.



FEATURES: Zone DLX Seating System • Adjustable Padded Thigh Braces • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Dual Density Bow Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow and Stern Bulkheads

Max Capacity: 250 lbs / 113 kg  
 Length: 14' / 427 cm  
 Width: 23.75" / 60 cm  
 Deck Height: 13.75" / 34 cm  
 Boat Weight: 46 lbs / 21 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19.25" / 49 cm

**TRIBUTE 14.0 WITH RUDDER** | **NEW** 2009 For those who desire the steering and tracking control offered by a rudder, this is the Tribute model for you.





## *Sea Kayaks*

Some prefer the calm relaxation that kayaking offers, others prefer the more demanding side of the sport. Whether it's a multi-day expedition, or the technical handling needed for rough conditions, our sea kayaks are engineered for performance on all types of water, not just the sea. Efficient designs offer increased speed, maneuverability, and gear storage, while ultra-comfortable outfitting gives an athletic grip without the punishment, so nothing's holding you back.





**ESSENCE 16.5** | The thrill and performance of sea kayaking isn't just for experts (or just the sea). The predictable handling of the Essence 16.5 gives smaller paddlers all the tracking and maneuverability needed for that great expedition in a stable, comfortable package. Drop the skeg and open up a whole new level of excitement that pushes your abilities.



**FEATURES:** Zone EXP Seating System • Adjustable Padded Thigh Braces • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Bow Hatch / 8" Midship Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow, Midship, and Stern Bulkheads • Height Adjustable Drop Skeg • Rudder Ready

Max Capacity: 325 lbs / 147 kg  
 Length: 16'5" / 500 cm  
 Width: 22.25" / 57 cm  
 Deck Height: 15.5" / 39 cm  
 Boat Weight: 55 lbs / 25 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

**ESSENCE 16.5 AIRALITE** | Innovative Airalite construction unleashes the full performance capabilities of the Essence 16.5 with less weight and even tighter control.



**ESSENCE 17.0** | If your expedition requires a map, then you're going to need the added speed, comfort, and storage found in the Essence 17.0. It's everything you need for that weeklong, once in a lifetime trek, or a more exciting day on the water that can only be had with a design that's truly an extension of your body.



**FEATURES:** Zone EXP Seating System • Adjustable Padded Thigh Braces • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Bow Hatch / 8" Midship Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow, Midship, and Stern Bulkheads • Height Adjustable Drop Skeg • Rudder Ready

Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg  
 Length: 17' / 518 cm  
 Width: 23" / 58 cm  
 Deck Height: 16.5" / 42 cm  
 Boat Weight: 58 lbs / 26 kg  
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm  
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm



**ESSENCE 17.0 AIRALITE** | Go ahead, be demanding. If you want a kayak that's got it all, the Essence 17.0 Airalite adds length while reducing weight for the maximum performance available. Offering comfortable outfitting, plenty of dry storage, speed, and maneuverability, it's the perfect start to the perfect day...or week.



**FEATURES:** Zone EXP Seating System • Adjustable Padded Thigh Braces • SlideLock Footbrace System • 10" Bow Hatch / 8" Midship Hatch / Oval Dual Density Stern Hatch • Bow and Stern Deck Rigging • Soft Touch Handles • Bow, Midship, and Stern Bulkheads • Height Adjustable Drop Skeg • Rudder Ready

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*what did  
you do this weekend?*

Even the greatest adventures must come to an end (at least until next weekend). Then it's back to the daily grind. But after paddling with a Perception, there will be something different about you. Instead of the same things every week, you'll have more than just small talk ready. It's amazing how simplicity can make you so interesting.



# outfitting



**COMFORT SEATING SYSTEM WITH HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE BACKREST** | A height adjustable backrest is the core of the Comfort Seating System (CSS). Lightweight EVA foam seat pads and contoured, padded seat backs provide exceptional grip and comfort for pushing the performance limit of the kayak.  
AVAILABLE ON ALL SEARCH MODELS



**ZONE® DLX SEATING SYSTEM** | New for 2009, the Zone DLX Seating System is engineered for the ultimate comfort and fit for the touring paddler. The ergonomic design eliminates hard pressure points on your lower body, while the foam encased pocket cradle targets the pressure points on your back.

Multiple adjustment options let you dial in the perfect fit to maximize performance, including flexible wings for a range of paddler sizes, an adjustable leg support that also reduces ankle pressure, and a height adjustable backrest with front access for easy sizing.

AVAILABLE ON ALL CAROLINA MODELS (EXCEPT CAROLINA II 17.5 WITH RUDDER) AND ALL TRIBUTE MODELS



**ZONE® EXP SEATING SYSTEM** | Get expedition-grade outfitting on models featuring the new Zone EXP Seating System. Feel the excitement of trekking to parts unknown, now without the punishment.

The Zone EXP Seating System offers multi-point adjustment for maximum comfort and control. It offers height adjustable leg support, thigh brace, and flexible wings to accommodate a range of paddler sizes for just the right fit. Ergonomically designed backband and foam encased pocket cradle eliminate pressure points on the lower body and back to keep you going all day, all weekend, or even all month long.

AVAILABLE ON ALL ESSENCE MODELS



**SLIDELOCK FOOTBRACE SYSTEM** | Precision adjustment of the footpeg for comfort and control is readily accessible with our innovative SlideLock system. Repositioning while in motion is made simple with conveniently located tabs right at your side.

AVAILABLE ON ALL ACADIA MODELS (EXCEPT ACADIA II 14.0), ALL PRODIGY MODELS, ALL CAROLINA MODELS, ALL TRIBUTE MODELS, ALL ESSENCE MODELS

**KEEPERS FOOTBRACE SYSTEM** | Many of our sit-on-top kayaks are outfitted with quick-adjusting Keepers technology. Reposition smoothly to one of many length settings simply by reaching forward with your hands to engage. Durable material and rigid construction holds up over time in even the toughest environments.

AVAILABLE ON ACADIA II 14.0, ALL SEARCH MODELS

**KEEPERS RUDDER FOOTBRACE SYSTEM** | Innovative footpeg positioning mechanism slides seamlessly within aluminum channel. It's a smooth-operating footpeg that quickly and easily adjusts by reaching forward with your hands to snap securely into place. This durable footbrace gives you firm control of your body position as well as rudder movement.

AVAILABLE ON ALL RUDDER MODELS



**SOFT TOUCH HANDLES** | Our improved ergonomic handle conforms to the shape of your hand. The soft rubber underside delivers a secure and comfortable grip. Loading, unloading, and carrying your kayak is easier than ever.  
AVAILABLE ON ALL ACADIA MODELS, PRODIGY 10.0, ALL SEARCH MODELS, ALL CAROLINA MODELS, ALL TRIBUTE MODELS, ALL ESSENCE MODELS

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# comparison

PAGE	MODEL	MAX CAPACITY	BOAT LENGTH	BOAT WIDTH	BOAT WEIGHT	DECK HEIGHT	COCKPIT LENGTH	COCKPIT WIDTH
<b>ACADIA</b>								
4	ACADIA SCOUT 10.0	150 lbs / 68 kg	10' / 305 cm	23" / 58 cm	25 lbs / 11 kg	10.5" / 26 cm	28" / 71 cm	18" / 46 cm
4	ACADIA 11.5	365 lbs / 166 kg	11'3" / 343 cm	28" / 71 cm	48 lbs / 22 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	38" / 97 cm	21" / 53 cm
4	ACADIA II 14.0	650 lbs / 295 kg	14'3" / 434 cm	33.25" / 84 cm	82 lbs / 37 kg	13.75" / 35 cm	86.75" / 220 cm	24.5" / 62 cm
<b>PRODIGY</b>								
5	PRODIGY 10.0	275 lbs / 125 kg	10' / 305 cm	29.5" / 75 cm	43 lbs / 20 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	51" / 130 cm	23" / 58 cm
5	PRODIGY 12.0	350 lbs / 159 kg	12'2" / 369 cm	27.25" / 69 cm	51 lbs / 23 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	51" / 130 cm	23" / 58 cm
<b>SEARCH</b>								
6	SEARCH 13.0	300 lbs / 136 kg	13' / 396 cm	30" / 76 cm	60 lbs / 27 kg	15.75" / 40 cm	54" / 137 cm	19" / 48 cm
6	SEARCH 13.0 W/ RUDDER	300 lbs / 136 kg	13' / 396 cm	30" / 76 cm	64 lbs / 29 kg	15.75" / 40 cm	54" / 137 cm	19" / 48 cm
6	SEARCH 15.0	300 lbs / 136 kg	15'1" / 460 cm	28.5" / 72 cm	64 lbs / 29 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	54" / 137 cm	19" / 48 cm
6	SEARCH 15.0 W/ RUDDER	300 lbs / 136 kg	15'1" / 460 cm	28.5" / 72 cm	68 lbs / 31 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	54" / 137 cm	19" / 48 cm
<b>CAROLINA</b>								
8	CAROLINA 12.0 XS	200 lbs / 91 kg	12'2" / 369 cm	23" / 58 cm	38 lbs / 17 kg	9.5" / 24 cm	29.5" / 75 cm	17.75" / 45 cm
8	CAROLINA 12.0	275 lbs / 125 kg	12' / 366 cm	26" / 66 cm	50 lbs / 23 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
8	CAROLINA 12.0 AIRALITE	275 lbs / 125 kg	12' / 366 cm	26" / 66 cm	43 lbs / 20 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
9	CAROLINA 14.0	300 lbs / 136 kg	14' / 427 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	55 lbs / 25 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
9	CAROLINA 14.0 W/ RUDDER	300 lbs / 136 kg	14' / 427 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	59 lbs / 27 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
9	CAROLINA 14.0 AIRALITE	300 lbs / 136 kg	14' / 427 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	54 lbs / 24 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
9	CAROLINA 14.0 AIRALITE W/ RUDDER	300 lbs / 136 kg	14' / 427 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	58 lbs / 26 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
9	CAROLINA II 17.5 W/ RUDDER	450 lbs / 204 kg	17'6" / 533 cm	28.5" / 72 cm	92 lbs / 42 kg	12.5" / 32 cm / 13.5" / 34 cm	34" / 86 cm	19" / 48 cm
<b>TRIBUTE</b>								
10	TRIBUTE 10.0	225 lbs / 102 kg	10' / 305 cm	26" / 66 cm	38 lbs / 17 kg	13" / 33 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	22" / 56 cm
10	TRIBUTE 12.0	240 lbs / 109 kg	12' / 366 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	40 lbs / 18 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
11	TRIBUTE 12.0 AIRALITE	240 lbs / 109 kg	12' / 366 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	34 lbs / 15 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
11	TRIBUTE 14.0	250 lbs / 113 kg	14' / 427 cm	23.75" / 60 cm	46 lbs / 21 kg	13.75" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
11	TRIBUTE 14.0 W/ RUDDER	250 lbs / 113 kg	14' / 427 cm	23.75" / 60 cm	50 lbs / 23 kg	13.75" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
<b>ESSENCE</b>								
13	ESSENCE 16.5	325 lbs / 147 kg	16'5" / 500 cm	22.25" / 57 cm	55 lbs / 25 kg	15.5" / 39 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
13	ESSENCE 16.5 AIRALITE	325 lbs / 147 kg	16'5" / 500 cm	22.25" / 57 cm	48 lbs / 22 kg	15.5" / 39 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
13	ESSENCE 17.0	350 lbs / 159 kg	17' / 518 cm	23" / 58 cm	58 lbs / 26 kg	16.5" / 42 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm
13	ESSENCE 17.0 AIRALITE	350 lbs / 159 kg	17' / 518 cm	23" / 58 cm	50 lbs / 23 kg	16.5" / 42 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm

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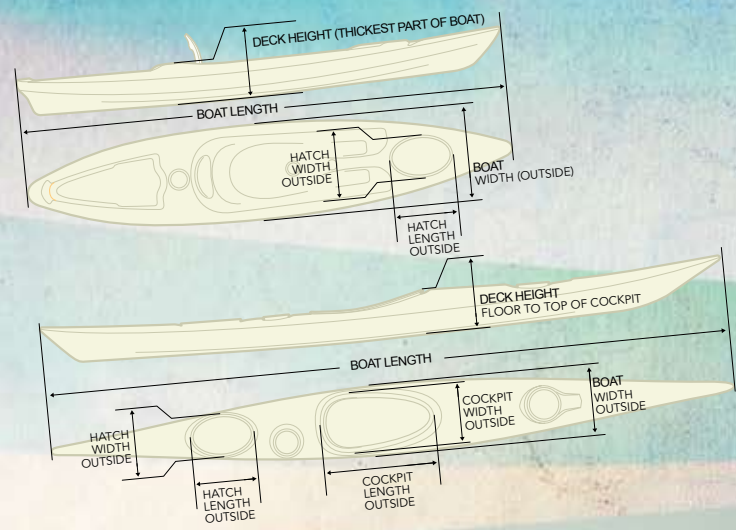


STERN HATCH LENGTH

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BOW HATCH LENGTH

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17" / 43 cm	12.25" / 31 cm	N/A	N/A
10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm	N/A	N/A

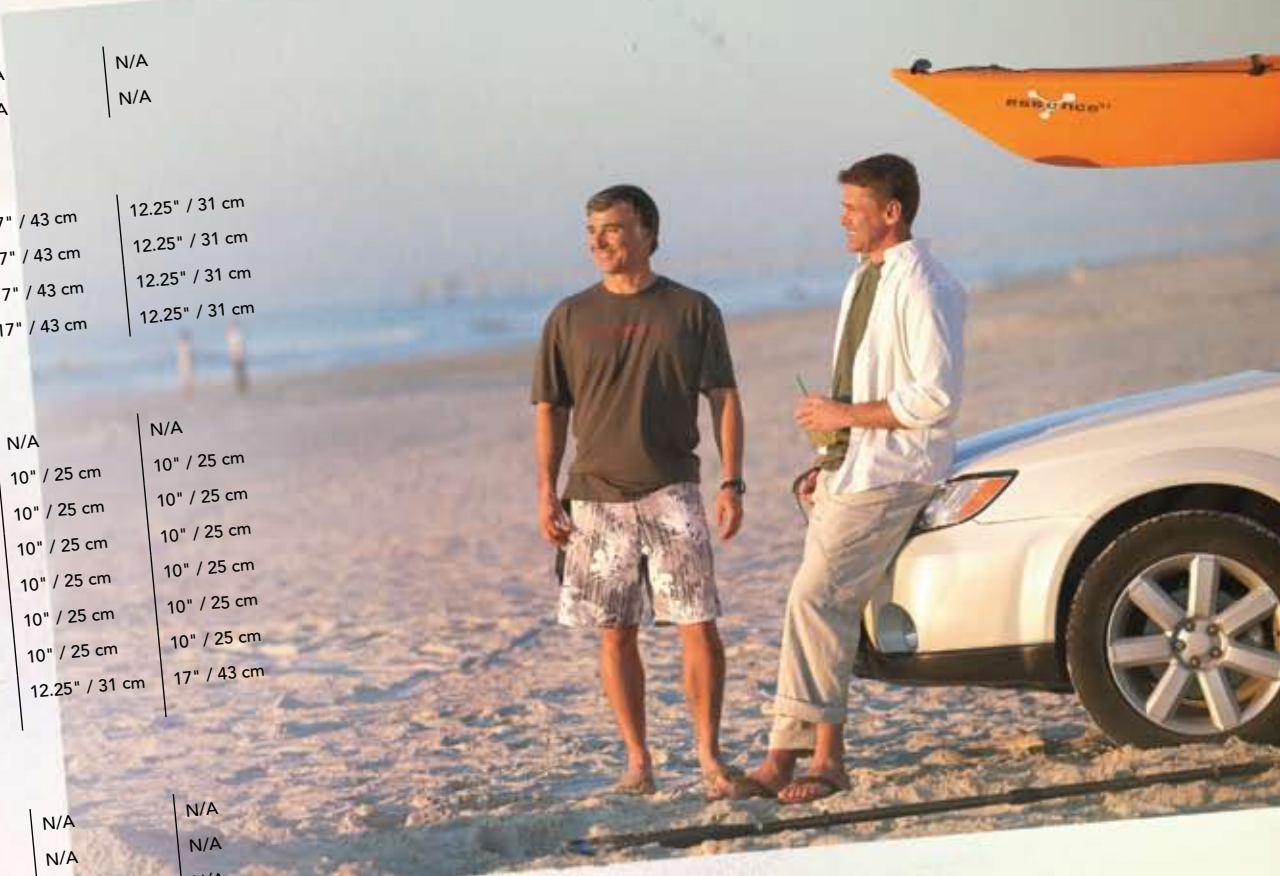
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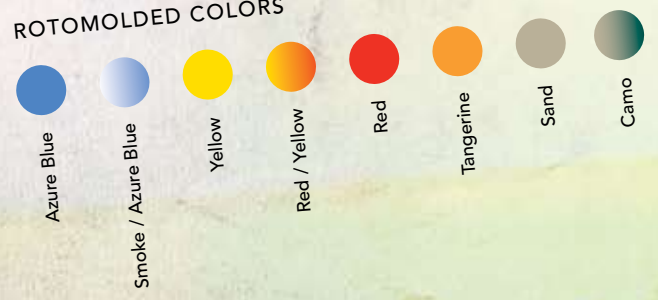
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10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm	N/A	N/A
10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm	N/A	N/A
10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm	N/A	N/A
19.25" / 49 cm	13" / 33 cm	10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm
19.25" / 49 cm	13" / 33 cm	10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm

18.25" / 46 cm	14" / 35 cm	10" / 25 cm	10" / 25 cm
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