

GENERAL KAYAK INFORMATION

Storage, Care & Maintenance

ASCEND® recommends using a freshwater rinse and/or wipe down to keep your kayak clean, especially in saltwater conditions. Make sure you thoroughly rinse and clean all moving parts, including the adjustable foot braces and adjustment points.

A dry, cool, shaded area is the ideal storage environment. There are multiple storage rack systems available to protect your investment.

Transporting Your Kayak

For safe and secure kayak transportation, we highly recommend that you install a rigid bar or sport rack system on your vehicle.

Your boat will be most stable when loaded and secured upside down.

Avoid overtightening hold downs in the center portion of the hull during extreme heat for extended periods of time, as this can cause the kayak to warp.

IMPORTANT

We recommend vertical storage from keel to bow, or deck side down to prevent warpage to the hull. Do not store the kayak on its side. Do not ratchet down the hull further than 24" in from the bow or stern.

Choosing the Right Paddle

The most common paddle lengths range from 220 cm–250 cm. The wider the kayak, the longer the paddle should be.

ASCEND kayaks are performance-engineered with a wider hull for maximum stability. We recommend you choose a longer paddle for the Sit-In and Sit-On-Top recreational models. A longer paddle used in concert with the wider hull will enhance performance and tracking and result in easier paddling.

Recommended Equipment

Safety

- Personal flotation device (PFD) – A comfortable and securely-fitting PFD should be worn at all times on the water
- Bilge pump to remove interior standing water
- USCG-approved horn or whistle (required)
- First aid kit
- Marine radio

Personal

- Dry bag
- Compass
- Insect repellent
- Drinking water
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Dry towel
- GPS unit
- Lighter
- Navigation charts
- Waterproof matches
- Mobile phone
- Screwdriver
- Waterproof tape
- Waterproof flashlight
- Spare clothes
- Wide-brimmed hat