



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

As a Dagger kayak owner, you're in good company with some of the world's most passionate and well-known paddlers. Dagger's reputation is for being at the cutting-edge of performance, comfort, and value. Your Dagger kayak will provide years of adventure wherever you want to go; and to places you haven't yet thought of going.

Back in 1988, four buddies created the first of what would become the industry standard in paddlesports. Today, every Dagger kayak is built with over two decades of the latest material and design innovations. They've been team tested and paddler proven to take on water anywhere it moves.

A lot has changed over the years but true to the very beginning, one thing remains the same. Our kayaks still run on excitement.

Thanks for choosing Dagger.

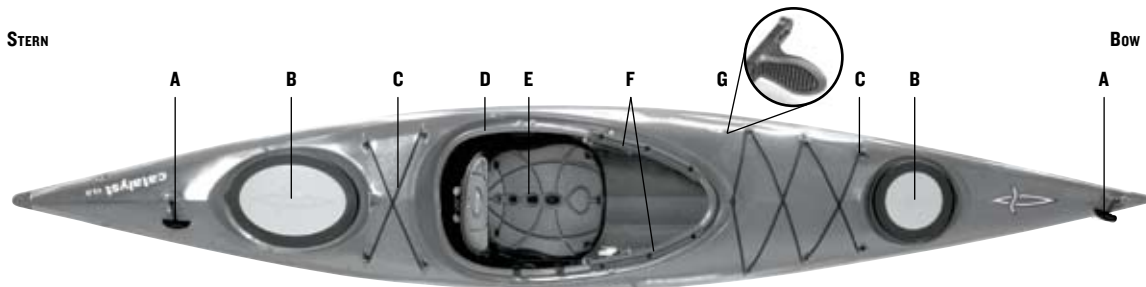
BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY!

From the mountains to the sea, Dagger is all about the relentless pursuit of play. Signup at www.dagger.com and share your experiences with other Dagger owners and Team Dagger members.

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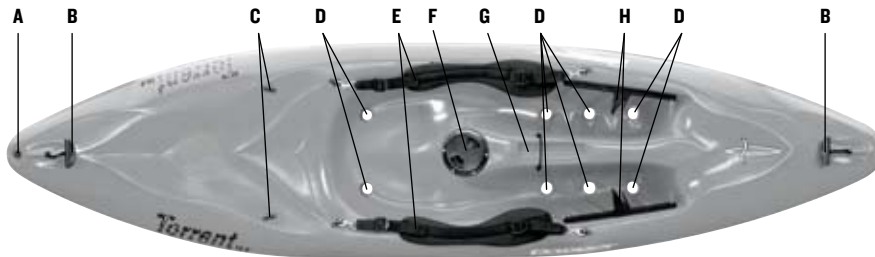
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KAYAK ANATOMY: RECREATIONAL/TOURING



SIT INSIDE

- A: Carry handles
- B: Cargo hatches
- C: Bungee
- D: Cockpit coaming
- E: Seating system
- F: Thighbraces
- G: Footbraces



SIT ON TOP

- A: Drain plug
- B: Carry handles
- C: Optional backrest loops
- D: Self-bailing scupper holes
- E: Thighstraps
- F: Cargo hatch
- G: Water bottle holder
- H: Footbraces

Your model may differ from the model shown.

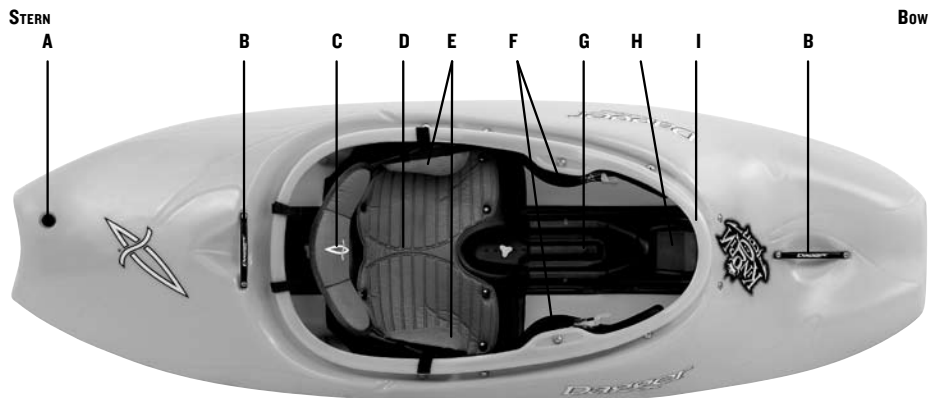
KAYAK ANATOMY: WHITEWATER

WHITEWATER

- A:** Drain plug*
- B:** Security bars/carry handles
- C:** Backband
- D:** Seat
- E:** Hip pads
- F:** Thighbraces
- G:** Water bottle holder/hull stiffener
- H:** Foam pillar
- I:** Cockpit rim/coaming

Your model may differ from the model shown.

*Drain Plug: Not available on all models



Any person using kayaks built and/or sold by Dagger is personally responsible for determining that their abilities are equal or superior to the conditions encountered and exercising proper judgment in choice of where and when to paddle.

Any person using Dagger kayaks assumes all risks and takes complete responsibility for any and all damages, or injuries, including death, which may result from use of or participation in Dagger kayaks.

Consult your physician prior to beginning your paddlesport training.

DO:

- Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).
- Wear a helmet when paddling whitewater or in the ocean.
- Get paddlesports instruction from a licensed or certified instructor.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or weather can result in hypothermia.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Scout unfamiliar waters. If necessary, paddle to shore and carry your boat past uncertain areas.
- Stay aware of appropriate river water levels, tidal changes, dangerous currents, and weather changes.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations for use and outfitting of your kayak.
- Leave your paddling location and agenda with someone at home before departing.
- Obtain certified first aid and rescue training and carry first aid and rescue equipment.
- Always use supplemental flotation.

DON'T:

- Never exceed your ability and assess how far and how long you can paddle or swim.
- Never paddle alone.
- Never consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment, or ability when paddling.
- Never paddle in flood conditions.
- Never allow minors to use the boat without adult supervision.
- Avoid bracing yourself in the kayak in such a way that you have to release any outfitting to escape.
- Do not impair entry or exit access to the kayak when installing additional outfitting.

WARNING:

Kayaking can be hazardous with potential risk of serious injury and even death.

TRANSPORTATION

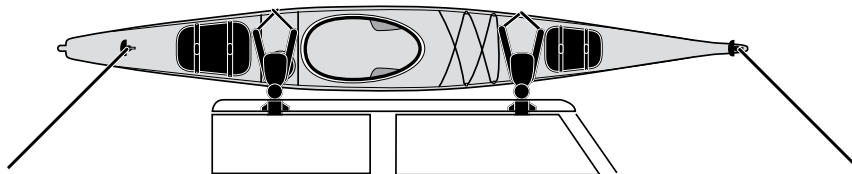
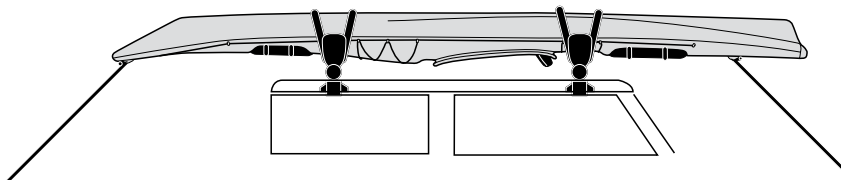
Improper transportation technique is one of the main causes of kayak damage. The following tips will help you safely transport your kayak and minimize potential hull damage.

It is also important to not keep kayaks tied tightly to your vehicle in direct sunlight. This could cause deformation of the hull over time.

ROOF RACK

A crossbar roof rack (or "sports rack") for your vehicle with the kayak positioned on its side is the best method of transporting a kayak. It should be lashed down at each crossbar, as well as at the bow and stern to each end of the vehicle. Generally, kayaks can also be transported on their edge safely using kayak stackers.

Kayak cradles are recommended for boats being transported "flat" to lessen chances of deformation from being lashed too tightly to the bars. It is also recommended that the kayak be transported upside down as it is more aerodynamic and will prevent water from filling the cockpit during rain.



USING FOAM BLOCK RACKS

Foam block racks can be used for short distances or lower speed transportation. They should be wide enough for adequate support, as well. Use extra caution with foam blocks as they are not as secure as cross-bar racks. Foam blocks also make it essential to tie off the bow and stern of the kayaks directly to the vehicle.

AIR TRAVEL

Many airlines do not allow kayaks to be transported on the plane when you travel by air. Contact your air carrier well in advance of your trip to see if they allow you to check a whitewater kayak and how much they charge. You should invest in a kayak travel bag if you do transport a kayak by air.

CAUTION: **TRAVELING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

Position kayak upside down if possible when inclement weather is threatening. A kayak can fill with water when it rains and become dangerous to your vehicle or others as it becomes heavy. Use a portage cover to seal the cockpit if a "bottom up" position is not possible. Be sure to periodically check your straps to make sure they have not stretched while wet.

IMPORTANT:

It is recommended to always stop shortly after the start of your trip to make sure all fittings and connections are secure and that the kayak will not shift during travel.

SHORT TERM STORAGE

Be sure to empty the kayak of all water. The kayak may be stored on its side or in a vertical position temporarily. Storage in these positions for an extended period of time could cause flattening or deformation in the side of the hull.

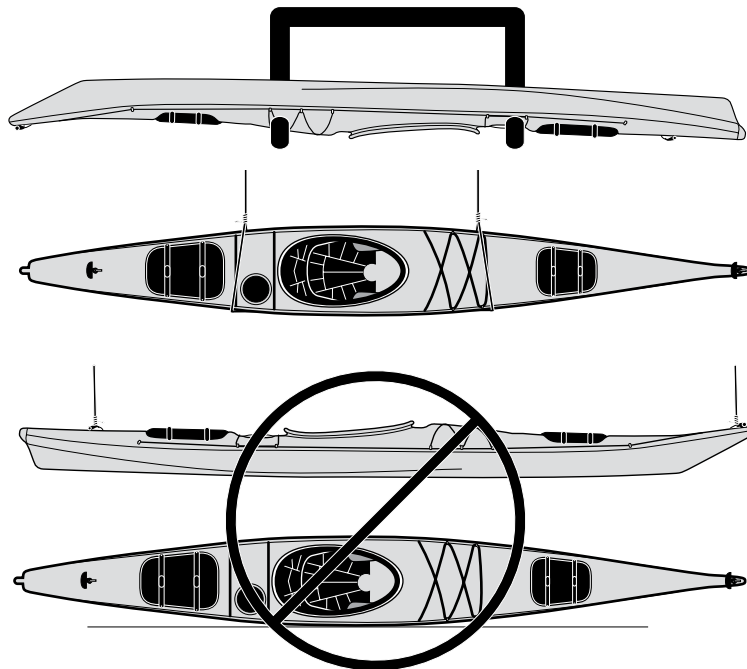
LONG TERM STORAGE

In addition to emptying all water out, you should clean the kayak by rinsing with freshwater. Store out of direct sunlight and indoors, if possible. UV exposure can shorten the lifespan of any kayak and can degrade its finish. Kayaks can be stored slung on their sides via web straps, positioned 1/3 of the way along the hull (as shown). Be sure to not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for extended periods of time as it may cause deformation.

Your kayak can also be stored hull up (as shown) on parallel bars with weight supported evenly throughout its length. For large cockpit (recreational) boats, position the bars so that the cockpit coaming rests on the bars. For smaller cockpit kayaks, position bars so that they contact the deck between the cockpit and any hatches.

CAUTION:

Do not suspend your kayak by using the grab loops at either end of the boat. This can cause the hull to distort over time.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

ROTOMOLDED KAYAK CARE

Our “roto” kayaks are made of high-density linear polyethylene, which is virtually maintenance free. A minimal amount of care in storage and transporting will help the kayak maintain a like-new condition for many years.

Polyethylene will become more flexible when in warm conditions such as a hot, sunny day. It is possible for a kayak strapped tightly to a roof rack for a series of days to temporarily deform at the weight bearing points. Use a rigid bar sport rack in addition to a “kayak cradle” to disperse the weight.

WHITewater KAYAK CARE

Whitewater kayakers are built to withstand more aggressive use than recreation or touring models. However, a certain amount of impact and abrasion damage is to be expected due to the nature of whitewater paddling. If you notice excessive wear or gouging on the hull you should consider altering your paddling technique to prolong the life of your kayak.

Continual exposure to abrasion can roughen the hull surface. Scratching is often cosmetic or superficial and requires no repair.

It is important to be able to determine when damage is cosmetic or extends to impacting the structure of the hull. Impacts are much more likely than scratches to result in structural damage. Inspect your hull after suffering a collision.

As durable as it is, polyethylene is not indestructible. However, should the worst happen, it is repairable; simply contact your local Dagger dealer.

Next to damage during use, the greatest threat to the kayak is degradation due to UV exposure. The kayak should be stored out of direct sunlight, as the polyethylene will become more flexible in warm conditions.

CLEANING

Usually, a quick rinse of fresh water is all that is necessary to keep your hull clean and functioning in good order. This is very important after paddling in salt water, especially if your boat is outfitted with a rudder system. Be sure to thoroughly rinse the rudder, rudder cables, and footbraces with fresh water to remove salt residue. Superficial scratches may occur, but can be removed or reduced by use of a marine boat polish designed for polyethylene hulls. Sanding or use of an abrasive rubbing compound is not recommended.

To keep your kayak shining and minimize the long-term degradation caused by UV exposure, use an ultraviolet protectant such as 303 Aerospace Protectant, available at your local Dagger dealer.

WARNING:

Avoid dragging kayak across the ground to prolong its life and maintain its look and performance. Two people, utilizing the carrying handles, is the best way to transport a longer kayak. Alternately, you can transport using a kayak cart, available at your dealer.

ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST:

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

A USCG approved, comfortable and secure fitting PFD should be worn at all times. Shorter PFDs are available that are ideal for kayak paddling.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

USCG regulations require an audible signal device (a horn or whistle) to be used in all watercraft. In addition, for recreational and touring kayaks, it is recommended that all paddlers carry a bilge pump (to drain water from the kayak), and a paddle float. Be sure to secure training in the operation of a paddlefloat.

WHITewater ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST:

In addition to the essentials needed for all paddlesports, whitewater kayaking requires an additional level of protective gear.

HELMET

You should always wear an appropriate helmet while paddling whitewater.

SPRAYSKIRT

A sprayskirt is worn by the paddler to create a watertight seal, preventing the cockpit from filling up with water. You should always paddle with a spray skirt in place to facilitate rolling and prevent the kayak from getting swamped.

PERSONAL GEAR

Items you should keep with you on every trip include: Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, plenty of drinking water, insect repellent, compass, waterproof flashlight, matches or lighter, pocket knife, and a first aid kit.

PADDLE

Choosing a paddle is almost as important as your choice of boat. Blade shape, length, weight, and material all offer different experiences. It is also strongly recommended that you have a spare paddle that can be easily stowed on your deck.

WHITewater PADDLE

Typically, a whitewater paddle will be shorter than the average touring paddle and have a larger blade face. Your local Dagger dealer should be able to help you decide on a paddle to suit your needs. It is always a good idea to carry a backup paddle that can be broken down to fit in the stern of your kayak.

THROW BAG

In the event of an emergency while on the water, a throw bag can help you reach a swimmer or help free your kayak. A throwbag should have a minimum of 50 feet of cord.

DRY BAG

Ultra-light and water-resistant storage for an extra level of protection and accessibility for gear.

FLOTATION BAGS

If you are forced to exit your kayak and it becomes swamped recovery becomes more difficult. By installing inflatable float bags you can reduce the volume of water a swamped kayak will take on. Typical installation on a kayak will be two bags, one on either side of the stern pillar.

GET MORE ACCESSORIES

To find out about many more accessories available for your Dagger kayak, visit www.harmonygear.com.

LIMITED WARRANTY

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For the original retail purchaser (“Consumer”), Dagger kayaks by Confluence Watersports (**excluding whitewater kayak models**) are warranted against material or manufacturing defects in the hull and deck for **three (3) years** from date of original purchase of the kayak. Parts, accessories, and outfitting are warranted for a period of **one (1) year** against material or manufacturing defects from the date of purchase.

Dagger whitewater kayak models are warranted against material or manufacturing defects in the hull and deck for **three (3) years** from the date of purchase **based on the coverage levels detailed below**. Parts, accessories, and outfitting are warranted for a period of **one (1) year** against material or manufacturing defects from the date of purchase.

If you are unsure about what type of Dagger kayak you have purchased, consult the “Part ID” number as indicated on Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin (MSO). All Dagger whitewater kayak Part ID numbers begin with 901.

The following schedule details whitewater kayak coverage levels during the warranty term:

During the first year of ownership this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull, deck, outfitting, and all parts and accessories at 100% of the original retail price.

During the second year of ownership, this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull and deck up to 80% of the original retail price.

During the third year of ownership, this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull and deck up to 60% of the original retail price.

Dagger kayaks sold as “2nd quality” as indicated on the MSO are covered under this limited warranty for

one (1) year from the original purchase date for the hull, deck, outfitting, and all parts and accessories.

This limited warranty is only valid with the purchase of a Dagger kayak from a Dagger authorized dealer. This warranty is non-transferable.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BOAT

The warranty registration form should be completed online at www.dagger.com within 30 days of original purchase to be activated. It is suggested that you keep your sales receipt should it be required in the future for proof of purchase.

OBTAINING WARRANTY SERVICE

If you have a problem with your kayak and you suspect that it may be due to defective materials or workmanship, contact the nearest authorized Dagger dealer and arrange to have the problem inspected. Consumer is responsible for delivery to, and pickup from, the closest authorized dealer.

If the authorized Dagger dealer’s inspection indicates a defect that is attributable to materials or workmanship, Confluence Watersports will repair or replace your Dagger kayak free of charge at the company’s option, based on the type of kayak and time of ownership corresponding to the warranty coverage schedule detailed above. Proof of purchase such as a sales receipt may be required. If repairs or evaluation are required by Dagger at its manufacturing facility, the Consumer will be responsible for a \$50.00 shipping and handling fee.

If service is required in a country that is not the country of purchase, Consumer will comply with all applicable export laws and regulations and be responsible for all

customs duties, value add tax (VAT), and other associated taxes and charges. For international service, the Dagger Distributor may repair or exchange defective products and parts with comparable products and parts that comply with local standards.

Confluence Watersports retains the right to satisfy warranty via repair or replacement of products or of components deemed defective. In addition, Dagger reserves the right to replace original kayaks or equipment with comparable current products.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

This limited warranty does not apply to:

- Normal wear and tear and aging of product.
- Kayaks damaged by extreme weather or environmental conditions.
- Kayaks damaged while in possession of a freight carrier, a dealer, Consumer, or any party other than Dagger.
- Kayaks damaged by accident, neglect, improper use or handling.
- Kayaks that have been towed by power or sail boats.
- Kayaks designated as Prototypes.
- Kayaks sold as “demos” or in “as is” condition.
- Kayaks determined to have been used for any activity other than an activity which is customary for the product.
- Kayaks that have been structurally or dimensionally altered or modified.
- Kayaks used for commercial or rental purposes.

This limited warranty excludes all other warranties, expressed or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with regard to Dagger kayaks. Some state, country, or provincial laws do not allow the exclusion of certain

implied warranties, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

This limited warranty excludes any incidental or consequential damages or expenses resulting from any defects. Confluence Watersport's aggregate liability shall be limited to an amount equal to Consumer's original purchase price paid for the defective product. Some state, country, or provincial laws do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

To the extent any limitation or exclusion contained herein is contrary to any country, state, or provincial law, such limitation or exclusion shall be severable and all other terms herein shall remain in full force and effect and are valid and enforceable.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights. For Consumers who are covered by state, country or provincial consumer protection laws or regulations, the benefits from this warranty are in addition to all rights conveyed by such consumer protection laws and regulations.

QUESTIONS?

Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.dagger.com) section at www.dagger.com to answer these and many other commonly asked questions about our kayaks and accessories:

How do I adjust the seat?

How do I move the footbraces for solo paddling?

How do I use the skeg?

How can I get replacement parts?

What other accessories are available for my kayak?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Boat Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Dealer Name: _____

Registration Number: _____

FINDING YOUR SERIAL NUMBER

The serial number is located near the stern (rear) of the boat, just below the line where the deck and side meet. On most boats it is engraved in an indentation on the right side of the boat.

NOTICE: STATE REGULATIONS

Some states require that all kayaks be registered. To register your kayak you will need your Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). This serves as the title to your kayak and should have been provided when you took delivery. If not, check with your retailer. If it has been lost, have your dealer contact Dagger and we will provide a replacement.

Note: Make sure the serial number on your MSO matches that on your hull.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

If you have a problem with your kayak that you believe is covered under warranty, contact the nearest authorized dealer. You can find a listing of all dealers on our website.

If you have additional questions about your kayak or accessories, please visit our online support webpage at www.dagger.com for resources or to find information on contacting a customer service representative.

CONTACT US

Service and Support: (800) 445-3763

Fax: (888) 884-0544

Service and support hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

All warranties and part orders need to be handled through an authorized dealer, we do not sell direct.



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