

Thank you for purchasing a quality Paddle King product. We hope you will have many years of trouble-free enjoyment from your dock. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (989) 235-6776.

Please keep in mind that floating docks are naturally not as stable as a stationary dock. Boat waves and others walking on the dock can cause the dock to pitch to and fro slightly, causing you to lose your balance. Use caution whenever you are on the dock and be mindful of older people and children. If any person is over 350 lbs, they should not be on the dock. Also, the dock should never be used as a diving platform! Please keep in mind that the docks are always more slippery when wet.

#### **How to install the dock:**

The dock can be pushed onto the water using a come-a-long, tractor, or vehicle that has capacity to handle the load. You can use an old tire as a cushion between the end of the dock and a tractor.

#### **Mooring the dock:**

The dock should be augered into the bottom of the pond or lake with the dock poles. If the bottom is solid, the poles with augers should be screwed down about 2 to 3 feet below the lake bottom. If the bottom is very soft, the poles with augers should go down anywhere from 4 to 8 feet. If you are not hitting anything solid, you may want to consider getting longer poles. The tops of the poles should come up above the top of the pole guide by about 20".

The placement of the poles on the dock depends on the water depth and can be moved in 10' increments. If the water is not too deep, the poles should be placed at the end of the dock. If this does not work, the poles should be moved back until the water allows the poles to auger into the bottom while still sticking up 20" above the pole guides.

Once you have your dock in place and the poles installed, you should then screw down the end-auger into the shore, making sure that the "eye" is safely buried so it doesn't create a trip hazard.

#### **Dock take-out and storage:**

If you have a ladder at the end of the dock, it should be taken off before you pull your dock out. Next, you will want to unscrew the poles and pull them up. A rope or strap can be attached to the aluminum cross members on the end of the dock to pull the dock out. Make sure the shore is free from rocks. The dock can be stored directly on a flat surface or evenly supported in several places with used tires. If you have acidic soil, it is best not to store the dock directly on exposed soil.

#### **Treating the wood:**

It is not necessary to treat the wood on your dock as it has been pressure-treated. If you do want to treat the dock, you should wait 2 months after purchasing your dock to let the wood dry out. Wait 3 months if you live in a humid climate. An exception is that some clear sealers can be used right away. Painting (not recommended) or using an oil-based stain should not be done until your dock has weathered about a year. Your home improvement store or marine retail store should be able to recommend a good sealer. When sealing, you should never have your dock in the water. You should also take into consideration that the wood may be slippery when wet after sealing. Also, one coat will most likely do the job. Two coats may actually give an uneven appearance or possibly peel. Once you treat the wood, you may want to re-treat it every year.

#### **Cleaning the wood:**

You shouldn't use any cleaners on your deck that are at all harmful to the environment or the wood. Simply using water and a good scrub brush may do the trick. If not, try spraying some vinegar and water then scrubbing.

#### **Cleaning and protecting the aluminum tubes:**

Weed killers or chemicals used in your lake or pond, especially copper sulfate products, are known to eat through aluminum boats and docks. Improperly grounded electrical current can also cause corrosion to aluminum. We

suggest that you remove any aluminum docks or boats when chemicals are being used in your lake or pond. Please read the chemical product instructions to find out how long it takes for the chemical to dissipate.

The tubes can also be cleaned with a good scrub brush. The tubes will naturally darken at the water line. If you want to clean the tubes, you can use a product called Toon Brite, available through Overtons, West Marine, or Boaters World (all have websites). Toon-Brite makes cleaners, polishers and clear-coats. We have never tested the clear-coat products out, but they may be a good preventative to chemical corrosion, especially if you are worried about what your neighbor may be using either on their lawn or in their water (such as weed-killers), and not telling you.

The tubes may be painted with an anti-fouling paint if they are going to be in brackish or salt-water, or if they have had some previous pitting from either chemical exposure or electrolysis. This should protect the tubes from further damage. You should use a marine-grade anti-fouling paint, which is available through marine retailers such as Overton's, West Marine, or Boater's World. We have also heard that rubber roof coating can be used on the bottoms of the tubes to prevent further pitting, although, we have not tried this ourselves. The cost per can is substantially less than the anti-fouling paint.

### **Trouble-shooting:**

If your dock moves during a big wind, you should try to re-anchor the poles farther into the lake bottom. If it keeps happening, you may want to consider getting longer poles. Paddle King carries poles 12' long, but many dock supply companies carry longer poles.

### **Statement of Limited Warranty Floating Docks**

Paddle King, Inc. extends the following warranty to the original purchaser of each new floating dock (the product) it manufactures: Paddle King warrants all docks to be free from defects in material and workmanship, under normal non-commercial use and service for (2) years from the first date of retail purchase, with the exception of a three (3) year extended warranty on all welded parts and welded seams, subject to the terms and conditions stated below:

1. Warrantor: This warranty is granted by Paddle King, Inc., 7110 S. Crystal Road, Carson City, MI 48811.
2. Parties to whom warranty is granted: This warranty is granted to the original retail purchaser when the dock is sold through an authorized dealer and is not transferable to any subsequent owner of that dock.
3. Warranty covers parts and labor required by an authorized dealer. Shipping or transportation of the dock is the sole responsibility of the customer unless a written authorization from the Paddle King president is obtained.
4. Parts/components covered: all parts manufactured by Paddle King, Inc. and installation of parts, which are manufactured by Paddle King, Inc.
5. Parts not covered: All parts or components that are not manufactured by Paddle King, Inc., such as: wood decking, poles, augers. These parts have separate one-year manufactures' warranty granted by the original manufacturer of the part.
6. Proof of Purchase: All warranty claims must be accompanied by a dated and signed bill of sale from an authorized Paddle King, Inc. dealer.

### **Warranty Exclusions:**

- Damage caused by mold, mildew, pink stain.
- Any maintenance or repairs required due to ordinary wear and tear on the dock.
- Damage caused by non-factory installed items.
- Associated damages claimed to be the result of fungus or termites.
- Damage caused by abuse, neglect, misuse, accident or acts of God.
- Any dock modified in any way, other than upon written instructions from Paddle King, Inc.
- Any dock with damage caused by use of chemicals.
- Slight "cupping" of the wood is normal and not considered to be defective.
- Corrosion of the pontoon tubes due to any cause is not warranted. This includes, but is not limited to: exposure to chemicals which could cause damage to the aluminum tubes and parts. You should be aware of any chemicals that are being used to treat water that comes in contact with the dock, especially in ponds

