

# BLAST Zone



**Instruction Manual & Safety Guide**

Thanks for your Blast Zone® Rip Tide™ purchase! Your Blast Zone® toy is designed for safety and durability. In order to ensure safe play, and maximize the life of your inflatable, please read all instructions carefully before use. ***This item is for home use only, and is not intended for commercial or rental use.***

Blast Zone® inflatables are designed for continuous airflow. This means that pin holes, bubbles and air leakage are necessary to the function of your Blast Zone® toy. The escape of air is required for the correct operation of your inflatable!

## **Safety Precautions**

Blast Zone® inflatables incorporate numerous safety features. Ultimately, you are playing at your own risk, so always follow common sense safety practices. Always obey safety precautions listed within these instructions and on the warning label. If a child's actions appear unsafe for the child, or the inflatable toy, cease behavior immediately. This is an electrically operated product, so all precaution should be taken to prevent electric shock.



Use only Under Adult Supervision.



Never leave children unattended at any time.



Observe precautions on product warning label at all times.



Keep unit away from heat and open flame at all times. Material will burn or melt when in contact with flame or heat.



Children should not use this product if they have any existing medical conditions such as, but not limited to: Neck, back or joint injuries, heart problems, asthma, bronchitis, circulatory problems or other health concerns. Always consult a physician if you have any concerns.



Ensure electrical source is safe and stable before operation.



Keep children away from blower. The blower is not a toy.



Do not insert fingers, toes, etc into the blower, or it may cause injury.



Do not insert foreign objects into the blower. This will cause damage.



Do not bring sharp objects into play area.



Do not eat in play area.



Do not smoke in play area.



In case of blower malfunction, tighten blower vent and evacuate play area immediately.



Do not use in rain, strong wind or extreme weather conditions. As a general rule, Inflatable should not be used during wind speeds over 25mph.



When using slides, never slide head first. Always make sure slide is clear of others before sliding.



Never stand up on slide platform.



Do not leave unit inflated or outside when not in use. Prolonged exposure to sun or strong weather will destroy fabric.



Avoid rough play. Rough play is dangerous for children and can damage the unit.



Do not use in direct sun in temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Direct exposure to sun can heat surfaces to unsafe temperatures for play.

## Setup

This product must be set up and supervised by an adult. Use only on grass or soft surfaces. Do not use on concrete, asphalt, etc. without padding. Always make sure the ground is debris-free before setup, and never drag across rough surfaces.



Unroll product on a suitable, dry, soft and debris-free surface.



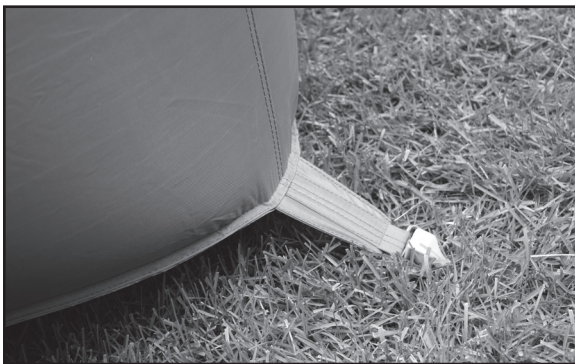
Connect blower(s) to the long inlet, and tie securely. (If your inflatable has an outlet tube, tie this shut before inflating)



Anchor the blower to the ground using the stakes provided. Do not use the blower near water or in wet conditions (position the blower so it is away from any over spray, puddles, wet players, etc). If the blower becomes wet, discontinue use until it is dry. If your blower is equipped with a GFCI near the plug and the blower shuts off, please check the GFCI to resume power. Do not allow any players into the inflatable before it is fully inflated and anchored.



Plug in and start the blower; your unit will inflate within a couple minutes. You must leave the blower running the entire time the inflatable is being used. You will hear air “breathing” out of seams and fabric. This is intentional to allow air to escape.



Once inflated, anchor the inflatable product to the ground using the stakes provided. Never use the inflatable without anchoring it to the ground. Most inflatable injuries are caused by wind gusts. Never use your inflatable in situations where wind may affect play.



If your inflatable requires water attachments, attach the hoses in the correct configuration to the inflatable.

- a.** Attach a standard garden hose to the inlet of the sprayer assembly.
- b.** Slowly open the valve on your garden hose, allowing only enough water for proper use of the item. Limiting water saves natural resources, and protects the sprayer assembly from damage caused by too much pressure.
- c.** The Rip Tide™ is equipped with a sprayer over each slide. Attach the hoses and sprayer using the Velcro loops on the inflatable.

# Take Down Instructions

It is ***EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO STORE THE RIP TIDE™ DRY!*** Ensure that all the players have left play area. Remove any loose articles or debris from play area. Empty any water from water units while still inflated. Allow the unit to continue to run until thoroughly dry. Turn off, and unplug blower. Once product is fully deflated, fold & store in cool, dry area.

## **NEVER STORE YOUR INFLATABLE WITHOUT THOROUGHLY DRYING.**

- To thoroughly dry your inflatable, turn off all sprayers, and deflate the unit. Dump All standing water from the unit and shake dry.
- Once the unit is dry, re-attach the blowers, and re-inflate the unit. Your unit will begin to dry from the inside-out. This is critical to avoiding issues such as mold and mildew, and to prolonging the life of your Blast Zone® inflatable.

# Important Care Instructions

In order to maximize usage, care instructions must be followed.



Environmental factors such as prolonged exposure to sun, water, heat or cold will destroy inflatables, so the inflatable must not be left outside when not in use.



Inflatables **MUST** be stored dry, or mold will develop and cause irreparable decay to the material. Please note this will void your warranty. Units left outside in humid environments will develop mold as well. Refrain from storing your item in airtight containers, as mold/mildew may develop.



Maximum weight limits must be obeyed at all times, or the unit may fail.



Do not use harsh chemicals to clean your inflatable. Soap and water may be used sparingly.



Seams and splits can be repaired utilizing a needle and strong thread (not included). The patch kit included is suitable for minor repairs.



To repair, deflate the product thoroughly, and ensure the surface is dry. Cut patches to sizes suitable for repair. Apply glue on both the repair patches, and the damaged surface. For larger punctures and rips, the unit can be repaired using the included patch and strong thread.



Your Blast Zone® bouncer is designed with inner stitching and constant air flow, so the unit is still functional with small holes. If outside stitching separates, stitches can be repaired using common thread. Thanks to inner stitching, the inflatable will still work.

# Troubleshooting

## **THERE IS WATER INSIDE THE BLADDER OF MY UNIT**

To remove water, pick up your inflatable in a manner to direct water toward the short tube in the back of the inflatable. The water will run out of this tube. Once the water is out, re-inflate the inflatable with the short tube open, and **DO NOT ALLOW ANY PLAYERS INSIDE**. The airflow will dry the inflatable from the inside out, prolonging the life of the inflatable. **NEVER** store wet.

## **THE UNIT DOES NOT STAY INFLATED**

Make sure the fan is on, attached to the long tube of the inflatable and running continuously while the inflatable is being used. Make sure the deflation valve (short tube) is tied shut during use. Make sure the weight of users does not exceed manufacturers specifications.

## **MY INFLATABLE DOES NOT FIT IN ITS CASE**

Make sure that all the air is out of the inflatable. Fold the inflatable over every 24 inches, pressing extra air out. Once the inflatable is folded over multiple times to one long run of approximately 24" wide, roll the inflatable from one end to the other, into a "sleeping bag shape," continuing to push excess air out.

## **THERE IS A PUNCTURE HOLE IN MY INFLATABLE**

The best way to permanently patch a hole is to use strong thread or fishing line to sew the included patch(s) over the hole. Using glue is a short-term fix only, and may not last.

## **CAN I RENT OUT MY BLAST ZONE RESIDENTIAL INFLATABLE?**

Blast Zone residential inflatables are not designed for rental or commercial use.

## **THERE IS AIR AND/OR BUBBLES COMING OUT OF MY INFLATABLE**

This is normal. Air must escape for the inflatable to function properly.

## **I HEAR A HISSING NOISE**

This is normal. Air must escape for the inflatable to function properly, which may cause a hissing noise.

## **DO WATER SLIDES WORK DRY?**

Water slides slide much better wet. Some items have features that may be used wet or dry.

## **I FEEL LIKE MY WATER PARK WASTES WATER**

Very little water is required to make the slides function. Blast Zone Water Parks have flow restriction, but you may also adjust your water flow at the hose faucet, to allow just enough water for the slides to function.

## **WATER ESCAPES FROM THE SPLASH AREA OF MY INFLATABLE**

This is normal.

## **CAN I STORE MY INFLATABLE OUTSIDE?**

No, you must store your inflatable every day. Weather conditions will destroy your inflatable if it is left out.

## **CAN ADULTS USE BLAST ZONE RESIDENTIAL INFLATABLES?**

Yes, but only if the adult is under the recommended user weight.

## **MY BLOWER IS NOT WORKING**

Make sure you are using standard 110 power. Blast Zone blowers do not function on 220. If your Blower is equipped with a GFCI on the plug, make sure the GFCI is on, not in Test Mode. Check your outlet to make sure it is on.

# Warranty

Blast Zone® warrants all products to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for *90 days*, and *blowers for 1 year*, from the original date of purchase. Blast Zone®, at its sole discretion will repair or replace your item with the same item or an item of equal or greater value. Most problems can quickly be resolved by writing or emailing the contacts listed below. Replacements may require up to 4 weeks for delivery. This warranty does not cover damage caused by neglect, misuse, extreme weather conditions or abuse. **DO NOT RETURN TO STORE.** Please contact us for instructions.

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In some circumstances, the retailer's warranty may take precedent over the manufacturer's warranty. In these circumstances, you may be required to contact your Blast Zone® retailer.

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Rip Tide™ by Blast Zone®

## **WARNING:**



Max Players

**1 on Slide**  
**3 in Splash Area**



Max. Individual Height

**5 ft. / 152 cm**



Max Weight Per User

**100lbs / 45 kg**



Ages

**3-10**



**No Sharp Objects**



**No Glasses**



**No Jewelry**



**No Shoes**



**No Rough Play**



**No Extension Cords**



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