

A WORD ABOUT WOODBOWS

Thank you your purchase. We hope that you enjoy your new bow. But before you do, be sure to read this article in its entirety, along with the guide to Stringing Your Bow. Failure to do so could void the guarantee. Please note, bows that are broken from being strung backwards will not be replaced.

Respect your bow. This is a weapon and is potentially dangerous. Do **not**, under any circumstance, aim at other people or fire in a direction where people are or may be present. Make sure the area is clear before releasing any arrow and make sure to check and comply with all applicable laws and ordinances in your locality.

If this is your first time shooting a woodbow, there are a few things you should know. Never pull a bow beyond its stated draw length, which is written on the back of the lower limb. For example, 45#@28" indicates that the bow pulls forty-five pounds at twenty-eight inches, measured from the back of the bow.

Always use a feathered arrow, preferably of wood, and check frequently for cracks and loose feathers to prevent injury to the bow hand. Never shoot a bow without an arrow.

To shoot your bow, start out at a distance of no more than five yards from the target. Grip the handle of the bow with your left hand, if right handed, so it is even with the top of the wrapping, or just below the arrow rest, if the bow has one. Let the arrow rest on the first knuckle of the bow hand, or on the arrow rest. Grip the string with the first three fingers, placing one finger above the arrow and two below. Slowly, pull the bowstring back to full draw while concentrating on the target and release. Some archers use an anchor point such as the corner of the mouth, or the extended thumb touching the top of the ear or cheekbone. Experiment to see what works best for you. It is important that draw and release be done in one smooth motion, holding the bow at full draw for no more than one or two seconds.

Care and maintenance of the bow is very important. Always unstring the bow after use with the provided bow stringer. The string should be checked frequently for wear, especially at the nocks and the nocking point. Also, check to make sure the brace height (the distance from the back of the bow to the string) is about six and one-half inches. To increase brace height, simply remove the string from the lower limb and twist counter clockwise. The bow should be stored in a cool, dry place, avoiding extremes of heat, moisture, or dryness.

ROUGH AND READY FINISHING

Rough and Ready Bows need to be oiled before shooting, and once or twice per year after that to prevent the wood from drying out. Vaseline petroleum jelly works well for this. Simply rub both the wood and linen thoroughly and then wipe off. You may use boiled linseed oil, neats foot oil, or other slow drying wood finishes. Avoid using a fast drying polyurethane as it may spot the linen. If a more permanent finish is desired, use Minwax water-based polyurethane. It works well on both wood and linen, and you may apply several coats, lightly sanding in between.

Stringing Your Bow

Your bow comes with two strings: one white bow string and one black bow stringer. Use the instructions below to properly string your new bow.



Step 1

Locate the end of the bow with two sets of knocks. This is the upper limb. Attach one loop of the black bow stringer to the upper knock of the upper limb.



Step 2

Attach the other loop of the black bow stringer over the white bow string on the lower limb.



Step 3

To string the bow, the **flat/linen-backed side should face up** towards the sky. The **rounded and all-wood side should face down** towards the ground. Place your foot on the black bow string, directly underneath the bow handle.



Step 4

Slowly pull up the bow handle with one hand and slide the bowstring into the nock with the other. Be sure to turn your face in the opposite direction as much as possible during this operation. Once the bow is strung, remove the black bow stringer.

Please note: You must check to make sure that the string is securely placed in both nocks before shooting. This stringer can only be used with this bow. If you have any questions or problems using this stringer, please contact your bow seller.