

Pipa

To assemble.

Lay the sail face down, rotate the 4mm spine and fit the end with the end cap into the pocket at the bottom of the sail. Fit the single loop line from the top bridle point over the arrow nock on the top of the spine, and then twist the spine to wrap the loop line around the spine to tension the sail.

Now fit the double bowing line into the arrow nock, this bows the top spar and prevents the tension line from untwisting. The top spar should now be bowed by about 3". The amount of bowing can be adjusted by moving the sliding knots on either side of the double bow line. Check that the spine is centred, adjust the bow line knots to suit.

Slide the 3mm carbon bow between the sail and the spine and fit it into the outer pockets.

Tie the ribbon around the spine and bow.

Check the bow lies evenly on the back of the kite, slide through the tie to adjust.

To Fly.

The kite should launch and fly as a normal fighter, so adjust the bridle point until the kite spins well on a slack line and tracks straight when taking in line. Once this point has been found do not change it, alter the setting by changing the bow for different wind conditions. Less bow for light winds more for higher. If the kite will not spin evenly in both directions or track straight then the bow may need to be centred.

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