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1 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations and thank you for your decision for a skywalk glider! We can assure you that this decision will be honored with plenty of joy in flying. To ensure that you feel at home on your new glider, we recommend you thoroughly read the Owners Manual/Operating Instructions. This way you will get to know your skywalk MASALA quickly and easily. The following instructions will help to maintain your skywalk MASALA in excellent condition, to use it safely and have fun with it for a very long time. If you have any questions, remarks or suggestions for improvement, please don't hesitate to contact us by fax, e-mail or phone. We will be happy to help anytime.

Your skywalk-team



2 DESCRIPTION

The MESCAL was a true innovation. It was the worldwide first paraglider implementing JET FLAP Technology. The JET FLAP Technology made its way consequently in the passed years and following the philosophy it is only natural that the MASALA contains the re-developed JET FLAP Technology.

Flying conditions in the mountains can be extremely demanding, so a forgiving start and landing behaviour is twice as important in a Mountain Glider. The JET FLAP technology also guarantees low landing speeds and a high safety potential. A lot of work in testflying and state of the art CAD Software made it possible to launch a product which will for sure again set standards.

The MASALA combines safety and performance on a high level and guarantees year-long use despite its low weight. Thanks to new developments in profile the wing remains stable and steerable, weak thermals can be transformed into height effectively because of excellent low speed attributes. Practically only every second cell is suspended, this saves linemeters. It reduces drag which improves performance at the same time. Every cell contains diagonal- and compressionbands for an optimum load distribution.

Compression bands in the cells are responsible for an equal load distribution. An intricate distribution of tension inside and along the canopy increases the stability further and eliminates unwanted deformations. The outside wing was designed to carry less load in order to achieve an even and predictable feel in turns. Large cross-ports in the ribs create an effective inflation of all cells without reducing the profiles shape. Velcro bands are attached to the outer wings to make it easier to empty the sand from the glider.

3 LINESYSTEM

Thanks to extensive tests the lines of the MASALA show high stability and at the same time small diameter.

The control of the lines as well as the effective use of the accelerator was an issue for us. Taking all calculations into consideration, weight comes to the forefront along with durability and safety. That's where the new approved Dyneema Lines from Liros come into play.

The skywalk MASALA has 3 A-, 3 B- and 1 stabiliser line, 3 C- and 2 D-main lines. Secondary lines: Top lines (top of the line system under the canopy), intermediate lines (they unite 2 or 4 top lines) and main lines. These unite 2 or 4 intermediate lines and lead to the carabiner at the riser (maillon rapide which connects the main lines with the riser). The stabiliser lines connect to the top stabiliser lines with the carabiner. The brake lines are none carrying and lead from the back of the canopy (=trailing edge) over the main brake line through the pulley on the D-riser to the brake handle.

There is a mark on the main brake line indicating the position of the handle attachment. This adjustment mustn't be altered in order to provide enough brake feedback for landing and in extreme flight situations yet enough slack not to continuously brake the glider in normal flight.

For better identification, the A-lines and the A-risers are coloured red and the Stabiliser is coloured pink. The B-lines, main brake lines and the brake lines are coloured yellow and all the other lines are blue. The shackles are specially developed and fit perfectly on the thin Risers, a plastic ring prevents the looped-in lines from slipping.

The skywalk MASALA uses 5 risers on each side. The 2 inner main lines are attached to the front A-riser. The external A-main line attaches to the second A-riser.

The B-main lines lead to the B-riser.

The C-main lines lead to the C-riser.

The D-main lines and the stabiliser lead to the D-riser.

For line arrangements, look under line plans, page 67.

IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNING:

Flying a paraglider require maximum caution at all times. Be aware that flying your paraglider is at your own risk. As a pilot you have to guarantee the flying capability of your paraglider before every single flight.

Don't use your skywalk MASALA:

- > Outside the certified take-off weight.
- > With any engine, except if you have a license from the BHPA / USHPGA
- > In rainy, snowy and extremely turbulent weather conditions or high winds.
- > In fog or clouds.
- > With insufficient experience or training.

Every pilot is responsible for their own safety and will have to ensure that their aircraft (paraglider) has been checked and serviced for its airworthiness before flying. You can only fly your skywalk MASALA with a valid flying license and in accordance with local rules and regulations. During its production your skywalk MASALA has passed thorough quality control checks. More spot checks were performed before its despatch.

4 TECHNICAL DATA

Typ	XS	SM
Number of cells	39	39
Area [qm]	23,18	26,08
Wingspan [m]	10,55	11,19
Aspect ratio	4,8	4,8
Area projected [qm]	20	22,5
Wingspan projected [m]	8,4	8,91
Aspect ratio projected	3,53	3,53
linelength [cm]	639	668
Line diameter [mm]	1/1,2/1,8	1/1,2/1,8
Cord max. [cm]	271	287
Cord min. [cm]	59	62
Canopy weight [kg]	4,1	4,3
max. Takeoff weight* [kg]	55-90	75-105
Pilot + 17 kg equipment		

This paraglider meets the demands of the regulations of german hanggliding association, DHV and the CEN at the time of distribution. Further details of the construction and the measurements are described in the DHV-type sheet, which ist part of this manual. The measurements of the line elements are listed in the type sheet or in the lineplans. They are measured with 5 kg weight. The DHV measures from the line carabiner to the bottom sail.

CAUTION:

THE TYPE SHEET IS PRINTED ONTO THE INSIDE OF THE STABILO. THE DHV CERTIFICATION STICKER CAN BE FOUND IN A POCKET ON THE MIDDLE CELL. DATE AND NAME OF THE PILOT OF THE FIRST FLIGHT HAVE TO BE ENTERED! THE DHV CERTIFICATION STICKER HAS TO BE FIXED TO THE PARAGLIDER!

5 ACCELERATION SYSTEM

The skywalk MASALA can be equipped with an enclosed foot operated Acceleration-System.

CAUTION:

THE DHV RATING OF SOME GLIDER SIZES CAN CHANGE DURING THE USE OF THE ACCELERATION SYSTEM IN FLIGHT. TO DETERMINE WHICH SIZES ARE AFFECTED PLEASE CHECK THE TYPE SHEET.

The acceleration-system effects the A-, B- and C-risers. Originally, all the risers have the same lengths: 46,5 cm over all. By using the acceleration-system, the A-riser are shortened 12 cm, the B-riser 9,5cm and the C-riser a maximum of 4,5 cm. The D-riser stays at its original length. This way the perfect shape of the canopy is maintained even during the accelerated flight. Pictures on page 70

Installing the accelerator equipment:

Most commonly used harnesses have pulleys for the acceleration-system already attached. The acceleration line runs from the front through the pulleys at the harness to the top. They are tied to the "Brummel-hooks" at the right length. With the right adjustment of the acceleration lines, the foot-bar can be reached easily with angled legs during flight. By straightening the legs, the whole acceleration range can be used. Prior to flying, the connection hooks of the foot-operated accelerator and the acceleration-system have to be connected to each other (Brummel-hooks). Check that the acceleration line runs freely.

Function: By using the foot-operated accelerator the pilot reduces the force via a pulleysystem by half and shortens the A-, B- and C- risers. Pictures on page 70

6 HARNESS

The skywalk MASALA is licensed for all certified harnesses of the GH type (harnesses without solid cross-bracing). Be aware that the level of suspension changes the relative braking distance.

CAUTION:

FULLY CROSS-BRACED HARNESES EFFECT THE HANDLING DRASTICALLY AND DO NOT LEAD TO HIGHER SAFETY!



7 FLIGHT TECHNIQUES AND CHARACTERISTICS

PRE-FLIGHT CHECK AND MAINTENANCE:

It is important to check all paragliding equipment thoroughly before every flight to see if it has any defects. Also check the paraglider after long flights and after long storage.

Check thoroughly:

- > All seams of the harness, of the risers and the of the reserve bridle.
- > That all connecting parts, maillons and carabiners are closed.
- > The brake-line knots on both sides and follow the brake-line to the top.
- > All the other lines from riser to canopy.
- > All the line attachment points at the canopy.
- > If the top or bottom of the wing are damaged or perished.
- > The ribs and crossports from inside.

DO NOT START IF YOU DETECT ANY DEFECTS, EVEN IF THEY ARE MINOR!

If you find any damage or excessive wear and tear please get in touch with your flying school.

Laying out the glider:

If you use your paraglider for the first time we recommend that you practise some inflations and try some simple flights at a training site. This way you are able to get used to your skywalk MASALA.

Lay out the canopy so that the leading edge is slightly arched. The middle of the canopy should form the deepest point of the paraglider. This way the A-lines are tensioned first in the middle whilst inflating. The paraglider inflates evenly which ensures a stable and straight take off.

Separate A, B, C, D-lines and risers and put in order. Make sure that the brake lines run freely through the pulleys to the trailing edge of the paraglider. All lines have to run freely without any knots and twists from the risers to the canopy. During flight, tied or crossed over lines can often not be released or untangled!

The brake-lines are lying directly on the ground, so please pay attention that they can't ensnarl during launch. There shouldn't be any lines beneath the canopy during take-off. Line-overs can have fatal consequences!

TAKE-OFF:

The skywalk MASALA is very easy to launch.

Hold the two A-risers and the brake handles in your hands. For a better identification, the A-lines and covers at the A-risers are coloured red. The brake lines are coloured yellow and the brake handles are black.

Hold your arms slightly sideways and backwards like an extension of the A-risers. Before launching check the laid out glider. Further check the wind direction and the air-space! Pull rapidly and the canopy of the skywalk MASALA will launch and rise above your head. The canopy will inflate fast and reliable. Keep the paraglider straight above your head and run forward. Slow down a little as soon as the upward pull decreases. You can open any collapsed cells by pumping the affected side.

Changes of directions that are necessary can be carried out now. Look and feel that the wing is properly inflated. Don't make your final decision to accelerate or to take-off until you are absolutely sure that the wing is properly and evenly inflated. Otherwise, stop the take-off produce immediately!

During reverse launches and in strong winds, it is possible that the paraglider surges forward and inflates faster than intended. You can counteract this by running towards the glider. We recommend to practice this demanding launch technique on a flat slope! If you reverse launch it is advisable to only use the inside A-risers.

This way the paraglider inflates a little slower and in strong winds you don't have to deal with the full pressure at once.

MASALA also is equipped with the innovatice JET FLAP Technology. Air is conducted from the bottom sail (pressure area) to the top sail (low-pressure area) and is blown out there with higher speed. The connection is established through jet shaped channels, which are located in the rear section of the wing. When increasing the angle-of-attack the danger of airflow interruption and subsequent stalling is minimized.

Results: the constant airflow even at great angles-of-attack delays the stall, the flyable minimum speed is lowered and the pilot has a higher incidence range. This is of great importance, especially during starting and landing.

Of course, the Jet-Flaps are no reason for uncontrolled braking, but the slow flight characteristics of the MASALA profit immensely.

You don't need any special knowledge to have control of the flap system, the use of a Jet-Flap paraglider is the same as a conventional glider.

TURNING:

The skywalk MASALA is very manoeuvrable and reacts to steering inputs directly and without delays. Simple weight shift enables you to fly very wide turns with minimal altitude loss.

Combined steering technique: Weight shifting and pulling of the inside brake line allow extra tight turns. During turning you can control the speed, the curve radius and banking by additional use of the outer brake. Counter braking or releasing the brake lines can change these parameters most effectively.

CAUTION:**PULLING THE BRAKE LINES TOO FAR AND TOO FAST CAN CAUSE A FULL STALL!**

You will recognise a flat spin through high steering pressure and a slight backwards folding of the outer wing section. If this happens you have to release the inside brake immediately.

Emergency Steering:

In case one or both brake lines break you are able to steer and land the skywalk MASALA with the aid of the D-risers.

Active Flying:

Active flying means flying in harmony with your paraglider. Anticipate the behaviour of your skywalk MASALA in flight, especially in turbulent and thermal conditions and react accordingly. In calm air necessary corrections will be minimal, but turbulence demands permanent attention and the use of brakes and weight shifting with the harness. Good pilots have instinctive reactions. It is important that you always have direct contact to the canopy by slight pressure on the brakes in order to feel the stored energy of the glider. This way you will recognise a loss of pressure in your canopy and subsequent collapse early and are able to react in time. MASALA is featured with a profile that mitigates turbulences. This provides high resistance against collapses, however it can happen without a pilots reaction.

EXAMPLES:

When flying into strong thermals, you have to release the brakes. When flying into falling airstream, pull the brakes. This way you can avoid extensive changes of the angle of attack. In turbulent air, you feel the release in pressure on parts of the glider through the feedback from your brakes.

You can balance this by quickly pulling the brake a little more until the pressure returns. Always apply brakes softly and progressively. Don't slow down your glider too fast as this can increase the danger of stalling! By active flying you can avoid almost all deformations of the glider in advance.

Accelerated Flying:

To use the acceleration-system you will need to use a little effort. This can affect the sitting position in the harness. Therefore we recommend an upright position in the harness. Adjust the harness before your first attempt of accelerated flight.

We remind you to only fly in wind conditions that don't require constant use of the acceleration-system. To reach the maximum speed press the acceleration-system firmly until both pulleys on the A-risers touch each other.

As soon as you apply the acceleration-system the angle of attack will be reduced, the speed increases, but the paraglider becomes less stable and can collapse more easily. Therefore always use the acceleration-system with adequate height above the ground, obstacles and other aircraft. Avoid flying with too short brake lines. Accelerated collapses are normally more impulsive and demand fast reactions.

NEVER ACCELERATE IN TURBULENT AIR! NEVER ACCELERATE NEAR THE GROUND! NEVER LET GO OF THE BRAKE HANDLES!

In case the glider collapses you will have to release the acceleration-system immediately to stabilise and reopen your paraglider.

LANDING:

The skywalk MASALA can be landed easily. Make your final approach against the wind and let the glider slow down at its own rate. Further reduce the speed by applying the brakes lightly and evenly. At about 1m above the ground you increase the angle of attack by slowing down more and eventually completely flare out the glider. When you have reached the minimal speed apply full brake. In strong head winds, slow down carefully. When you have reached the ground safely, stall the glider warily. Avoid turning sharply before your final approach. This increases the danger of pendulum effect!

TOWING:

The skywalk MASALA is very suitable for towing.

- > Make sure you climb from the ground at a flat angle.
- > The pilot must have a valid towing license.
- > The used tow winch has to be authorised.
- > The winch operator must have a towing license, which includes paragliding.

When towing always steer sensitively, do not brake too much because the glider already flies at an increased angle of attack.

MOTORISED FLIGHT:

You can inform yourself about the current status of certification of motorised flight at your dealer, national distributor or directly through us. At this time (October 2007) we don't have a license.

Carefully packing your paraglider will increase the longevity of your glider.

- > Empty the glider from all debris such as leaves, twigs, grass, sand etc.
- > Sort out your lines and spread them evenly on the glider.
- > Make sure the glider is dry when storing it for a longer period of time.
- > Fold the glider starting in the middle and working your way to the outside always folding 2 cells, so that the leading edge is folded cleanly.
- > Fold the cells, starting from the second cell from the middle, so that the reinforced edges of the cell openings are on top of each other.
- > Do the same at the lower long-edge of the glider.
- > This folding method is best done together with a friend, but you should be able to do the same on your own after some practice.
- > Then press the air out of the folded glider starting at the bottom and working your way to the top.
- > Fold the whole row once toward the middle.
- > Do exactly the same on the other side. Then fold one half onto the other half and make sure the leading edge are foldeded cleanly.
- > Start wrapping up the glider from its lower end. The wraps should be approx. 1ft. wide.
- > The leading edge can be folded inwards once, but is not necessary.

The left over air should be pressed out of the glider and not through the material (this can increase the porosity of your glider).

- > Now attach the compression band around the packed wing, at right angles to the cell openings, then slide the glider into the light nylon bag. This helps to protect the cloth from being damaged by sharp edges or zippers from your harness.
- > Open the Packsack and place your glider on the inside edge. The soft wing on your back will make transportation much more comfortable.
- > Place the harness with the seat board facing up on top of your glider and close the zippers.
- > Put the rest of your equipment (helmet, overall, instruments etc.) under the hood of your Packsack.
- > For really big Harnesses we have the Packsack in XL, too (approx. 16 ox. 30 litres more!)

8 DESCENT TECHNIQUES

The MASALA MANUAL is not a textbook for learning how to paraglide. According to the local rules and regulations, instruction and training must be carried out in licensed schools. The following information enables you to get the most out of your skywalk MASALA.

SPIRAL DIVE:

You can initiate the spiral dive by carefully increasing the pull on one of the brakes and simultaneously shifting your weight to the inside of the turn. If the glider doesn't bank up and the sink rate doesn't increase, then try again. Don't just apply more and more brake without sensitivity.

The skywalk MASALA enters the spiral dive with a high bank angle and makes a fast steep turn. The banking and sinking can be controlled by dosed pulling resp. loosening the inner brakeline. Smooth braking of the outer wingtip avoids collapsing and also speed can be controlled better in hard spirals.

The spiral is the most effective tool in losing height. This is advantage and disadvantage at the same time, the pilot needs to be able to handle the resulting high sinkrates.

CAUTION:

THE HIGH SINK RATE CAUSES HIGH PHYSICAL STRAIN DUE TO THE INCREASING CENTRIFUGAL FORCES AND MAY CAUSE BLACKOUTS!

Tensing the stomach muscles during the spiral dive can be helpful. At the first signs of dizziness or feeling faint exit the spiral dive immediately. Because of the extreme loss of altitude experienced during a spiral dive always ensure you have enough height above ground. To avoid a strong surge when exiting the spiral dive you have to release the inside brake while applying the outer brake slightly. The skywalk MASALA has no tendency for locking into a spiral dive. In case it keeps on turning under unfavourable circumstances (e.g. unintended asymmetry of the cross brace harness) you will have to actively finish the spiral dive. In this case shift your weight to the outside of the turn and simultaneously apply more outside brake.

Applying both brakes will also take the paraglider out of the spiral dive but the glider can front tuck and you should dampen the exit with the brakes. Remember: Compared to regular flight manoeuvres the steering forces in a spiral dive are a lot higher.

B-LINE STALL:

The B-lines are pulled down symmetrically (20cm). Keep the brake handles in the respective hands. The airflow on top of the profile largely detaches and the paraglider descends without flying forward. By pulling the B-lines stronger the canopy surface decreases and the descent increases.

You can exit the stall by quick and symmetric release of the B-lines. The paraglider will pitch forward and pick up speed. At no time you may use the brakes in this case! You must exit the B-line stall immediately if the canopy starts to form a forward facing semi-circle.

If the wing doesn't reopen you may speed up the opening process by gently braking.



BIG EARS:

In contrast to the spiral dive and B-line stall, Big Ears result in an increase of forward speed in relation to the gliders sink rate.

Big Ears is used to avoid or exit dangerous areas in a horizontal direction.

EXAMPLES:

In strong winds or below a thundercloud at low altitude it is possible that neither B-line stall or spiral dive will help. Big Ears are the easy way out.

If the pilot is stuck in strong lift and needs to look for sink it is advisable to exit the lift band with the use of Big Ears. To fold the outer wingtip you only need to pull the outer A-lines symmetrically. In doing so it make sense to grap the lines as far up as possible for folding maximum area. MASALA owns a separate crossline for optimising the folded area. It is not necessary for the pilot to follow anything special because of the crossline, just enjoy the effect.

The skywalk MASALA will enter now a stable forward flight. The brake handles remain in your hands together with the outer A-risers. Braking and weight shift enables you to steer your paraglider. In order to increase the sink and forward speed you can optimise this manoeuvre by using the acceleration-system. The risk of canopy destabilisation in turbulent air is clearly reduced when using Big Ears.

To exit Big Ears release the A-lines. The canopy will unfold automatically. You may brake a little to support the unfolding. It is advisable to pump out one side at a time to reduce the risk of detaching airflow.

CAUTION:

ALL DESCENT TECHNIQUES SHOULD BE TRAINED IN CALM AIR AND WITH SUFFICIENT ALTITUDE BEFORE USING THEM IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND IN TURBULENT AIR.

Any extreme flight manoeuvre and descent technique demands:

- > Training, either with an instructor in a paragliding school or during a security > training course.
- > Double-checking that before entering a manoeuvre you have sufficient altitude > and clear air space below.
- > Permanent visual contact with the canopy.

9 EXTREME FLIGHT MANOEUVRES

ASYMMETRIC TUCK:

In strong turbulence, the canopy may collapse. The skywalk MASALA will re-open automatically even after bigger collapses within a turn of 180. The turning towards the collapsed wing section can be minimised by braking on the remaining open side of the canopy. In case of a big collapse you will have to use small brake movements in order to avoid a stall. In case the canopy still doesn't recover you can accelerate the opening process by pumping the brake on the tucked side.

CRAVAT/LINE OVER:

This type of instability never occurred during any of our test flights with the skywalk MASALA. Still, in extremely turbulent air or during exceptional piloting errors it is possible that the folded wing section might get tangled in the lines. The pilot may then stabilise the paraglider by careful counter-braking. Without immediate intervention of the pilot a cravated paraglider will turn into a strong spiral dive.

There are several possibilities to untangle the paraglider:

- > Pumping on the folded side.
- > Pulling the stabilo-lines (tip-lines).

In case none of these manoeuvres have any success you can try to unfold the paraglider by performing a Full Stall. Only experienced pilots, with a lot of flight experience should attempt this manoeuvre. Make sure you have enough altitude to recover the Full Stall in time.

CAUTION:

IF NONE OF THESE MANOEUVRES ARE SUCCESSFULL OR THE PILOT FEELS OVERWHELMED BY THE SITUATION THE RESERVE PARASHUTE SHOULD BE DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY!

FRONT TUCK:

The paraglider can be front tucked by a strong pull on the A-risers or when encountering strong sink. The leading edge will fold forward along the whole length of the wing. Light braking will reduce the forward surge and will help to speed up the opening of the canopy. The skywalk MASALA will normally recover from a Front Tuck automatically and without pilot input.

THE PARACHUTAL STALL:

The paraglider has no forward speed and a much increased descent rate. The Parachutal Stall may follow a too passively released B-line Stall. Porous canopy fabric (excessive UV-degradation) or frequent, strong towing (stretched A-lines) results in an increased risk of a Parachutal Stall. The pilot can recover from the Parachutal Stall by slightly pushing the A-risers forward at the mallions or by using the accelerator. The skywalk MASALA usually exits the Parachutal Stall automatically.

CAUTION:

AS SOON AS YOU APPLY THE BRAKES DURING A PARACHUTAL STALL THE PARAGLIDER WILL IMMEDIATELY ENTER A FULL STALL. IF STILL IN A PARACHUTAL STALL CLOSE TO THE GROUND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RECOVER BUT STRAIGHTEN UP YOUR POSITION IN THE HARNESS AND PREPARE FOR A PARACHUTE LANDING ROLL.

FULL STALL:

In order to Full Stall your paraglider take a wrap on both brake handles and pull strongly and symmetrically until the airflow breaks away from the canopy. The canopy will drop backwards. Despite this violent reaction keep the brakes fully depressed until the canopy stabilises above your head. In a Full Stall the skywalk MASALA flies backwards but doesn't always form a forward facing semi-circle. This semi-circle can be achieved by a slower entry into the Full Stall. In order to exit a Full Stall the pilot will have to release the brakes slowly and symmetrically. (Recovery time \geq 1 sec). The glider opens and surges forward to pick up speed. Brake gently to dampen the forward surge of the skywalk MASALA and to counteract a possible Front Tuck.

CAUTION:

IN CASE THE FULL STALL IS RELEASED TOO EARLY, TOO FAST OR WITH THE WRONG TECHNIQUE THE CANOPY MAY SHOOT FORWARDS A VERY LONG WAY!

NEGATIVE SPINS:

A paraglider spins backwards if the airflow disconnects over one half of the wing caused by the inside wing turning in the opposite direction of flight. There are two reasons for the Negative Spin:
 > One brake is pulled to far and too hard (e.g. when entering a spiral dive)
 > One brake is pulled too hard when flying slow (e.g. in thermal flying).
 The skywalk MASALA usually re-enters normal flight immediately after the brake is released without any great loss of height. Simply release the excessively induced brake until the airflow re-connects to the inside wing.
 After a long lasting spin it is possible that when releasing the brake the canopy might shoot forward and collapse. Cross-braced harnesses that are too narrow increase the tendency to spin on most paragliders.

WINGOVER:

Alternating left/right turns lead to an increased banking of the canopy. The load on the outside wing tip to a minimum (the tip starts to feel light). Further turns and higher banking is not recommended at this stage as the canopy might collapse on the inside wing section.

CAUTION:

FULL STALL, NEGATIVE SPIN AND WINGOVERS (ABOVE 90°) ARE ILLEGAL ACROBATIC FLIGHT MANOEUVRES AND ARE NOT PERMITTED IN REGULAR AIR TRAFFIC. WRONG OR EXCESSIVE STEERING IN THESE SITUATIONS MAY HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES INDEPENDENT OF THE TYPE OF PARAGLIDER USED!

10 MATERIALS

The skywalk MASALA is manufactured out of highest-grade materials. skywalk has chosen the best possible combination of materials regarding durability, performance and longevity. We know that durability is a deciding factor for the customer's satisfaction.

Wing and Ribs:

- Upper Sail aerofabrix^[A] 29
- Bottom Sail Porcher Marine Nylon
- Ribs Porcher Marine Nylon
- Leading edge reinforcements Dacron
- Attachment point reinforcements Dacron

Lines:

LIROS have been the world's leading producer of paragliding lines for quite some time. We chose the TSL lines because of their little stretch and the high length constance.

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| Top- and Brake-Lines | DSL 70 as well as PPSL120 |
| A-, B-Main-Lines | PPSL 200 |
| C-, D- and Stabilo Main-Lines | NTSL 160 |
| Main Brake-Lines | DFLP 200 |

Risers:

The Risers are produced with 12,5 mm Polyester Webbing with Kevlar inserts manufactured by Cousin Freres. Stretch values, strength and stability of this material is amongst the leading positions of all webbing products currently on the market.

11 MAINTENANCE

With proper maintenance, your skywalk MASALA will be in an airworthy condition for several years. A well looked after paraglider lasts a lot longer than one which is packed in its bag without care after use.

Always remember: Your life depends on your paraglider!

The MASALA is equipped with innovative aerofabrix^[A] 29. This high-performance cloth is unique in its combination of durability with minimal weight. Please read the Tips and Tricks for "Handling of aerofabrix^[A] 29

Storage:

Store your paraglider in a dry location, protected from light and away from chemicals! Damp is a natural enemy for any paraglider. Therefore always make sure your paragliding equipment is dry before packing it away. Dry if necessary in a heated room.

Cleaning:

Rubbing and cleaning leads to faster deterioration of your paraglider. The PU and Aluminum-coated cloth of the skywalk MASALA is highly soil-resistant. If you still think that your paraglider needs to be cleaned, then use a soft and wet towel or sponge. Don't use any soap or detergents. Never use inflammable products.

Repair:

All repairs must be carried out by the manufacturer or by an authorised skywalk-Service-Centre. Amateur repairs can cause more harm than good.

Wear:

The skywalk MASALA mainly consists of Nylon fabric that loses strength and shows an increase in porosity under the influence of UV-radiation. Only unfold the paraglider shortly before starting and pack away immediately after landing to avoid any unnecessary sun exposure.

Line-Repairs:

The lines of the skywalk MASALA consist of a Dyneema-core and a Polyester-cover. Avoid heavy loads on single lines, as excessive stretch may be irreversible. Repeated folding or kinking of lines at the same spot reduces their strength even if it's just a little. Every visual damage of a line, even if it is only the line coating, requires a replacement. Only acquire new lines from the manufacturer or from an authorised skywalk-Service-Centre.

Your flying school or your dealer will assist you to change a defect line. Check the correct length of the line before replacing it. Compare with its counterpart on the opposite side of your glider. After the exchange a line-check will be necessary. The best way to this is by unfolding the glider on the ground!

Tips and Tricks for Cloth Handling:

Aerofabrix 29 is metallized with mist-fine nano-coatings of aluminium, in order to reflect UV rays, and therefore markedly slow down the aging properties of the cloth.

In order to care for and ensure the continued performance of your Glider and this special high-performance cloth, it is imperative that you adhere to the following guidelines.

Therefore, the following Instructions for Handling and Care:

1. Avoid any unnecessary exposure to sun or weathering. During start, do not lay the glider on the ground for long periods of time, and always pack it up right after landing.
2. Any rubbing or abrasion will lead to cloth damage, so be sure not to drag the cloth on the ground.
3. Lay the glider cell upon cell, but please avoid tightly squeezing or tightly folding the glider together.
4. Always use the special inner Pack Sack together with the padded Pack Band, both made of very soft cloth.
5. Always store the risers in the protective casing provided for this use.

6. Never bring the cloth into contact with saltwater, the metallic content may react with the saltwater and lead to corrosion. If the glider does happen to come into contact with saltwater, please rinse it with ample amounts of fresh water and then carefully and thoroughly dry it.
7. Never pack up a wet glider! If this is unavoidable, then dry the glider as soon as possible.
8. After flying in air with a saltwater content, allow the glider to dry thoroughly - do not pack it up when still damp.
9. If you do not fly with your glider for long periods of time, we recommend storing it in the special storage bag from skywalk. Store in a dry and low-light location.
10. Never leave the glider in a car parked in full sun. The high temperature can lead to the damage of any glider.
11. Dirt or dust can be wiped away easily with a soft cloth and some warm water. Afterwards please dry thoroughly.

You can repair small cracks as usual with Ripstop sealing tape, larger damage must be repaired by an authorized Dealer.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- > When unfolding the paraglider insure that neither the canopy nor the lines become too dirty as dirt particles in the fibres can damage the material and lines. If the lines get tangled on the ground they may be over-stretched or break during take-off.
- > Do not step on the lines and/or canopy.
- > Make sure that no sand, stones or snow get inside the canopy as the extra weight collected in the trailing edge may slow down or even stall the glider.
- > Sharp edges damage the canopy.

- > Uncontrolled inflation attempts in strong winds may result in the glider impacting into the ground at high speed. This can cause rips, damage on lines and/or fabric.
- > Make sure not to land your canopy leading edge first as this may cause permanent damage to this area of your paraglider.
- > After landings in trees or on water you should check the length of the lines.
- > After contact with salt water thoroughly rinse the equipment with fresh water!

12 2-YEAR-CHECK / CERTIFICATION

According to DHV regulations your glider will have to undergo a maintenance check after 24 months. According to these regulations the Two-Year-Check has to be carried out by the manufacturer, its representative or by the owner himself.

The check will have to be confirmed by a DHV-stamp. Missing this deadline or if the check is carried out by an unauthorised company will lead to immediate loss of your skywalk MASALA DHV-certificate and all warranty and liability claims.

We recommend not to do this check yourself. Without the proper instruments and specific knowledge the check will be insufficient. The airworthiness of your glider can't be guaranteed.

Changes to the paraglider:

Your skywalk MASALA is manufactured within the regulated parameters of tolerance. These parameters are very narrow and mustn't be altered under any circumstance. Only this way the optimum balance between performance, handling and safety can be guaranteed!

UNAUTHORISED CHANGES CAUSE AN IMMEDIATE EXPIRATION OF THE OPERATING LICENSE! ANY LIABILITY CLAIM TOWARDS THE MANUFACTURER AND ITS DEALERS IS EXCLUDED!

13 CERTIFICATION

The last thing on our to do list is the certification. Creating the wing in DHV class 1, in trim speed, accelerated in DHV Class 1-2, that was our obligation, here you are the result. These classifications depend on the ability of the pilot of that category. The many certification tests are the last hurdle in the development of a skywalk paraglider. The certifying test flights will only take place when the test-team is completely happy with the glider in question. We remark that the certification results will differ during flight in thermic or turbulent air. The certification solely informs about a paragliders performance in provoked extreme-flight-manoevres during stable air conditions.

These provoked extreme-flight-manoevres during the certification process should thus not be overrated.



14 CONCLUSION

Paragliding is a fascinating sport. With the MASALA you own a product which is at the top of actual development This glider will provide you with plenty of fun over many years, as long as you treat and maintain it in a responsible way.

Respect for the requirements and potential hazards of our sport are essential for save and successful flying. Even the safest paraglider may crash due to a pilot error or meteorological miscalculations.

Remember that aviation sports are potentially hazardous and that you are responsible for your own safety. In the interest of our sport we advise you to fly cautiously and in accordance with air law and local rules and regulations.

PILOTS FLY AT THEIR OWN RISK!

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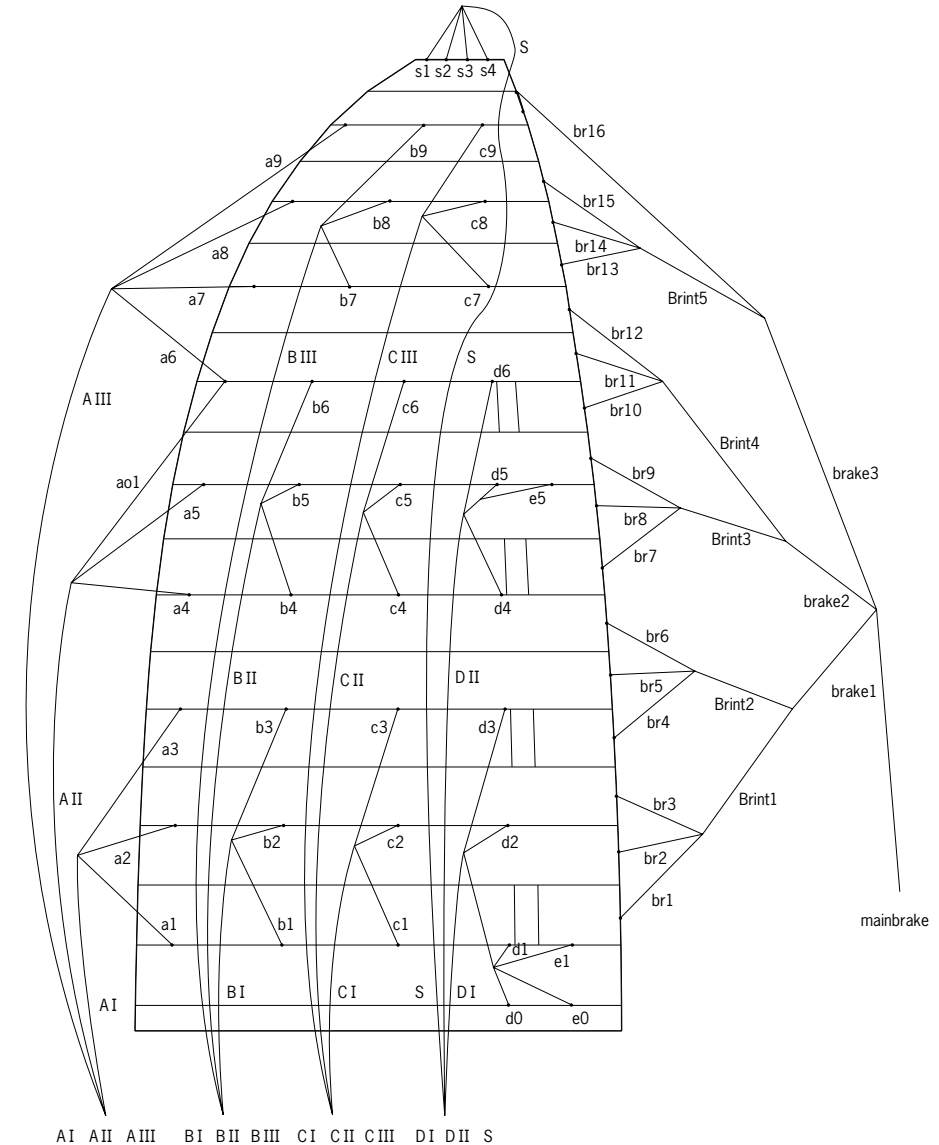
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15 LINE PLAN

The illustrated Line Plan of the skywalk MASALA serves here only as a visualization.



Risers

16 TESTPROTOCOL

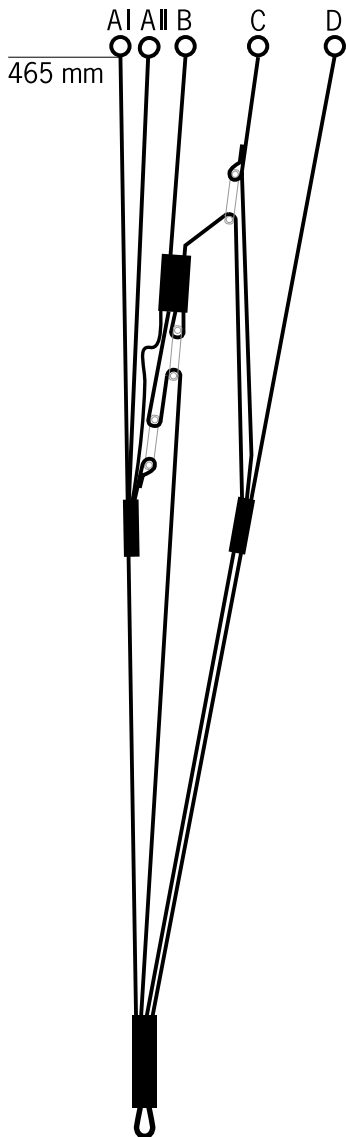
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Glider:	Size:	Serial number:
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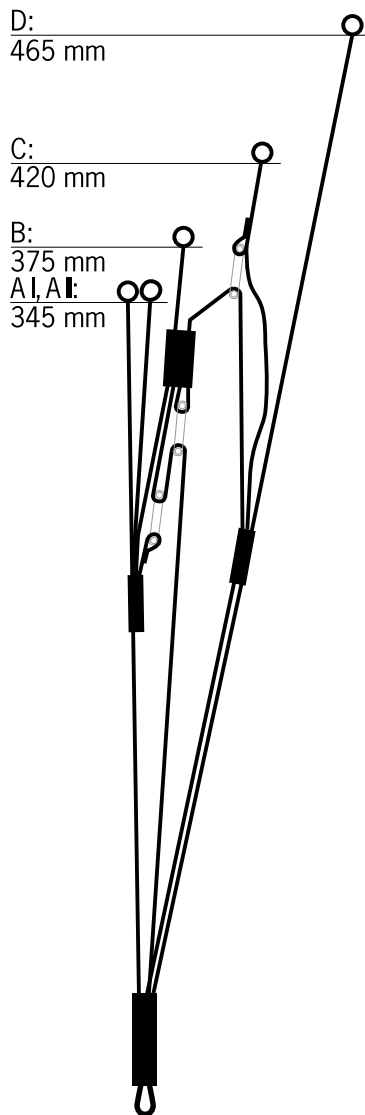
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Gütesiegel plaque?	<input type="checkbox"/> +	<input type="checkbox"/> -	
Identification plate?	<input type="checkbox"/> +	<input type="checkbox"/> -	
Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Very good condition <input type="checkbox"/> Good condition <input type="checkbox"/> Well used <input type="checkbox"/> Heavily used, but within gütesiegel standards, frequent checks required <input type="checkbox"/> No longer airworthy, outside of the limit values.			
Repairs made?			
Signature of tester:		Date:	

17 RISERS

MASALA, size SM, XS



Trimspeed



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