



# PRO GUIDE /GUEST

# SKYWALK

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

### Welcome to skywalk!

Congratulations on the purchase of your new GUEST and thank you for your trust in us and in our products. In this manual you will find information that will help you quickly get to know your new harness to ensure your fun for a long time.

At skywalk, we are enthusiastic about wind sports and innovative technologies. When we founded skywalk in 2001, our goal was to make paragliders and kites that offer new solutions to set new impulses, and to provide customers with a maximum of user-friendliness. Today we are one of the most successful paraglider manufacturers in the world.

For this we are thankful for our curiosity about everything that flies, sails and surfs, as well as our interest in a variety of outdoor sports. It's this "big picture" view that allows us to continuously set new accents in paragliding.

We are always open to questions, comments or critique and are happy to provide you at any time with further information!

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#### 2 DESCRIPTION

The GUEST was designed as a passenger harness for tandem flights. With its minimalist design, the GUEST focuses on the essentials and ensures effortless handling for both pilots and passengers. Its durable construction is tailored to meet the demands of professional use, guaranteeing long-lasting performance. The innovative PERMAIR system completes the overall concept by providing maximum protection while also allowing for a compact pack size – the perfect combination of safety, durability, and comfort for every tandem flight..



THE TYPE CERTIFICATE AND THE DATE OF THE FACTORY INSPECTION CAN BE FOUND IN THE SMALL POCKET. SHOULD THIS BE MISSING, ASSUME THAT THIS HARNESS IS A PROTOTYPE THAT HAS NOT BEEN TESTED.

#### SCOPE OF DELIVERY

- Harness
- 2 pieces carabiner Edelrid Foras
- PERMAIR protector
- Sternum strap



### **3 SAFETY NOTICE**

With the purchase of this equipment, you assume the full responsibility and accept all risks associated with the use of paragliding equipment, including injury and death. Improper use of paragliding equipment increases this risk. To fly a paraglider, you must be in possession of the required license or permit for the country in which you are flying. Neither skywalk nor the seller nor the importer of this product can be made liable in case of personal injury or damage caused to a third party.

#### LIABILITY AND WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

If any of the following cases apply, the harness may not be flown under the terms of the warranty and liability rules:

- → In the event of any modifications to the harness that are not within the tolerances allowed by the manufacturer.
- → In case of improper repairs.
- → If the inspection period has expired, or if the inspection is carried out by unauthorized persons.
- → Winch launches on winches that have not been inspected.
- → In case of insufficient license of the pilot or winch operator for winch launches.

### **SAFETY NOTICES**

If a product is found to be defective in operation which may affect other specimens of a type, safety notices are issued. These notices will be published on the skywalk homepage and on the homepage of the respective type testing station. Safety notices contain instructions on how to check the equipment for possible defects and what measures are required to remedy the respective defect.



THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES FROM THE SAFETY NOTICES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE PRODUCT.

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### **4 FEATURES**

### 1 - Double action carabiner Foras by Edelrid

Lightweight twist and push carabiner with side opening gate for easier installation of the tandem spreader bar.

### 2 - Sternum strap

Holds the shoulder straps together.

### 3 - Velcro

For variometer, incl. safety loop.

### 4 - Get Up locking system

It is hooked directly into the carabiners for a solid, secure connection.

### 5 - Abrasion-resistant bottom material

Oxford fabric structure to increase the abrasion resistance.

### 6 - PERMAIR connection pocket

For easy filling of the protector.

### 7 - Smart Link system

Marked seams to ensure that the harness is closed properly and the tandem spreader bar is hooked in correctly - red = left; blue = right

### 8 - Lockable pocket

On the back, for valuables and smaller items, including a key holder.

### 9 - Rear storage compartment

With asymmetrical zipper for easy filling.

### 10 - Seat-protector connection

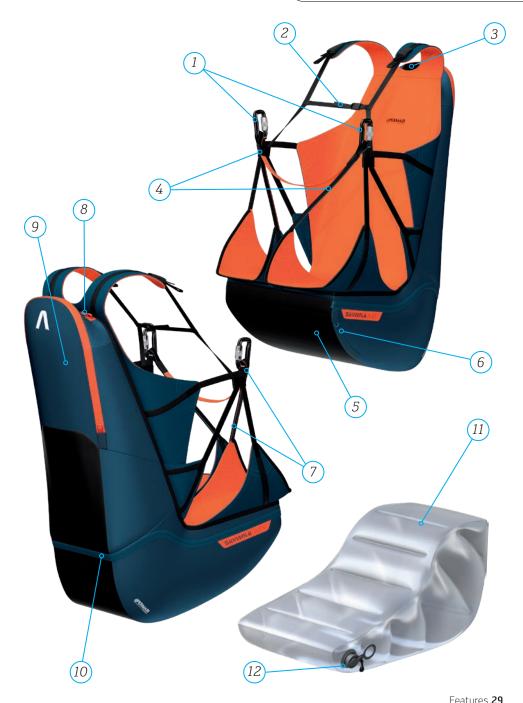
The lower part of the harness can be removed and easily replaced using a zipper.

### 11 - PERMAIR protector

LTF/EN certified protector. Maximum protection at minimum packing size and weight.

#### 12 - PERMAIR valve

The valve enables effortless inflating and deflating of the protector.



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### **5 INITIAL SETUP**

#### PERMAIR PROTECTOR

The GUEST is a harness with permanent-airbag protector. The protector is approved according to the rigorous criteria of LTF/EN and meets these requirements when inflated. The protector provides the best protection when fully inflated and can be inflated with the Inflation Bag, the PERMAIR mouthpiece or the PERMAIR pump.

skywalk recommends using any of the three inflation aids mentioned above, as the humid air you breathe can lead to condensation, which in turn encourages the formation of mold.

The protector can be removed via the zipper underneath the seat to make any repairs. Make sure to keep sharp objects, such as sticks, away from the harness.



THE PROTECTOR IS NO SEAT CUSHION! SITTING ON THE HARNESS MAY DAMAGE THE PROTECTOR OR SHORTEN ITS LIFE. IF YOU SUSPECT DAMAGE, TEST FOR LEAKS. WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT YOUR SKYWALK DEALER OR US DIRECTLY.

#### INFLATION BY INFLATION BAG

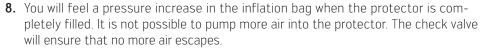
- 1. Make sure that there are no sharp or pointed objects on the ground.
- **2.** Lay the harness flat on its side and make sure that there are no heavy objects on top of the protector, making inflation difficult.
- 3. Open the small zippered compartment on the left front side under the seat shell.
- **4.** Insert the valve into the valve base, making sure that the valve closes completely and no gap remains. If the check valve is not yet fully seated in the base, press the valve into the base with both thumbs until a slight click is heard and no gap is visible between the valve and the base.

This can be a little more difficult in colder temperatures, such as in winter, and you should pay particular attention to this when the temperature is below 10°C.

**5.** Connect the PERMAIR connector of the inflation bag to the valve and make sure that the connection of the inflation bag is not twisted.

**6.** Open the roll-top of the inflation bag. Blow into the opening from a distance of about 20 cm and close the inflation bag by rolling the opening until pressure builds up inside.

**7.** Apply more pressure by pumping the inflation bag so that air flows into the PERMAIR protector.



- **9.** Repeat steps 6 to 8 if the protector is not fully inflated.
- **10.** Close the valve with the safety cap.



THE PROTECTOR IS ONLY LEAKPROOF WHEN THE BACK PRESSURE VALVE SITS COMPLETELY IN THE VALVE BASE. DUE TO THE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT MATERIAL BEHAVIOR, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE VALVE IS HARD TO CLOSE AT TEMPERATURES BELOW 10°. IN ORDER TO STILL CLOSE THE VALVE, IT IS HELPFUL TO PLACE THE HARNESS ON A HARD BUT SMOOTH SURFACE AND THEN APPLY PRESSURE WITH BOTH THUMBS ON THE INNER RING OF THE VALVE.

#### INFLATION BY PERMAIR MOUTHPIECE

- 1. Follow step 1-4 from the description above.
- 2. Connect the grey part of the mouthpiece to the valve.
- **3.** Make sure the HME-filter (heat moisture exchanger) is inside the mouth piece (blue sponge) and start with inflating by blowing inside the transparent opening.
- **4.** The protector is fully inflated once you feel significant resistance of air pressure when blowing inside.





AFTER USING THE MOUTHPIECE MAKE SURE IT DRIES OUT COMPLETELY BEFORE YOU STORE IT AGAIN. FOR HYGIENIC REASONS PLEASE REPLACE THE MOUTHPIECE AFTER TWO YEARS OR IF YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF MOLD.

#### INFLATION BY PERMAIR PUMP

- 1. Follow step 1-4 from the description "Inflation by Inflation Bag".
- **2.** Put the PERMAIR adapter of the pump on the pump outlet (grey adapter).
- **3.** Connect the pump outlet to the valve.
- **4.** The pump can now be easily switched on via the On/Off switch. When filling, make sure that the protector is not twisted.
- **5**. As soon as the pump pressure corresponds to the PERMAIR protector pressure, the pump cannot pump any more air into the protector and you can switch off and disconnect the pump. The check valve prevents the air from escaping.







THE PUMP PRESSURE DEPENDS ON THE CHARGE LEVEL OF THE PUMP BATTERY. WITH A FULLY CHARGED BATTERY, THE PUMP CAN BE USED ABOUT 20 TIMES BEFORE IT NEEDS TO BE RECHARGED. AS A BACKUP, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE THE PERMAIR MOUTHPIECE WITH YOU TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE IN THE PROTECTOR IF NECESSARY.



FOR FLIGHTS WITH AN ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE OF MORE THAN 1500M BETWEEN TAKE-OFF AND LANDING SITE, THE PROTECTOR MUST BE ADDITIONALLY INFLATED WITH THE MOUTHPIECE.

#### PACKING AND COMPRESSING

To deflate the protector, simply pull the valve out of the valve base.

Afterwards, the GUEST can be folded in half and stored.

It is not necessary to deflate the protector after each flight. You can also stow the harness inflated in the backpack for several flights per day, provided the backpack is large enough.

Nevertheless, the filling level of the protector must be checked before each flight during the pre-flight check and adjusted if necessary.

#### HOOK IN THE TANDEM SPREADER BAR

Between the spreader bar and the harness there is one connection point per side. Make sure that both loops of the spreader bar are connected to the carabiners of the harness without twisting and that the carabiner is fully closed.

The proper connection between the harness and the paraglider must be carefully checked before each launch

### 6 HARNESS ADJUSTMENTS

Together with your dealer, the GUEST is adjusted and checked. You will then make the basic adjustment yourself while sitting in a harness simulator.

### Follow these steps to put on the harness:

- 1. Slip your arms through the shoulder straps.
- 2. Close the Get Up system (blue stitching right and red stitching left).
- **3.** Close the sternum strap on your shoulder straps.

#### SHOULDER STRAP

The shoulder strap adjusters are used to adjust the harness to the pilot's upper body length of the passenger. Note that the pilot's clothing during flight should also be considered.

The length should be adjusted so that the shoulder straps make light contact with the top of the shoulders in flight position. A slight tension on the shoulder straps can improve back support, but if the tension is too tight, it can cause fatigue in the shoulder muscles.

### **7 REPLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PARTS**

### PERMAIR PROTECTOR

The protector can be removed from the harness to perform a leak test or for replacement. After every hard landing as well as every impact from a height of more than 0.5 m, a leak test must be performed on the protector:

- 1. Open the connection zipper to detach the protector from the seat.
- **2.** To reconnect the protector to the seat, follow the step in reverse order.

#### **CARABINER**

When replacing carabiners, make sure that the webbing loop of the main suspension is guided through the carabiner. Quick-Out carabiners can't be installed on the GUEST.



### **8 FLYING SAFE**

#### PREFLIGHT CHECK

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

### Check thoroughly that:

- → No visible damage to the harness or carabiners is present that can affect airworthiness.
- → All buckles, straps and zippers are shut and secured.
- → The paraglider is correctly connected to the spreader bar, that the spreader bar is correctly connected to the harness and that all carabiners are correctly closed and secured.
- → All pockets are closed and that no loose items are hanging around.
- → The protector is filled.
- → All straps are closed before you launch!



DO NOT LAUNCH IF YOU FIND ANY DEFECTS, EVEN SMALL ONES!
IF YOU FIND ANY SIGNS OF DAMAGE OR ABNORMAL WEAR AND TEAR,
CONTACT YOUR FLIGHT SCHOOL OR SKYWALK DIRECTLY.

#### WHAT TO DO IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND EXTREME FLIGHT CONDITIONS

Disturbances of the paraglider that are caused by thermal lift or turbulence are transmitted perceptibly via the suspension to the seat.

To avoid getting tipped to the side, make sure that you are always sitting in the middle of the harness. Also make sure that you don't lose your grip on the brake handles so that you can react quickly and without delay to extreme flight conditions. Read about the behavior of your glider in extreme flight conditions in the appropriate manual. Should you fly into an object or land in a tree, be calm and notify the authorities.

### 9 OPERATING LIMITS

The harness may only be flown within the operating limits. This limit is exceeded as soon as one of the following occurs:

- → Flying outside the maximum permissible take-off weight.
- → Flying in the rain, in snowfall, in extremely turbulent weather conditions or in strong winds.
- → Flying in clouds or fog (visual flight).
- → Flying with insufficient pilot experience.
- → Flying with wet canopy.
- $\rightarrow$  Flying in temperatures below -15°C and above 50°C.
- → Aerobatics (flight maneuvers with an inclination of more than 135 degrees).

The GUEST is approved according to DIN EN 1651 for a maximum passenger weight of 120 kg. Due to the higher stress on the material, it is strongly discouraged to fly extreme flight or acro maneuvers.

The Edelrid Foras carabiner is a lightweight product and requires special care:

- → Do not use the carabiner if there is any visible external damage or wear.
- → Avoid transverse loads, strokes and do not drop the carabiner.
- → The carabiner should be replaced after 5 years or 1500 hours.

### **WINCH-TOWING**

The GUEST has no special towing loops. The tow release is attached to the carabiners of the GUEST during tandem flights.

Follow the instructions in the manual for your tow release and tow adapter or consult a flight instructor who has experience with winch-towing.

#### TANDEM FLIGHT

The GUEST is is designed as a passenger harness for tandem flights...

#### SAFETY TRAINING AND FLYING OVER WATER

It is not recommended to use the GUEST for flights over water or for safety training. There is a possibility that the PERMAIR protector could push the pilot or the passenger under water after a water landing due to the buoyancy of the protector.

Should you nevertheless use the harness for flights over water, we explicitly advise you to wear a life jacket.

**34** Flying Safe Operating Limits **35** 



#### LIFETIME

The harness is your direct connection point to your paraglider. You are responsible for checking the harness before each use. If you have any doubts about its safety, do not use the harness under any circumstances and contact your skywalk dealer.

All webbing, thread, cloth and hardware have a limited life span. To determine if your harness is still safe, you should inspect it according to the inspection protocol attached at the end of this manual. skywalk harnesses that are properly stored and meet all inspection criteria can be used for up to 10 years from the commissioning date.

You can find the commissioning date on the homologation label located in the V-line compartment of your harness.

Please keep in mind that some factors that affect the life of your harness are not visible. You should know the full use history of the harness. You should know what environmental influences (UV light, salt water, extreme heat, etc.) or chemical influences (aggressive cleaners, petroleum, oils, lubricants, acids, etc.) the harness has been exposed to. If the harness has been subjected to a great deal of stress, such as a rescue deployment, crash, or tree landing, it should no longer be used and should be checked.

Dispose of harnesses that are obsolete due to new regulations or standards, or that are incompatible with other safety system equipment. It is your responsibility to know these factors. If there is any doubt about its condition, you should stop using the harness.



### 10 MAINTENANCE, CARE

The selected materials used in the GUEST make it necessary to treat them carefully and in a professional manner. Make an effort to take care of your harness and keep it clean to preserve its airworthiness over the longest possible time.

- → Avoid dragging your harness over stony ground and always try to land in an upright-position.
- → Don't leave your harness lying in the sun unnecessarily long. UV radiation is very damaging to the material.
- → Store your paragliding equipment loosely packed in a cool and dry place. If it gets wet always dry out your equipment before packing it.
- → To clean it, just use a brush or a damp cloth. Use mild soap to clean it only when absolutely necessary. The coating of the material can be damaged by brushing or rubbing.
- → Let the harness dry in a well-ventilated, shady place if it was wet.
- → After a hard landing or an impact higher than 0.5 m, check the protector for damage.
- → Zippers should be treated with silicon spray once a year.

#### **MATERIALS**

The skywalk GUEST is made exclusively from high-quality materials. skywalk has selected the best possible combination of materials in terms of resilience, weight and durability. We are aware that the durability of the equipment is one of the decisive factors for the satisfaction of the pilot, but due to the choice of material and construction of the harness we would like to point out that the harness is more prone to wear and damage if used improperly.

The lifespan of this product is highly dependent on your mindfulness.

### The following activities can significantly reduce the lifespan of your GUEST:

- → Acrobatic flight maneuvers
- $\rightarrow$  (Coastal) soaring with permanent touch & go
- → Extensive ground handling
- → Improper handling of the equipment

#### MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

In addition to your normal preflight procedure, you should also take a close look at your GUEST not later than every twelve months.

Naturally, it's important to also check your harness closely after unusual circumstances, for example after a hard landing or a tree landing, or if the harness shows above-average wear and tear. When in doubt, always consult an expert.

**36** Operating Limits Maintenance, Care **37** 



#### Here is what to check:

- → Check all straps and buckles for wear and tear and damage.
- → The stitching of all seams should be checked and, if in doubt, should be repaired to keep problems from propagating.
- → Both carabiners should be renewed after no more than 5 years or maximum 1500 flight hours. Impact to the carabiners can result in invisible damage that could lead to failure during use.
- → Perform a leak test for the PERMAIR protector.

The documentation for service work should be entered with the name of the repair person, stamp and signature.

#### **LEAK TEST**

After a hard landing or fall from a height of more than 0.5 m, a leak test should be performed on the protector in order to be able to detect any damage before the next flight and to remedy it subsequently.

Follow these steps:

- 1. Remove the protector from the harness.
- 2. Inflate the removed protector so that the outer edges of the nameplate measure 83 mm.
- 3. Store the protector at a constant temperature for 12 hours in a shady room.
- **4.** After the time has elapsed, check the fill level of the protector by measuring the outer edges of the nameplate again. The length must not be less than 81mm.
- **5.** If the protector meets the requirements under point 4, it can be reinstalled.

#### **STORAGE**

Ideal is a dry, dark place with a constant temperature. Moisture is an old enemy of the durability of all paragliding equipment. For this reason, always dry your equipment before you store it, preferably in a heated and well ventilated room, so that moisture can evaporate. Make sure the inflate/deflate valve of the PERMAIR protector remains open when storing the harness for a longer period.

### 11 REPAIRS

Repairs should only be carried out by the manufacturer or by an authorized skywalk service center. Exceptions include the repair of small cuts (up to about 3cm that don't affect a seam).

#### **CHANGES TO THE HARNESS**

Your skywalk GUEST is manufactured within the regulated parameters of tolerance. These parameters are very narrow and must not be altered under any circumstance.



UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES INVALIDATE THE TYPE APPROVAL AND ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER AND ITS DISTRIBUTORS ARE INVALIDATED.

### 12 DISPOSAL

When choosing materials, skywalk places high value on environmental compatibility and the highest quality control. Should your harness someday no longer be flyable, remove all metal parts. All remaining parts can be turned in at a recycling center. The metallic parts can be turned in at a metals recycling center. The best solution is to send your retired skywalk harness directly to us. We will then take care of recycling it.

### 13 HOMOLOGATION

The GUEST is certified to EN as well as LTF standards.

The GUEST is defined as a lightweight sport aircraft with an empty weight of less than 100 kg in the paraglider category.

The many homologation tests are the last hurdle in the development of a skywalk harness. The homologation tests only take place when the test team is completely happy with the harness development.



#### 14 MAINTENANCE CHECK

According to LTF regulations your harness will have to undergo a maintenance check after 24 months. The maintenance check has to be carried out by the manufacturer or its representative.



IF THE HARNESS IS SUBJECTED TO ABOVE AVERAGE WEAR AND TEAR (EXTREME FLIGHT MANEUVERS, FORBIDDEN ACROBAT FLIGHT MANEUVERS) IT SHOULD BE INSPECTED EARLIER OR SHOULD UNDERGO AN ADDITIONAL INSPECTION!

### 15 TECHNICAL DATA

Size Uni Pilot height (cm) 140 - 198 Suspension points height (cm) 46 Width chest strap (cm) 45 Weight (kg) 1.85 Maximum load 120 kg Harness certification EN 1651:2020 Protector certification | LTF Nfl 2-565-20

### **MATERIALS**

Fabric cover N.210D ROBIC, NP.210D MG Oxford

Fabric bottom N.420 HD FD Oxford

Lining N.70D 210T

Fabric seat outside N.210D ROBIC Fabric seat inside N 210D HD Twill

Webbing main suspension 15 mm Poly [1000daN]

Webbing back & shoulder straps 15 mm Poly [1000daN]

Webbing other 15 mm Polyamid Edelrid Foras Main carabiner

> Edelrid SB buckle 15 mm Adiuster Thermoplastic polyurethane Protector

### 16 NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPATIBLE BEHAVIOR

We have taken the first step towards ecological awareness with our nature-friendly sport. Especially for mountain climbers who prefer to hike to the launch site. Nevertheless, we plan on continuing in the same vein. This means specifically: clean up your trash, stay on marked trails and don't cause unnecessary noise. Please help to maintain the balance of nature and to respect animals in their territory.

### 17 CLOSING WORDS

The skywalk GUEST is at the absolute leading edge of development in the market for tandem passenger harnesses. It cost us a lot of time to develop this harness, but it was also a lot of fun. In this development we recognize the challenge of making the right product for every area and individual taste. We are pleased if you notice this during your first flight and if you feel a certain unity with your harness and glider from the very beginning. The GUEST will provide you with plenty of joy over many years if you treat it and care for it properly.

Respect for the demands and dangers of our sport are essential for successful and beautiful flights. Even the safest paraglider or harness can be dangerous due to misjudgments of meteorological conditions or pilot error. Always remember that flying sports are potentially risky and that you are responsible for your own safety. We advise you to fly carefully and to respect laws in the interest of our sport, because every pilot always flies at his or her own risk!

### WE WISH YOU A LOT OF FUN WITH YOUR NEW HARNESS AND ALWAYS HAPPY LANDINGS!

Your skywalk Team



18 TEST PROTOCOL				Date:
Customer, name:				
Address:				Phone:
Draduct type	Size:		Serial number:	
Product type:  Certification number:			Last service:	
Manufacturing date:			Last service.	
Manufacturing date.				
Checklist:	Result [+/-]		Defects:	Suggestion:
Identification:	+	-		
Main suspension:				
Carabiner cover: (no abrasion / webbing must be completely covered)	+	-		
Main suspension: (no damage / no excessive wear)	+	-		
Webbing at mainseat: (no damage / no excessive wear)	+	-		
Get-up / leg straps: (no damage / no excessive wear)	+	-		
Safety buckles: (100% functional / no cracks)	+	-		
Seams:				
Webbing: (no damaged, frayed or open seams)	+	-		
Protector shell: (no damaged, frayed or open seams)	+	-		
Fabric:				
Seat: (no damaged seams or cuts on the fabric)	+	-		
Protector cover and harness bottom: (no damaged seams or cuts on the fabric)	+	-		
Denseness test:	•			
Inflate the protector: (check level after 12h)	+	-		

Condition:	new					
	very good condition					
	good condition					
	used					
	very used, still within certification, check within shorter periods					
	not usable anymore, doesn't meet certification					
Repairs:						
Signature of checker:		Date:				
Name of check	er:	Company stamp:				

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