

## OPERATOR'S MANUAL

# IMPORTANT! Safety Instructions

## All Operators Must Read These Instructions Before Use

Any electrical appliance can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Some of the safety precautions given in this manual apply generally to many appliances. Other warnings are specific to the use of this snowblower.

### General Safety WARNINGS!

You and any other operator of this snowblower must read, understand and follow these instructions in their entirety, and should re-read them at the start of each snow season. Failure to follow any instruction may result in **BODILY INJURY** (including electric shock) or possible **FIRE**.

Notice the personal safety alert symbol used in this manual to draw your attention to a **WARNING** given along with the particular operating instruction. This means that an operation requires special **ATTENTION**, **CAUTION**, and awareness.

1. **Keep children, pets, and others away from the work area:** Be aware that the normal noise of the machine when turned on may make it difficult for you to hear approaching people.
2. **Use the electric cord and extension cord safely**
  - A. Keep cord away from heat sources and sharp objects.
  - B. Prevent oil or other fluids from spilling onto snowblower or cord.
  - C. Never carry the snowblower by cord or yank it to disconnect from electrical outlet. Keep cord away from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
  - D. Replace or properly repair damaged cords. If cord is damaged in any manner while plugged-in, pull extension cord from wall receptacle.
  - E. Extension Cord: **WARNING** – Only use a UL rated extension cord for OUTDOOR, all-weather use (usually orange color). To prevent the disconnection of the snowblower from the extension cord during operation, make a knot as shown on page 5; see **WARNING** box on page 5 for more cord information.
3. **Wear proper clothing:** Wearing rubber boots offers additional protection from electric shock. Do not wear loose clothing, that may become caught in the machine.
4. **Moving parts present risks:** Keep hands away from moving parts. Guards must be properly placed to protect operator. Shut off and disconnect cord before touching any parts other than the handles and switch.

5. **Hand-held operating position:** Operating this snowblower in the hand held position is unsafe.
6. **Surfaces:** This snowblower is intended for use on paved surfaces. The unit should not be used on gravel or stone surfaces.
7. **Unintentional operation:** Do not carry plugged-in snowblower with finger on switch. Be sure that the switch is off when plugging in.
8. **Body position:** Be aware of your footing and body positioning to maintain proper balance at all times; watch for uneven surfaces and don't overreach.
9. **Excessive force:** The snowblower was designed to respond at a certain rate for various snow conditions for optimum safety and performance. Don't force it; keep pressure constant.
10. **Hitting an object:** If the snowblower accidentally strikes an object, first stop; remove key then plug. Inspect for damage; repair or replace part before using the snowblower again.
11. **When work is completed:** Disconnect from the power source when not in use, when changing accessories, and before performing any maintenance function.
12. **Store safely:** Store indoors in a dry area between uses. Store in a locked area, where children and unauthorized people cannot gain access.
13. **Maintain for safety and longevity:** See instructions in this operator's manual for proper maintenance. Use only those replacement parts made for your model.

## Save These Instructions

## Safety and Instruction Decals



Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near areas of potential danger. Lost or damaged decals should be replaced.

Las calcomanías de seguridad e instrucciones son fácilmente visibles para el operador y están ubicadas cerca a las áreas de peligro. Las calcomanías dañadas o perdidas se deben reemplazar.

TO OPERATE  
PARA PONER  
EN MARCHA  
  
INSERT KEY  
DEPRESS BAR  
  
INSERTAR  
LA LLAVE  
OPRIMIR  
LA BARRA

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### WARNING!

Electric shock can cause serious injury or death.  
To avoid electric shock: REMOVE SHIPPING  
PIN ABOVE BEFORE REMOVING THIS LABEL AND  
ATTEMPTING TO SEPARATE TUBES.  
DO NOT USE SNOWTHROWER IF WIRE INSULATION  
INSIDE OF TUBE IS DAMAGED. READ ASSEMBLY  
INSTRUCTIONS AND OPERATOR'S MANUAL.

### ¡ADVERTENCIA!

Una descarga eléctrica puede causar lesiones graves o la muerte. Para evitarla: RETIRAR EL PASADOR DE EMBALAJE DE ARRIBA ANTES DE QUITAR ESTA ETIQUETA E INTENTAR SEPARAR LOS TUBOS. NO UTILIZAR EL LANZADOR DE NIEVE SI EL AISLANTE DEL CABLE DENTRO DEL TUBO ESTÁ DAÑADO. LEER LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE ENSAMBLAJE Y EL MANUAL DEL OPERARIO.

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### DANGER

#### AVOID INJURY

This unit is intended for snow removal only. To avoid injury, keep hands and feet away from rotor. Stay away loose articles of clothing. Do not use hands to unclog chute while the unit is in operation. Stop the motor first, and unplug cord before removing snow or debris. Always blow in the opposite direction of the chute blowing snow and blow snow into a clear open space away from people or animals. Make sure the electric cord is intact and replace immediately if damaged to avoid electric shock.

#### EVITE LESIONES

Esta unidad debe usarse sólo para remover la nieve. Para evitar lesiones, mantenga las manos y los pies lejos del rotor. Guarde los artículos de tela sueltos. No use las manos para desatascar la tolva cuando la unidad esté funcionando. Pare el motor primero, y desenchufe el cordón antes de remover la nieve o los desechos. Párese siempre en dirección opuesta de la máquina quitnieves y haga que la máquina sopla la nieve hacia un espacio abierto lejos de la gente o animales. Asegúrese de que el cordón esté intacto y reemplace inmediatamente si hay algún daño para evitar descargas eléctricas.



DOUBLE INSULATED: When servicing, use only identical replacement parts.

DOBLE AISLAMIENTO: Al darle servicio, use solo repuestos idénticos.

Read operator's manual for operating and safety instructions.

Reemplazo manual available by sending model and serial numbers to:  
Snow Joe, LLC, 51 Executive Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817, or visit [www.SnowJoe.com](http://www.SnowJoe.com)

Lea el manual de instrucciones de seguridad y operación. Tenemos disponible manual de reemplazo al enviar el número de modelo y número de serie a:  
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# ASSEMBLY



## CAUTION



Inspect wiring, which, if damaged during shipping, may cause serious bodily injury during equipment use. If any damage is seen or suspected, do not assemble. Instead, contact Snow Joe Customer Service for assistance.

Handle with care during assembly so that electrical wiring does not become damaged.

## Upper and Lower Tubes Assembly

1. To secure parts during shipping, a wire is wrapped around the upper and lower tube sections. Remove it, but don't discard. (Figure 1)

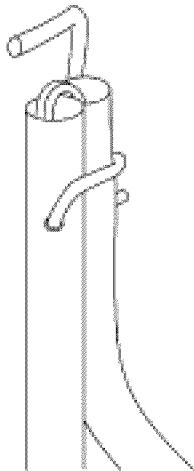


Figure 1

A. Shipping Wire

2. Slide the lower tube (B) into the upper tube (A) (Figure 2)

Note: Before you connect the tubes, you may find it easier to remove the slack in the wire. Slightly pull the wire from the bottom of the lower tube (B) before you join the tubes together.

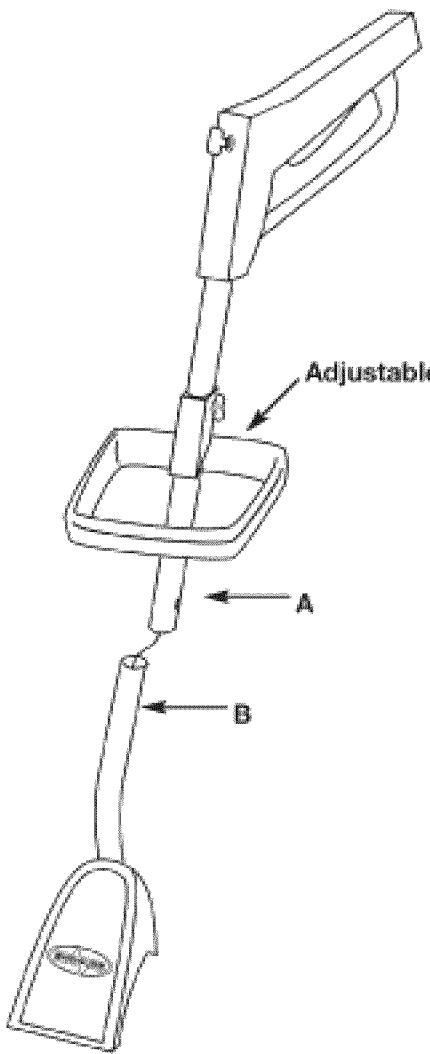


Figure 2

A. Upper tube  
B. Lower Tube

3. After sliding lower tube (B) inside the upper tube (A), line up the screw holes on each tube. (Figure 3)

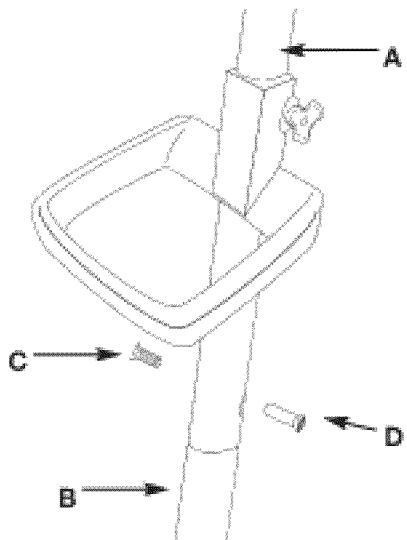


Figure 3

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|---------------|--------------------|
| A. Upper Tube | C. Slotted Screw   |
| B. Lower Tube | D. Countersunk Nut |

4. Locate in the Parts Bag the slotted screw (C) and the countersunk nut (D). Insert the screw through the aligned holes in the upper and lower tubes and secure other end with the nut.

**Note:** You may have to carefully move the wiring inside the tube to one side if it blocks the path of the screw. (Use the shipping wire provided; do not use a sharp tool)

5. Loosen the adjustable handle and reposition until it reaches the optimum length for the principal operator, then retighten the bolt in Figure 4. (Readjust for each subsequent operator)

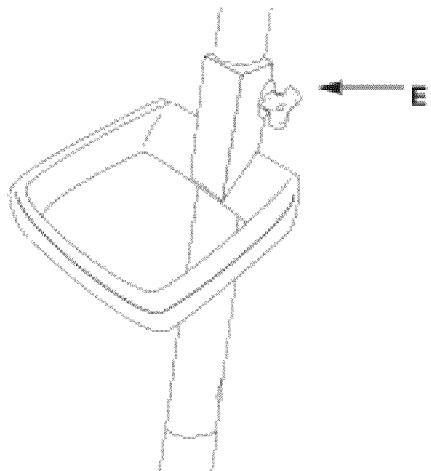


Figure 4  
E. Carriage Bolt

## Power Base Assembly

1. Position the power base (G) beneath the handle support (H) as shown in figure 5-2.

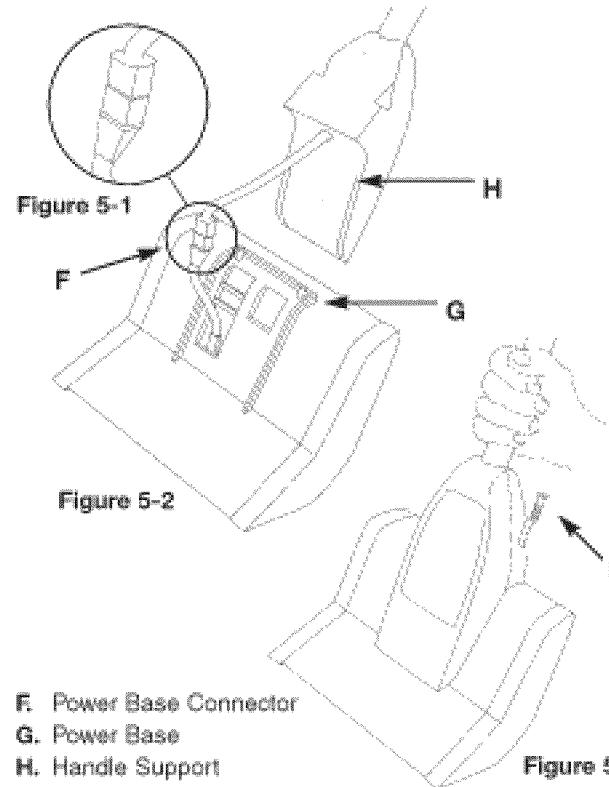


Figure 5-3

2. Pull the power base connector (F) out of the power base (G). Push to snap together the connector on the handle support to the power head's connector; only one position is possible, and they should fit without forcing. (Figure 5-1)

3. Push the coupled connectors back into the motor compartment.  
4. With the Snow Joe decal on the handle support (H) facing you, line up the grooves in the handle support (H) with the grooves in the power base, and slide together until interlocked. (Figure 5-3)

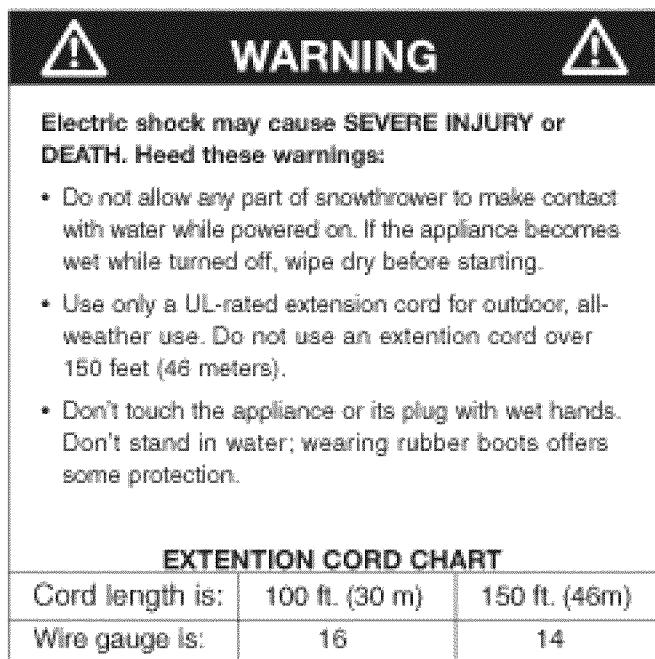
**Note:** The handle support must align perfectly with the grooves on the power base.

**IMPORTANT:** If you encounter any resistance, STOP! Possibly the wiring and connectors are out of position; in that case, reinsert them with care into the motor compartment and repeat step 4.

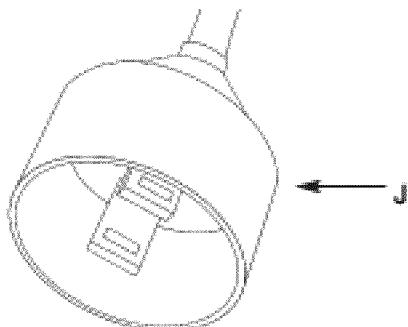
5. Locate two Phillips-head screws (I) in the Parts Bag. Insert the first screw into the hole in back of the handle support and turn until tight. Insert the second screw into second hole and tighten. (Figure 5-3)

## Operation

**NOTE:** It is best to remove snow before it becomes packed down.



1. Extension Cord: Note that the Snowblower has a polarized plug (J), with one prong slightly longer and wider than the other. The extension cord plug and the slotted end should be likewise polarized, so that the original plug fits snugly into the extension cord slots.

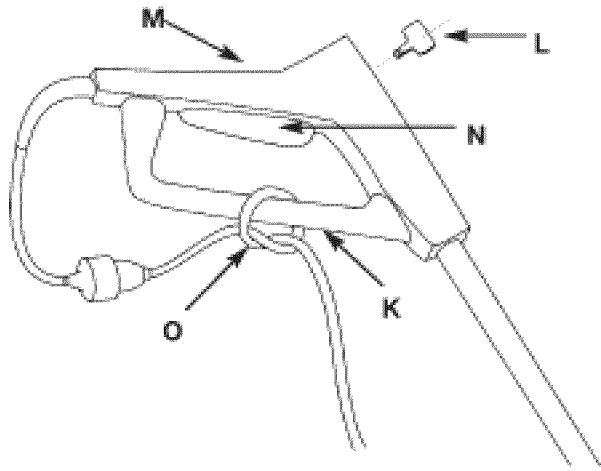


**Figure 6**  
J. Polarized Plug

To prevent the snowblower cord and extension cord from

disconnecting during use, tie the extension cord into a loose knot around the lower bar (K) of the handle as shown in next step. (Figure 7, item O)

2. Plug the extension cord into a wall outlet. Insert the key (L) into the slot in front of the hand-grip (M) (Figure 7)



**Figure 7**  
K. Lower bar  
L. Key  
M. Hand-grip (Top Bar)  
N. On/Off Switch (under Hand-grip)  
O. Cord tied to handle

## Powering On and Off

3. Insert the key (L). Squeeze the On/Off Switch (N), as shown in Figure 7. Release the switch by releasing grip pressure.
4. When finished with work, remove the key and disconnect the extension cord.

## Operating Procedures

1. **Turn on the snowblower switch.** With key inserted, squeeze on/off switch to power on. Position the appliance so that the blade makes level contact with the ground, by tilting it slightly forward (away from you). When starting in deep snow, see suggestion below.
2. **Begin to push the snowblower forward.** Do not rush – if the snow is being completely cleared from the ground, that indicates you are moving at the correct rate of forward motion.
3. **Snow Depth:** Your rate of speed will depend on the depth of the snow.
  - The snowblower's capacity for snow removal is 4 inches (10 cm) for each pass. A single pass should clear all snow up to that depth, permitting you to move at a steady rate on a straight path.
  - For snow deeper than 4 inches, a side-to-side motion is effective; hold in each hand the top and lower handles and make a sweeping pass from side to side; you should aim to remove 4 inches with each sweep. Keep up a steady back and forth movement for each area of work. Rest at intervals as needed.
4. **Desired Path Width:** You can only clear a path as wide as the appliance width at one time. By angling the snowblower to the right or to the left of your current path, place the cleared snow wherever you desire it to go. Of course, you should place it where it does not need to be cleared later.
5. **Note Wind Direction:** If possible, move in the same direction as the wind.
6. **Working on Gravel or Pebbles:** To avoid throwing loose surface material along with snow, push down on the handle to raise the scraper above the gravel or pebbles.
7. **Power cord and extension cord:** Inspect both cords at the end of each snow-clearing session to detect any damage; if damaged, replace. Be careful to avoid the blade running over the cord. Keep cords clear of heat sources, sharp objects, or heavy weights standing on them when in storage. Don't yank on cords or otherwise abuse them.



## WARNING



### Risk of Serious Bodily Injury:

Remove the key and disconnect the extension cord before beginning any maintenance task. If the switch were to engage accidentally serious injury could result.

## Maintenance: Lifetime Lubrication

Lubrication is not necessary and may damage the appliance. The snowblower is lubricated for lifetime use at the factory before shipment.

## Storage

**CAUTION:** Store electrical appliances in a locked area away from children and unauthorized users.

1. Before storing, inspect the entire appliance for any damaged or worn parts. Check connections and screws and tighten if necessary. Check blade condition. Examine the extension cord and its plug for excess wear or damage, and replace if warranted.
2. Store the snowblower safely out of harm's way and prevent access by unauthorized users, preferably by placing in a locked cabinet. Keep away from dust and humidity by loosely covering with a tarp and using de-humidifying products as conditions warrant.
3. Keep the extension cord with the appliance. If the entire appliance is locked away, keep the key in a container or plastic bag, tied or taped to the handle so it isn't lost. If the appliance isn't locked up, it is advisable to store the key in a separate secure place to prevent unauthorized use.

## **Service & Support**

If your SnowJoe Electric snowblower requires service or maintenance, a SnowJoe Authorized Dealer will best assist you. Please call 1-866-SNOWJOE for assistance.

## **Model and Serial numbers**

When contacting the company, reordering parts, or arranging service from an authorized dealer, be prepared to provide the Model and Serial numbers, which are found on the decal on the lower tube. Copy these numbers into the space provided below.

Please record the following numbers from the housing, or handle of your new product:	
Model #: (3 digit number)	
3 2 3	
Serial #: (7 to 9 digit number)	

## Notes



## A Two-Year Full Warranty for residential use in the United States and Canada

**General Conditions:** Snow Joe, LLC warrants this product to the original purchaser for two years against defects in material or workmanship when used for normal residential purposes. In order to obtain a replacement unit or repair the existing unit, you must return the complete unit, postage prepaid, to the place of purchase, or to the Snow Joe Center, (61 Executive Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817).

This warranty is intended to cover product defects only. Snow Joe, LLC is not liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the Snow Joe Products covered by this warranty. This warranty does not cover any cost or expense incurred by the purchaser in providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use of this product, while waiting for completion of repairs under this warranty. Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions may not apply in all states. This warranty gives you specific legal rights in your state, which vary from state to state.

If you wish to contact Snow Joe,™ please direct inquiries to the:

Customer Service Department  
Snow Joe Center  
61 Executive Avenue  
Edison, NJ 08817

Customers who have purchased Snow Joe products exported from the United States and Canada should contact their Snow Joe Distributor (Dealer) to obtain information applicable for your country, province, or state. If for any reason, you are not satisfied with the distributor's service, or if you have difficulty obtaining warranty information, contact your Snow Joe importer. If in the event your efforts are unsatisfactory, please write to the Snow Joe Center at the above address.