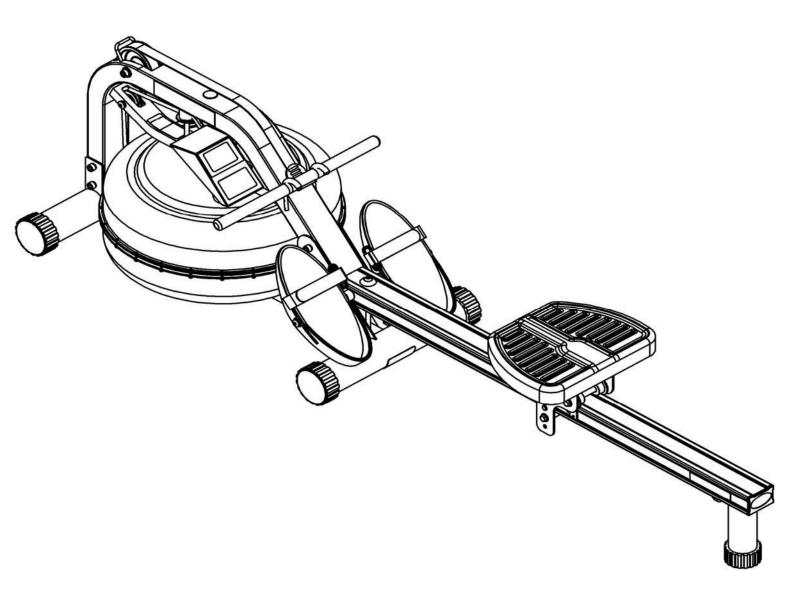
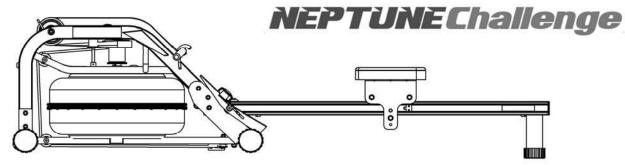
# **Owners Manual**



# NEPTUNEChallenge





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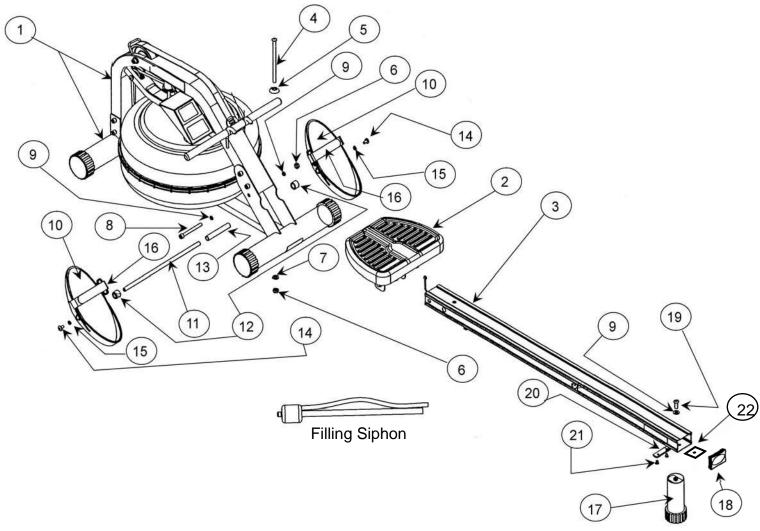
## Training with the Neptune Challenge Rower

- 1. As with any piece of fitness equipment, consult a physician before beginning your Neptune Challenge Rower exercise program.
- 2. Follow instructions provided in this manual for correct foot position and basic rowing techniques.



- The Neptune Challenge Rower can stand vertically for storage. Make sure a secure location is chosen, such as the corner of a room or against a wall.
- 2. Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts, as indicated by the warning sticker on the mainframe of your machine.

## Contents:



#### The Main box, seat rail box and parts kit will contain the following items

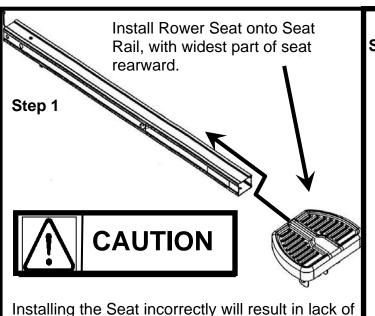
- 1. Main Frame.
- 2. Rower Seat
- 3. Seat Rail (boxed separately)
- 4. M10x180mm Bolt (1).
- 5. M10 Plastic Dome Washer (1).
- 6. M10 Nylock Nut (2).
- 7. M10 Washer (1).
- 8. M10x95mm Bolt (1).
- 9. 11x21x2T Washer (3)
- 10. Footplate (2)
- 11. 12mmx388mm Footplate Shaft (1)

- 12. Nylon Footplate Spacer (2)
- 13. 17mmx1.5Tx110 Internal Spacer(1)
- 14. M8x15mm Bolt (2)
- 15. M8 Washer (2)
- 16. Footstrap (2)
- 17. Rear Leg (1)
- 18. 75x50 Rubber End Cap (1)
- 19. M10x25 Rear Leg Bolt (1)
- 20. Rear Rubber Bumpstop (1)
- 21. M6x10mm Bumpstop Screws (2)
- 22. Seat Rail Internal Support Bracket (1)

#### Tool Kit and Water Treatment (Not pictured) which includes:

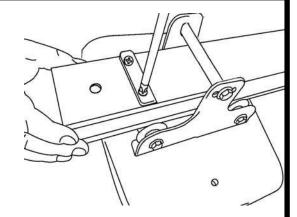
- 1. Multi-Tool (1)
- 2. 6mm Allen Key (2)
- 3. 8mm Allen Key (1)
- 4. 4x Chlorine Treatment Tablets
- 5. Owners Manual
- 6. 2x AA Batteries

## **Assembly Instructions:**

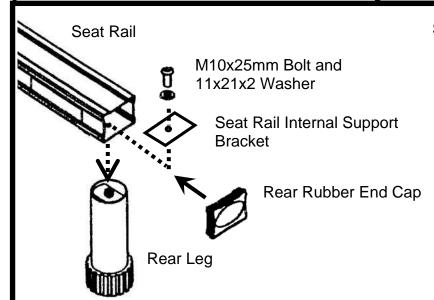


data pickup during rowing.

Step 2

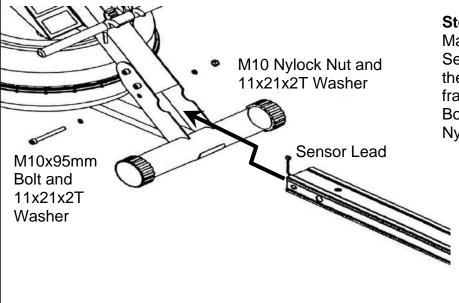


Turn Seat Rail over, and install the Rear Rubber Bumpstop using 2x M6x10mm screws with beveled edge facing forward.

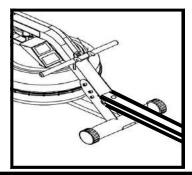


Step 3

Using the M10x25mm Bolt, 11x21x2T Washer, Seat Rail Internal Support Bracket and Rear Leg, install as shown. Once Rear Leg is tightened, install the Rear Rubber End Cap.



**Step 4:** Install the Seat Rail onto the Mainframe. Attach Sensor Lead from Seat Rail to the Mainframe, then align the front Seat Rail holes with Mainframe and install, using 1x M10x85mm Bolt, 2x 11x21x2T Washers and 1xM10 Nylock Nut.



## **Assembly Instructions:**

Step 5: Install the M10x180mm Vertical
Frame Tensioning Bolt with the Plastic
Dome Cap through the top of the Seat Rail
and secure from underneath with M10
Washer and Nylock Nut.

Note: Do not tighten the Vertical
Frame Tensioning Bolt. See the "Fine
Tuning Your Rower" page for details
once assembly is complete

M10x180mm Vertical Frame Tensioning
Bolt and Plastic Dome Cap

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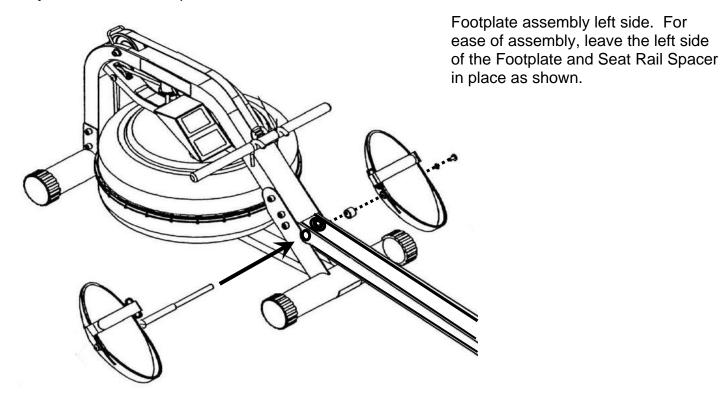
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**Step 6:** Install the Footplate onto the Rower.

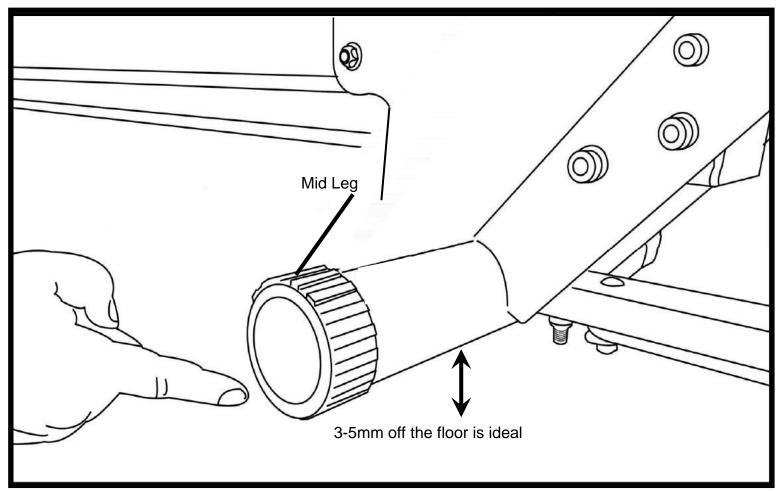


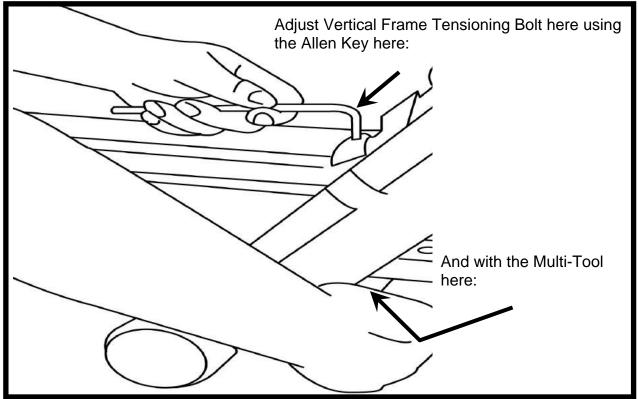


**Tip:** When mounting the Footplate assembly onto the rower, it is only necessary to remove one side, and leave the other intact as shown here.

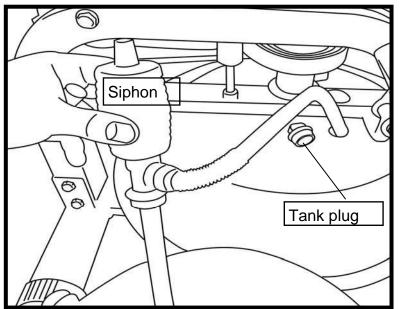
**Note:** 2 Allen keys of the same size are provided for this portion of the assembly.

**Fine Tuning the Neptune Challenge:** The Neptune Challenge is designed to function as a pre-stressed frame. Using the Mid Leg as your guideline, tighten the Vertical Frame Tensioning Bolt until the Mid Leg rises approximately 3-5mm off the floor. The Mid Leg should just touch the ground during a rowing stroke.





## **Tank Filling and Water Treatment:**



## Tank Filling and Water Treatment Procedures

Note: 17 liters of water is required for maximum filling.

- 1. Remove rubber fill plug from the top of the tank.
- 2. Place a large bucket of water next to the Neptune Challenge and position siphon with the rigid hose in the bucket and the flexible hose into the tank as shown. Note: Make sure small breather valve on the top of the siphon is closed before filling.

Note: Where water quality is known to be poor, FDF recommends the use of distilled water.

- 3. Begin filling tank by squeezing siphon. Use Level Gauge decal on side of tank to measure volume of water in tank. Note: The amount of resistance is dictated by the amount of water in the tank; for example, 9 liters of water provides light resistance, 17 liters of water provides heaviest resistance. Important: Do not overfill tank!
- 4. After filling tank to the desired water level, open the valve on the top of the siphon to allow excess water to escape.
- 5. Ensure that tank plug is replaced once filling and water treatment procedures are complete.

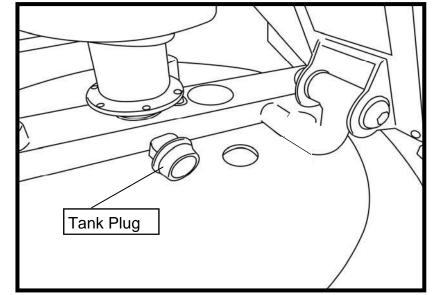
Tips on Siphon use: Putting the fill bucket higher than the tank will allow the siphon to "self-pump"

when adding water to the tank.

#### **Water Treatment Procedures:**

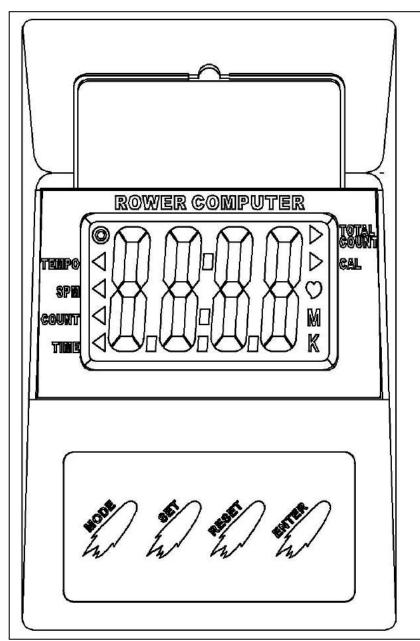
- 1. Add Chlorine tablet.
- 2. Enough Chlorine Tablets are supplied for many years of Water treatment. Add a chlorine Tablet whenever the Water appears dirty or cloudy.

WARNING: Only use First Degree Fitness Supplied Water treatment tablets.





Use a drop cloth under the tank both when filling the tank to avoid staining floor or carpet



## **Computer Instructions:**

#### **Basic Function:**

1. **Time:** Working range from 0:00-99:59

2. **Count:** Working Range from 0-9999

3. **SPM:** 15SPM-3000.

4. **Calories:** 0-9999

5. **Total Count**: 0-9999 Note: Computer must be turned off and restarted to reset total count.

6. **Tempo**: Working range from 0-180 beeps per minute.

#### Instructions for use:

Install the batteries, and the LCD panel will display with an audible buzz.

**Mode**: Allows access to various settings:

**Enter**: Press to set values. Numbers will flash. Press "Set" to fix settings.

**Set**: Press when digits are flashing to set values upward. Can be applied for all settings with the exception of "Total Count" and "SPM". Once values are set, press "Enter" to move into the following mode.

**Reset**: Press this key to reset values. **Note**: Total count can only be reset by taking out and reinstalling batteries.

Once values are decided, the computer will scroll through the various settings every six seconds. The settings can be fixed into a set value (SPM for example) by pressing the "Mode" button. Values such as time will accumulate toward zero and an audible alarm will sound once zero is reached. Press any key to stop the alarm.

The Computer will enter sleep mode if not used for over 4minutes, 30 seconds.

#### How to Row?

- 1. Begin the stroke comfortably forward and push strongly back with your legs while keeping your arms and back straight.
- 2. Begin to pull your arms back as they pass over your knees and continue the stroke through to completion rocking slightly back over your pelvis.
- 3. Return to the starting position and repeat.

### **How Often?**

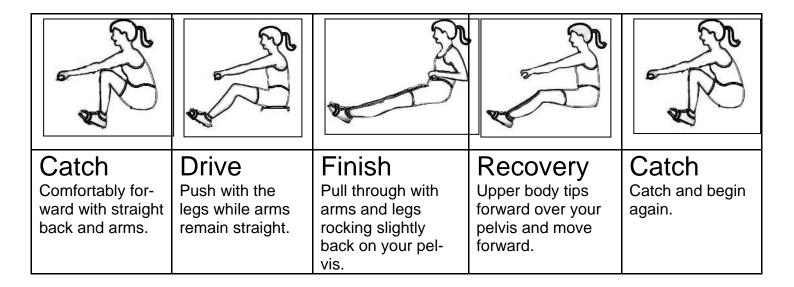
Begin with 5 minute training sessions once a day and aim for around 2:30 to 2:45 for 500m time. Row at a pace that keeps the water circulating continuously between strokes.

Progress a few minutes more each day until you are comfortable with 30-45 minutes training time 3 or 4 times a week.

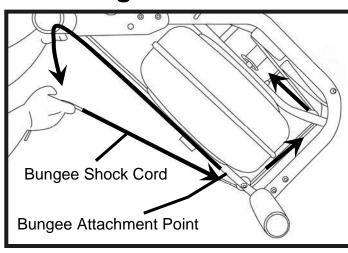
This will provide aerobic endurance benefits, muscle toning and sufficient calorie burning to form part of a weight loss program.



Always consult a doctor before beginning an exercise program. Stop immediately if you feel faint or dizzy.



## **Detaching the Rower Belt:**

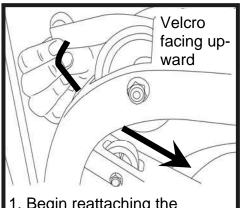


1. To detach belt, simply pull beyond the range of the normal rowing stroke until the belt detaches from the Belt Bungee Pulley.

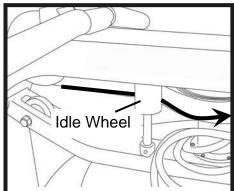
**Tip:** You'll hear the Velcro separating just before the belt detaches.

2. Cut plastic tie holding bungee at the Bungee Attachment Point, pull the Cord through all three pulleys and leave excess on top of the tank for now.

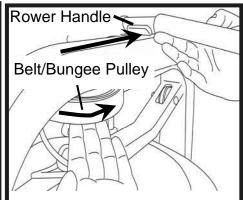
## **Reattaching the Rower Belt:**



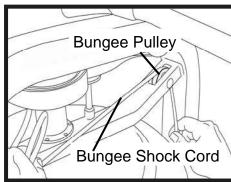
1. Begin reattaching the Rower Belt by threading around the Rower Belt Pulley with the Velcro side facing upward as illustrated.



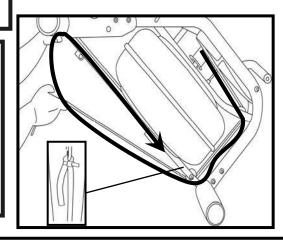
2. Next, thread the Belt around the Idle Wheel as shown.
Once around the Idle Wheel, attach the Rower Belt to the Belt/Bungee Pulley. There is an obvious "lip" at the attachment point.



3. Wind the Rower Belt onto the Belt/Bungee Pulley until the Rower Handle is as it's furthest forward position.



4. Rethread the Bungee Shock Cord (on opposite side of the Idle Wheel) back through the Bungee Pulleys and tie off at the Attachment Point.

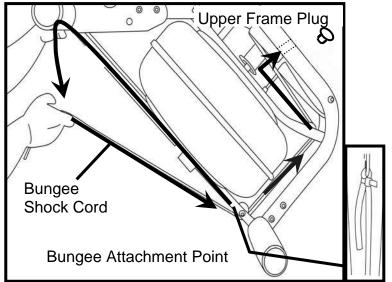




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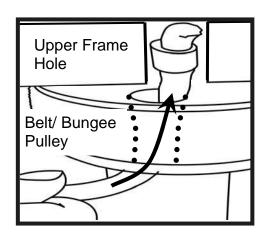
If Bungee Shock Cords previous tension seemed correct (a good way to judge is if the Rower Handle can make it to the furthest point forward on the top of the Mainframe under bungee tension alone) then simply tie off at previous position. If the return is too slack, experiment by tightening the tension in small increments and testing until the correct tension is achieved. If the Rower Handle cannot reach the end of the seat rail during a rowing stroke, then the Bungee Shock Cord is over-tensioned.

## Removing the Bungee Shock Cord:

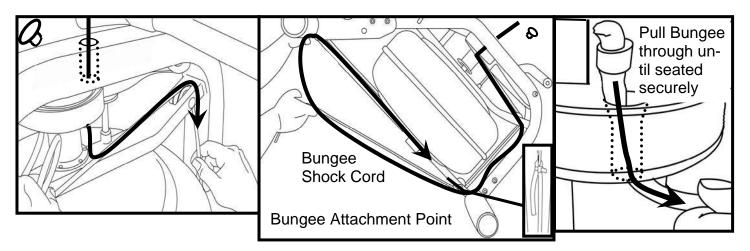


First, move the Rowing Handle to it's farthest forward point on the Mainframe, then cut the plastic end tie and follow the drawing above for bungee removal. Next, remove the Upper Frame Plug to allow the Bungee Shock Cord to be threaded through the top of the frame. Note: You will need to rotate the Belt/Bungee Pulley to align the holes properly. Should the belt drop off of during the bungee change, please refer to the previous pages for "Attaching/Reattaching the Rower Belt".

Once Bungee Cord and Upper Frame Hole are aligned, push the Bungee Cord up and through the frame as shown



## Replacing the Bungee Shock Cord:



Reinstall the Shock Cord through the Upper Frame, along the opposite side of Idle Wheel, through the Mid Frame and Lower Bungee Pulleys and then tie off with plastic tie wrap to correct tension. Replace Frame Plug

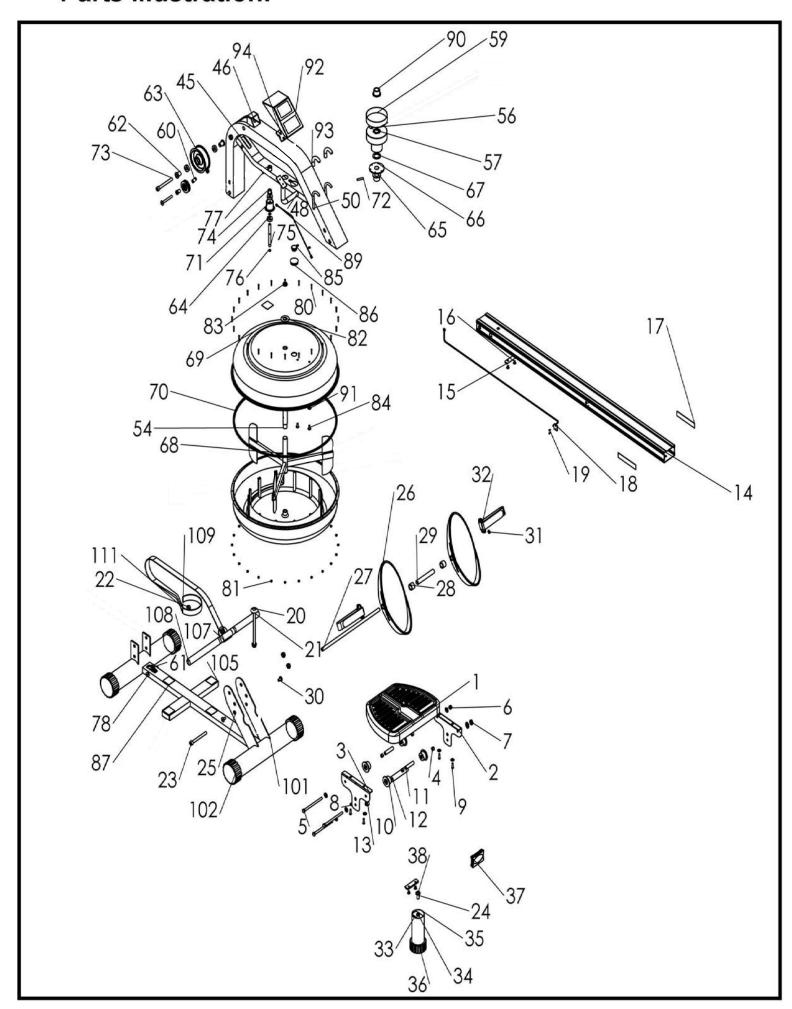


**Tip:** Correct bungee tension is achieved when enough recoil is present for the Rowing Handle to easily reach the front of the Rower Pulley Belt Bracket at the far front of the frame. If the Rowing Handle will not reach rearward to the end of the Seat Rail, the Bungee Cord is over-tightened and will require adjustment.

## **Troubleshooting:**

Fault	Probable Cause	Solution		
Water changes color or becomes cloudy.	Rower is in direct sunlight or has not had water treatment.	Change rower location to reduce direct exposure to sunlight. Add water treatment or change tank water as directed in the water treatment section of this manual.		
Rower belt slipping off belt/ bungee pulley.	Bungee not under enough tension.	Tighten bungee cord following the instructions given in the change bungee section of this manual.		
Front leg rises slightly during vigorous rowing	M10X180mm Vertical Frame Tensioning Bolt is slightly too loose.	Tighten bolt 1/2 turn and try again. Tighten as needed until problem stops. Note: Over tightening this bolt can damage the seat rail. Only tighten bolt until mid leg begins to lift slightly from the ground. Refer to "Fine Tuning the Neptune Challenge" for details.		
The Neptune Challenge computer does not illuminate after battery installation.	Batteries installed incorrectly or need replacing.	Reinstall batteries in correct position and try again. If the LCD screen fails to illuminate, replace batteries. If this fails, contact your local service center.		
Neptune Challenge Computer screen illuminates, but does not register when rowing.	Loose or failed connection.	Check that the computer lead is connected properly. If it is connected then contact your local service center.		

## Parts Illustration:



## **Parts List**

KEY	QTY	P/N	DESCRIPTION	KEY	QTY	P/N	DESCRIPTION
1	1	90701	Seat - LS-E22	56	1	60902	Belt Bungee Pulley Inc. 90136 Bear-
2	1	65121	Seat Frame Left	57	2	90136	one Way Bearing INA-HFL2016
3	1	65121		59	1		Velcro Strip
4			Seat Frame right				
5	4	90705	Inner Axle Bushing (Short)	60	4		Bungee Pulley Spacer
	3	60707	Bolt M8x120	61	2		Bungee Pulley
6	6	60708	Washer M8	62	2	60110	Belt Pulley Spacer
7	5	60709	Nut Nylock M8	63	1	60111	Belt Pulley 100mm (inc. 2x60112 Bearing)
8	4	60710	Washer M6x11	64	4	60112	Ball Bearing 6000ZZ
9	4	60711	Screw M6x20	65	1		Main Shaft Oil Bushing - Lower
10	4	65702	Seat Wheel	66	1	60114	Magnet Ring (inc. 6x60124 Magnet)
11	2	90706	Inner axle Bushing (Long)	67	1		Flywheel Shaft Spacer
12	1	90707	Lower Seat Wheel Axle Spacer	68	1	60116	Tank Lower
13	1	90708	Round Magnet	69	1		Tank Upper
14	1	90801	Rail	70	1		Tank Large Ring Seal
15	2	60803	Rubber Bump Stop - Seat	71	1	60119	Idle wheel inc. 2x60112 Bearing
16	4	60807	Rubber Bump Stop Screw M6x10	72	1	60120	Roll Pin 6mm
17	2	90812	Rail Decal	73	1	60121	Bolt (M10x90)
18	1	90803	Sensor With Lead	74	1	60123	Idle Shaft Upper Frame Mount 10mm
19	2	90804	Sensor Mounting Screw M3x8	75	1	60125	Idler Pulley Shaft
20	1	60806	Footplate Bolt M10x180	76	2	60126	C Clip 10mm
21	1	60809	Plastic Dome Cap For Vertical Seat Rail Bolt 10mm	77	1	60127	Grub Screw M4x6
22	7	60810	Nut Nylock (M10)	78	2	60128	Bolt (M8x65)
23	5	60135	Bolt (M10x95)	79	2		Frame Rubber Bumper
24	2	60134	Washer (M10)	80	24		Screw (M3x20)
25	10	60149	Spring Washer M10	81	24		
26	2	90901	Plastic Footplate	82	1		Tank/Main Frame Spacer
27	1	90902	Footplate Axle 12mmx388	83	1		Impeller End Cap
28	2	90903	Footplate Spacer Nylon D25xD17x19L	84	2	60139	Tank Internal Screw S/Steel M6x15
29	1	90904	Internal Footplate Spacer 17mmx1.5Tx110L	85	3	90144	End Cap - round PVC 25.4mm
30	2	90905	Footplate Bolt M8x15	86	1	60145	Frame Plug 38.1mm
31	2	90906	Spring Washer M8x10mm	87	5	61001	Tank Bonding Strip 3M-VHB
32	2	90907	Foot Strap Velcro	88	2	60147	Washer O Ring
33	1	90402	Rear Leg Internal Mounting Bracket	89	1	60148	Computer Lead
34	1	20029	Nylock nut M10	90	1	60150	Nylon Main Shaft Bushing - Upper
35	1	90401	Rear Leg	91	2	60606	Heel Adjuster Plastic Spacer
36	1	90802	Rear Leg End Cap 60mm	92	1	90103	Computer
37	1	60804	Seat Rail End Cap 75x75	93	2	90104	Hook
38	1	71025	Main shaft Rear Bracket Bolt M10x25mm	94	1	90107	Computer Plastic Spacer
39	1	61007	Tank Level Decal	101	2	90206	Lower Main Frame Mounting Bracket - Rear
40	2	91003	Main Frame Logo Decal	102	4	60209	End Cap 76.2mm Round
41	1	61004	Main Frame Upper Warning Decal	103	4	60210	Transport Wheel Fasterner
42	1	61004	Main Frame Lower Warning Decal	103	2	60211	Transport Wheel 76.2
43	1	60615	Bungee Cord 8mmx1250 with Clip	104	2	60212	End Cap 25x50mm
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45	1	60102	Upper Mid Frame	106	1	90502	Rower Handle Balt Brooket
46		60104	Roller Belt Pulley Bracket	107	1	90503	Rower Handle Belt Bracket
48	1	90106	Computer mount	108	2	90506	Handle Grip
50	2	90102	Rower Handle Bar Catch	109	1	60507	Rower Handle Complete
54	1	60304	Flywheel Upper Shaft	111	1	60508	Velcro Strip for Belt (Note: Com- bined with 60903)

# NEPTUNE Challenge Rower INTERNATIONAL WARRANTY – HOME USE

First Degree Fitness Limited warrants that the **Neptune Challenge (model NEPCH)**, purchased from an authorised agent and in its undamaged original packaging, is free from defects in materials and workmanship. First Degree Fitness Limited or its agent will, at their discretion, repair or replace parts that become defective within the warranty period, subject to the specific inclusions and exclusions below.

#### Metal Frame - 5 Year Limited Warranty

First Degree Fitness will repair or replace the metal Main Frame of the Rower should it fail due to any defect in materials or workmanship within 5 years of the original purchase. Warranty does not apply to frame coating.

#### Polycarbonate Tank & Seals – 3 Year Limited Warranty

First Degree Fitness will repair or replace the polycarbonate tank or seals should they fail due to any defect in materials or workmanship within 3 years of the original purchase.

#### Mechanical Components (of a non-wearing nature) – 2 Year Limited Warranty

First Degree Fitness will repair or replace any mechanical component should it fail due to any defect in materials or workmanship within 2 years of the original purchase.

#### **Specific Inclusions**

Aluminum Seat Rail

Stainless Steel Impeller Assembly

#### All Other Components (of a wearing nature) – 1 Year Limited Warranty

First Degree Fitness will repair or replace any component should it fail due to any defect in materials or work-manship within 1 year of the original purchase.

#### **Specific Inclusions**

Bungee recoil cord

Hand grips & foot straps

Polyester rowing belt

Seat

All pulleys, rollers & bearings

All rubber components

Computer & speed sensor (excluding replaceable batteries)

Footplates (pivoting & sliding)

#### **General Exclusions**

Damage to the finish of any part of the machine

Damage due to neglect, abuse, incorrect assembly or use of the machine

Any charges for freight or customs clearance associated with the return or dispatch of parts

Any damage to or loss of goods during transport of any kind

Any labour cost associated with a warranty claim

#### **General Conditions**

- The serial number of the machine must be correctly registered with First Degree Fitness Limited or one of its appointed distributors
- First Degree Fitness Limited reserve the right to examine any part where replacement is claimed under warranty
- Warranty period applies only to the original purchaser from the date of purchase and is not transferable
- The product must be returned to your place of purchase in original packaging with transportation, insurance and associated charges paid for by you and risk of loss or damage assumed by you
- First Degree Fitness makes no other warranties except as stated here and expressly disclaims all warranties not stated in this warranty. Neither First Degree Fitness nor its associates shall be responsible for incidental or consequential damages
- Manufacturer's warranty automatically commences upon sale of the product to end user or upon the expiration of one (1) year from month of manufacture, whichever occurs first