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LUNA 3 OWNER'S MANUAL

Solo paraglider designed for paramotor use

Welcome to Bruce Goldsmith Design

BGD is a world leader in the design and production of paragliders. For many years Bruce Goldsmith and his team have been developing products with world-beating performance for pilots who want the best. We apply our knowledge to design top quality products that combine the highest performance with the safe handling our customers value and respect. BGD pilots appreciate our quality and reliability. BGD's world-class status is based on the skills and expertise we have developed in combining aerodynamic design with cloth and materials technology. All BGD products are developed and made with the same skill and attention to good design that are synonymous with the ultimate performance and precision required by paragliders.

Congratulations on your purchase of the LUNA 3

The LUNA 3 is made for powered paragliding, and offers the perfect blend of comfort and performance, and speed. It is suitable for intermediate pilots up to competition racers.

The LUNA 3 has been designed to a high standard of safety and stability, but it will only retain these characteristics if it is properly looked after. This manual contains information on how to look after your paraglider, as well as techniques to get the best out of it in the air. If you ever need replacement parts or further information, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest BGD dealer or contact BGD directly.

Quick Summary

The LUNA 3 has our latest **paramotor risers**, which offer a very wide speed range thanks to the long-range trimmers and accelerator system. Please note the following:

1. The risers are delivered ready for use with a **high hangpoint** set-up. To fly with **low hangpoints**, the brakes should be moved to their lower position. See the [Risers section](#).
2. The best trimmer setting for an easy **launch**, is position 2. This is the sweet spot where the sail rises easily but take-off speed is not too high.
3. The LUNA 3 has standard brakes, and also **tip-steering** handles which control the wing tips and should be used when flying at speed. With the trimmers released to position 4 (half way) or more, you should always use the tip-steering and not the brakes.
4. The tip-steering lines can be attached to the main [brake handle](#), so the brakes and tip-steering can be controlled together (**2D steering**). 2D steering is only recommended for experienced pilots.
5. The LUNA 3 has a very wide speed range. Trimmers fully released and full bar at the same time gives a top speed of 75km/h. With the glider fully accelerated, it is at a greater risk of deflations in turbulent air. Using the speed bar with trimmers released is only recommended in calm conditions, and for experienced pilots.

Introduction

The LUNA 3 is a solo paraglider. It is not intended for tandem use or aerobatic manoeuvres. It should not:

1. Be flown outside the certified weight range
2. Have its trim speed adjusted by changing the length of risers or lines
3. Be flown in rain or snow
4. Be flown in strong turbulence or violent winds .

Weight Range

Each glider size is certified for a certain weight range. The weight refers to the 'overall take-off weight'. This means the weight of the pilot, the glider, the harness, the paramotor and all other equipment carried with you in flight. We recommend your paraglider is flown in the middle of the weight range.

If you fly in the lower half of the weight range the turning agility will be lower and the glider will be more damped, but it will have a slightly increased tendency to collapse in strong turbulence. If you mainly fly in weak conditions you might choose to fly towards the lower end of the weight range.

If you fly in the upper half of the weight range you will have greater agility and speed, and greater stability in turbulence, but your wing will be less damped in turns and after collapses. If you prefer a dynamic flight characteristic you should choose to fly higher in the weight range.

Modifications

Any modification, e.g. change of line lengths or changes to the speed system, can cause a loss of airworthiness and certification. We recommend that you contact your dealer or BGD directly before performing any kind of change. However, the **length of the brake lines** should be adjusted according to whether it is being flown with high or low hangpoints, or trikes.

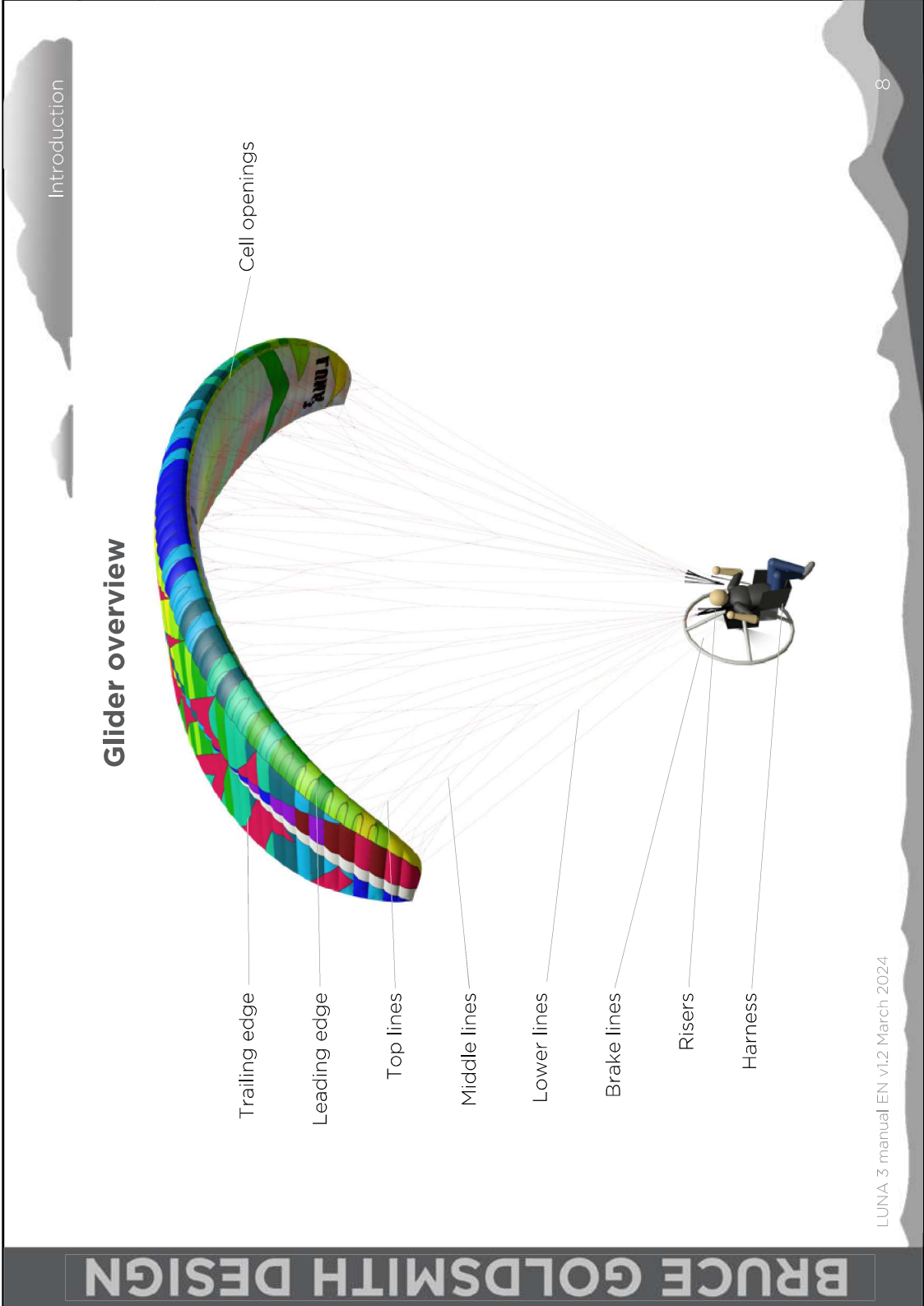
Flying in rain

A wet canopy is much more likely to enter a parachutal or full stall. If you fly into a rain shower, you should immediately go and land somewhere safe, steering the canopy gently and avoiding manoeuvres such as Big Ears which can make it more likely to stall

Test flight and Warranty

All information about the **BGD warranty** can be found on the Warranty page of our website. To benefit from the warranty, you must complete the warranty registration form on the website (www.flybgd.com)

It is your dealer's responsibility to test fly the paraglider before you receive it in order to verify the trim settings. The warranty may be void if the test flight has not been completed by the dealer.



Glider overview

Risers

Shown in the **standard Set-up** for **high hangpoints** and **standard steering**. To use with **low hangpoints**, the brake legs (3) should be moved to the lower position (4)

Brakes

1. Brake line
2. Brake pulley
3. Brake leg (high-hangpoint position)
4. Brake leg position for low hangpoints
5. Loop to attach TST line for 2D steering

Tip Steering (TST)

6. TST line
7. Low-friction rings
8. Tip-steering handle

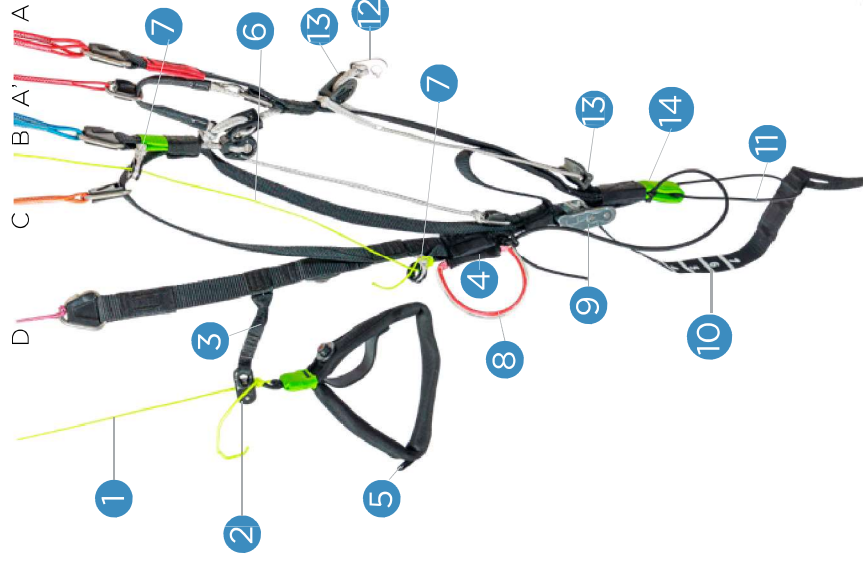
Trimmer

9. Trimmer buckle
10. Trimmer webbing
11. Elastic keeper

Speed System

12. Brummel hook
13. Speed system pulleys

Hook-in loop



Brake Handles

The brake handles are stiffened, and have a loop for your first two fingers. This means your hand is less likely to slip out of the brake handle, and it leaves your other fingers free to hold the throttle.

The brake handles can be held in the traditional way, without using the loop, if preferred.

The LUNA 3 is delivered in its standard set-up, as shown in the Risers diagram on the previous page. The tip-steering line runs through two low-friction rings and attaches to the pink Tip-Steering handle.

To use 2D steering, the tip-steering line should be removed from the tip-steering handle and the low friction rings, and attached to the tip-steering loop on the brake handle, as shown in the image, right.



2D set-up

Brake line

Tip-steering line

Finger loop

Trimmers, speed bar and steering

Both trimmers and speed bar increase the speed of the paraglider and activate the reflex system. When the wing is accelerated, it is more sensitive to turbulence and closer to a possible frontal collapse. It is NOT recommended to fly accelerated in turbulent conditions or near obstacles. Flying in turbulent conditions should be for expert pilots only.

Trimmers

These alter the glider's trim. When they are fully closed (position 0), the glider is trimmed slow; when they are fully opened, the glider is trimmed fast.

To reduce fuel consumption or to fly in thermals, the trimmers should be closed.

Flying with the trimmers fully open is only recommended in very smooth and calm conditions. Brakes should not be applied when the trimmers are fully open.

The recommended trimmer position for launching is mark 2, as shown in the picture. After take-off, once a safe altitude is reached, the trimmers can be progressively released to increase speed. If unexpected turbulence is encountered during the flight, it is advised to close the trimmers to between positions 0 and 2 and to actively pilot the glider using the brakes.



Brakes should only be used with trimmers between closed and position 5. Using the brakes with the trimmers open beyond position 5 will reduce the stability of the wing and increase the risk of collapse in the event of unexpected turbulence.

It is safe to use the **TST** for directional control at any trim or speed bar configuration.

2D steering

With 2D steering, a single handle is used to control both the tip steering and the brakes. It is a technique for advanced pilots, which takes some practice to master. Care must be taken to avoid accidentally pulling the brakes when the trimmers are released.

Pilots learning to use the 2D steering system are advised to do so with the trimmers between position 0 and 5, and with no speed bar applied. In this way, if the brakes are accidentally applied, there will not be a safety issue. Once pilots have fully mastered the 2D system, it can be used with the trimmers open.

Speed bar

To increase speed using the speed bar, pressure should be applied gradually to the bar. Maximum bar speed is achieved when the two pulleys on each A-riser touch. Do not go beyond this point by using excessive force to attempt to make the glider go faster as this may result in the glider collapsing.

Using speed bar is not as comfortable as using trimmers but is safer, because in the event of unexpected turbulence the pilot can react immediately by releasing the bar. With speed bar applied, only TST should be used for directional control, not the brakes.

Speed bar + Trimmers

The glider's maximum speed is with the trimmers released and the speedbar pushed out fully so that the pulleys touch. This is for expert pilots only, in smooth conditions. Brakes should absolutely not be used! If the 2D Steering is configured, pilots should be extremely careful not to apply brakes by accident when using TST. For pilots flying regularly with speed bar + trimmers, we recommend using the standard configuration where TST and brakes are separate.

Preparation

Connecting the speed bar

The LUNA 3 comes with accelerator risers and can be flown with or without a speed bar attached. The speed bar should be connected and adjusted following the instructions in your harness manual to ensure correct routing of the lines.

To adjust the speed bar to the correct length, sit in your harness and ask an assistant to hold the risers up in their in-flight position. The speed bar length can be adjusted by moving the knots, so that the bar sits just beneath your harness seat. You should be able to hook your heels into the bar, and to attain full bar extension (the two pulleys touching) when you push your legs out. Once you have set the bar up in this way on the ground, a test flight in calm air can be useful to fine-tune the length, ensuring it is even on both sides.

Laying out and connecting to motor/chassis

1. Select a suitable take-off area determined by wind and terrain, clear of any obstacles that may catch in the lines or damage the canopy.
2. Open out your paraglider so that the bottom surface is facing upwards, with the openings at the downwind end of the take-off area and the harness at the trailing edge at the upwind side.
3. Unroll the canopy to each side so that the leading edge openings form a semicircular shape, with the trailing edge drawn together to form an arc. The harness should be drawn away from the canopy until the suspension lines are just tight.
4. Prepare and check your paramotor, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Connect the wing to the chassis, ensuring the risers are connected the right way round and that the maillons

or karabiners are correctly closed.

Prepare the paramotor. Take care to protect yourself and other people from the propeller, ensuring you start your motor up at a safe distance from other people. The blades can pick up and fire out debris which could injure people several metres away. Remember there are inherent risks with petrol, oil and volatile or flammable materials.

Pre-flight inspection

Your paraglider is designed to be simple to inspect and maintain but a thorough pre-flight procedure is mandatory on all aircraft. The following pre-flight inspection procedure should be carried out before each flight.

1. Whilst opening the paraglider check the outside of the canopy for any tears where it could have been caught on a sharp object or even have been damaged whilst in its bag. Visually inspect the risers for any signs of damage.
2. Check the lines for signs of damage, twists or knots. Divide the suspension lines into groups, each group coming from one riser. By starting from the harness and running towards the canopy remove any tangles or twists in the lines. Partially inflating the canopy in the wind will help to sort out the lines.
3. Ensure the brakes are clear and free to move. Check the knot which attaches the brake handles to the brake lines. Avoid having too many knots, as there is a risk the knots could become stuck in the brake pulleys. Both brakes should be the same length and this can be checked by having an assistant hold the upper end of the brake lines together whilst you hold the brake handles. The brake lines should be just slack with the wing inflated when the brakes are not applied.
4. Always check the buckles and attachments on the harness. Ensure the two main attachment mailions/karabiners from the harness to the main risers, and the individual shackles which attach the risers to the lines, are tightly done up.

Preparation

5. Before getting in to the harness you should be wearing a good helmet. Check the parachute container is correctly closed and the handle is secure. Put on the harness ensuring all the buckles are fastened and that it is well adjusted for comfort.

Your paraglider is now ready for flight

Flight Characteristics

This manual is not intended as an instruction book on how to fly your paraglider. You should be a qualified pilot, but the following comments describe how to get the best from your wing.

Take-off

The trimmers should be set to position 2 for take-off. The LUNA 3 is easy to inflate in light or stronger winds and will quickly rise overhead to the flying position. Never try to launch if the wing is not perfectly inflated above your head and you do not have full control of pitch and roll.

Initial Climb

Once in the air you should continue to fly into wind while gaining altitude. Leave the trimmers in the take-off position to get the best climb rate.

Do not attempt to increase your climb rate by braking, as using the brakes combined with the engine's thrust can increase the angle of attack to the point where the wing can stall. In addition, this high angle of attack can result in a big dive if the motor suddenly dies, which could be dangerous if you are near the ground.

Do not initiate a turn until you have enough height and speed to do so.

Turning

Your first turns should be gradual and progressive. The initial action to change direction should be the movement of your weight in the harness towards the side of the intended turn. Then gently relax the pressure on the outer brake, and gently apply pressure to the inner brake until you attain the desired bank angle.

To adjust your speed and turning-circle size, coordinate your weightshift with pressure on the outer brake. How your glider reacts to weightshift will depend on the type of paramotor setup you use, for instance with a trike no weightshift at all is possible.

Remember that to violently apply high force on the brakes is dangerous and should be avoided. Never initiate a turn if you are flying slowly, as you risk the glider entering a spin.

Tip Steering System, TST.

The Tip steering system can be used to turn without slowing the glider. This is the usual way to turn when you have the trimmers released. It can also be used in conjunction with the brakes to adjust the characteristics of the turn. With the trimmers released to level 4 or further, it is advised to use the TST only, and not the brakes.

You should adjust the length of the brakes and TST according to your own paramotor set-up in order to get the best out of your LUNA 3.

Unintended Oscillations

In certain circumstances, a pilot can induce unintended oscillations. This can be due to a combination of the engine/propeller and pilot's weightshift and / or action on the brakes. To stop these oscillations you should reduce the power, ensure that you are seated centrally and not accidentally applying weightshift, and that you are not acting on the brakes. Once the oscillations have stabilised you can gently reapply power.

Active Piloting

Active piloting means flying in empathy with your paraglider. This means not only guiding the glider through the air but also controlling the movements of the wing, especially in thermals and turbulence. If the air is smooth the wing does not need much input from the pilot, but in turbulent air a continual action of the pilot on the brakes and in the

harness is necessary. These reactions are instinctive in experienced pilots. It is essential to maintain contact with the paraglider by a light pressure on the brakes. This allows the pilot to feel decreases in the wing's internal pressure which often precede collapses. Remember, you should not fly a paramotor in windy or turbulent conditions.

Rapid Descent Techniques

Big Ears

The 'baby A-riser' allows the wing tips of the paraglider to be folded in simply and easily to increase its sink rate. This big ear facility does not mean you should fly in stronger winds, but allows you to descend quickly without substantially reducing the forward speed of the canopy (B-lining substantially reduces the canopy's forward speed). To engage big ears, lean forward in the harness and grasp the baby A-risers (one in each hand) at the maillons, keeping hold of both brake handles if possible. Pull the risers out and down at least 30cm so as to collapse the tips of the glider. It is very important that the other A-lines are not affected when you do this, as this could cause the leading edge to collapse. Steering is possible by weightshifting with big ears in. If the big ears do not come out quickly on their own, a gentle pump on the brakes will speed things up.

Before using the big ears facility in earnest it is essential to practise beforehand with plenty of ground clearance in case a leading edge collapse occurs. Always keep hold of both brakes in order to retain control. Putting your hands through the brake handles so they remain on your wrists is a good method of doing this.

Spiral Dive

A normal turn can be converted into a strong spiral dive by continuing to apply one brake. The bank angle and speed of the turn will increase as the downward spiral is continued. Be careful to enter the spiral gradually as too quick a brake application can cause a spin or an over-the-nose spiral.

BGD gliders are designed and tested to recover from normal spirals with a descent rate inferior to 16 m/s, automatically without pilot input. If the pilot increases the descent rate of the spiral to over 16 m/s or initiates what is known as an over-the-nose spiral, the glider may require pilot input to recover. In this case all the pilot needs to do is

to apply some outside brake and steer the glider out of the turn.

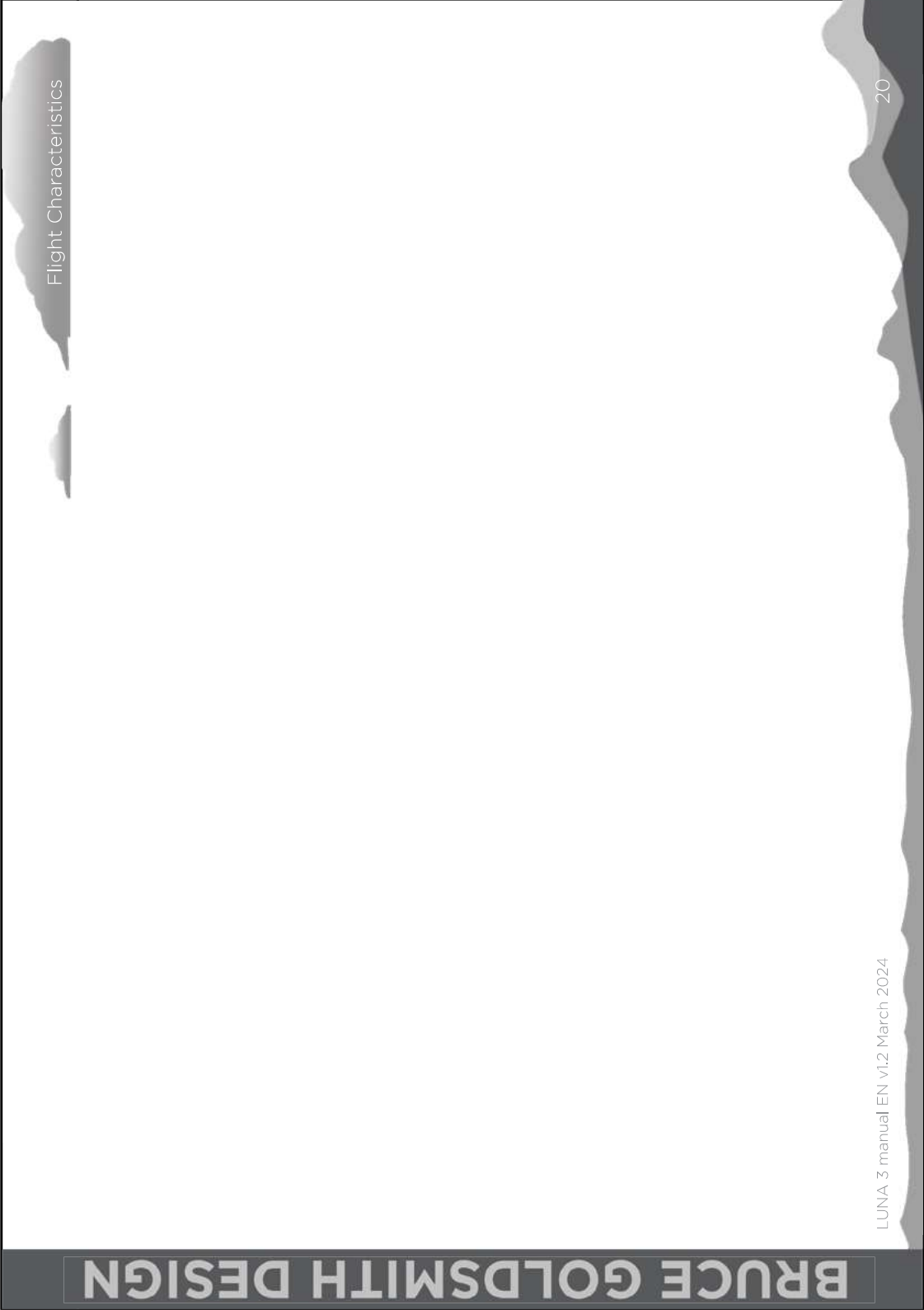
The over-the-nose spiral is a special type of spiral dive where the glider points almost directly at the ground. It will enter this if you make a sudden brake application during the spiral entry so that the glider yaws around. The nose of the glider ends up pointing at the ground, after which it picks up speed very quickly. This technique is very similar to SAT entry technique, and like the SAT it is an aerobatic manoeuvre, which is outside the normal safe flight envelope. Please do not practise these manoeuvres as they can be dangerous. Care should be taken when exiting from any spiral dive. To pull out of a steep spiral dive, release the applied brake gradually or apply opposite brake gradually. A sharp release of the brake can cause the glider to surge and dive as the wing converts speed to lift. Always be ready to damp out any potential dive with the brakes. Also be ready to encounter turbulence when you exit from a spiral because you may fly through your own wake turbulence, which can cause a collapse.

CAUTION: Spiral dives can cause loss of orientation (black out) and some time is needed to exit this manoeuvre. This manoeuvre must be exited in time and with sufficient height!

Landing

Set the trimmers to the closed position and set up your approach downwind of the landing field. When your height above the field is around 40m and you are in a good position to land in your intended landing spot, switch the engine off* and make your final approach, keeping your hands up to keep plenty of energy in the wing until you are about a metre above the ground. Flare, braking slowly and gradually to slow down the wing until you are close to the stall-point and able to land on your feet.

*If you land with the engine running there is a considerable risk of rotational propeller damage (lines passing through the propeller, or even injury).



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Recovery Techniques

All of the following manoeuvres can be dangerous, and should only be practised in a secure environment, such as an SIV course.

Stalls

Stalls are caused by flying too slowly. Airspeed is lost as brake pressure increases and as the canopy approaches the stall point it will start to descend vertically and finally begin to collapse. Should this occur it is important that the pilot releases the brakes at the correct moment. The brakes should never be released when the wing has fallen behind the pilot; the brakes should be released fairly slowly, to prevent the forward dive of the canopy from being too strong. A pre-release of the brakes and reconstruction of the full span is recommended to avoid the tips getting cravatted during the recovery. Pilots are advised not to attempt this manoeuvre unless under SIV instruction.

Deep Stall (or Parachutal Stall)

Your paraglider has been designed so that it will not easily remain in a deep stall. However, if it is incorrectly rigged or its flying characteristics have been adversely affected by some other cause, it is possible that it could enter this situation. In the interests of safety all pilots should be aware of this problem, and know how to recover from it.

The most common way to enter deep stall is from flying too slowly, from a B-line stall or even from big ears. When in deep stall the pilot will notice the following:

1. Very low airspeed.
2. Almost-vertical descent (like a round canopy), typically around 5m/s.
3. The paraglider appears quite well inflated but does not have full internal pressure. It looks and feels a bit limp.

Recovery from deep stall is quite simple: The normal method is to simply initiate a mild turn. As the canopy starts to turn it will automatically revert to normal flight, but it is very important not to turn too fast as this could induce a spin. The second method is to pull gently on the A-risers. This helps the airflow to re-attach to the leading edge, but be careful not to pull down too hard as this will induce a front collapse.

If the deep stall is particularly stubborn and the previous methods do not work then a full stall will solve the problem. To do this apply both brakes fairly quickly, as if to do a strong stall, then immediately release both brakes and damp out the forward surge in the normal way. The canopy will swing behind you then automatically reinflate and surge forward in front of you before returning to normal flight. It is the surge forward that exits the canopy from deep stall.

Spins

Spins occur when the pilot tries to turn too fast. In a spin the pilot, lines and canopy basically stay vertical and rotate around a vertical axis. Your glider will resist spinning, but if a spin is inadvertently induced you should release the brake pressure but always be ready to damp out any dive as the glider exits the spin. Failure to damp the dive on exiting the spin may result in an asymmetric deflation.

Symmetric Front Collapse

It is possible that turbulence can cause the front of the wing to symmetrically collapse, though active piloting can largely prevent this from occurring accidentally. A pilot can reproduce the effect by taking hold of both the A-risers and pulling down sharply on them. The glider will automatically recover on its own from this situation in around three seconds. During this recovery period it is advisable not to apply the brakes as this could stall the wing.

Asymmetric Front Collapse

Your paraglider is very resistant to deflations; however if the canopy collapses on one side due to turbulence, you should first of all control the direction of flight by countering on the opposite brake. Most normal collapses will immediately reinflate on

their own and you will hardly have time to react before the wing reinflates automatically. The act of controlling the direction will tend to reinflate the wing. However, with more persistent collapses it may be necessary to pump the brake on the collapsed side using a long, strong, smooth and firm action. Normally one or two pumps of around 80cm will be sufficient. Each pump should be applied in about one second and smoothly released. In severe cases it can be more effective to pump both brakes together to get the canopy to reinflate. Be careful not to stall the wing completely if this technique is used.

Releasing a trapped tip (cravat)

Following a severe deflation it is possible for a wingtip to become trapped in the glider's lines (cravat). If this occurs then first of all use the standard method of recovery from a tip deflation as described in Asymmetric Front Collapse above. If the canopy still does not recover then pull the rear risers to help the canopy to reinflate. Pulling the stabilo line is also a good way to remove cravats, but remember to control your flight direction as your number-one priority. If you are very low then it is much more important to steer the canopy into a safe landing place or even throw your reserve.

NOTE: Test pilots have tested the model well beyond the normal flight envelope, but such tests are carried out in a very precise manner by trained test pilots with a back-up parachute, and over water. Stalls and spins on any paragliders are dangerous manoeuvres and are not recommended.

Loss of brakes

In the unlikely event of a brake line snapping in flight, or a handle becoming detached, the glider can be flown by gently pulling the rear risers for directional control.

Storage, repairs and servicing

Storage and care

If you have to pack your canopy away wet, do not leave it for more than a few hours in that condition. Dry it out as soon as possible, but do not use direct heat sources as it is flammable!

Always store the canopy in a dry, warm place. Ideally this should be in the temperature range of 5°C to 25°C. Never let your canopy freeze, particularly if it is damp.

Your paraglider is made from high quality nylon which is treated against weakening from ultraviolet radiation. However, UV exposure will still weaken the fabric and prolonged exposure to harsh sunlight can severely compromise the safety of your canopy. Therefore once you have finished flying, put your wing away. Do not leave it laying in strong sunshine unnecessarily.

Do not treat your canopy with chemical cleaners or solvents. If you must wash the fabric, use warm water and a little soap. If your canopy gets wet in sea water, wash it with warm water and carefully dry it.

Trimmers

It is important to regularly check the wear on the trimmers and that the system is functioning cleanly with no sticking points. If they are showing signs of wear, the trimmers should be replaced. This can be done by the pilot.

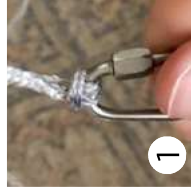
Small Repairs

Small tears in the top or bottom surface (not normally the ribs) of a canopy can be repaired with a patch of self-adhesive ripstop nylon. Tears up to around 10cm can be repaired in this way as long as they are not in high-stress areas.

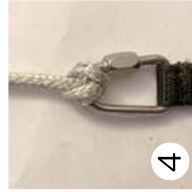
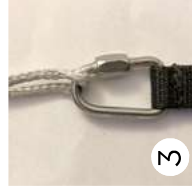
Other Checks

It is possible that the Dyneema line marked A in the photograph, may stretch or shrink. After the first 50 hours of flying, and then every 50 hours or so, its length should be checked. This is easily done by comparing it to the length of the webbing marked B. They should be the same length.

To check: fully close the trimmers and pull on the B riser. The line should be the same length as the riser. If it has stretched or shrunk, it can be shortened or lengthened by adjusting or removing a larkshead loop on the maillon.



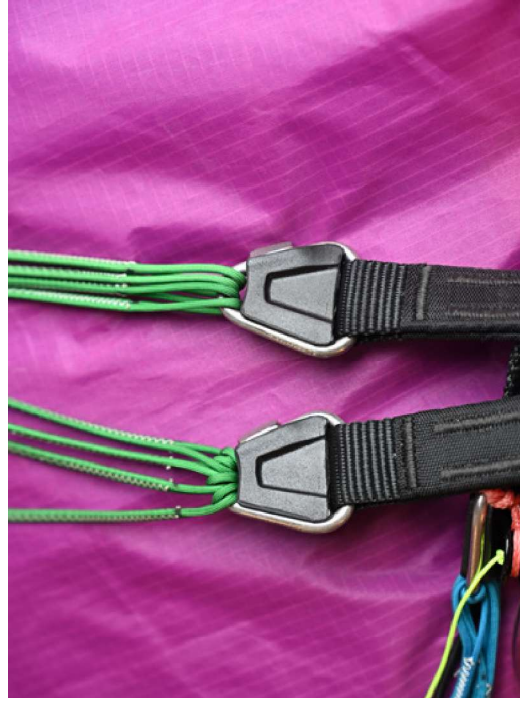
- 1 Factory setting
- 2 Lengthening option 1
- 3 Lengthening option 2 (if 1 is not enough)
- 4 Shortening option 1
- 5 Shortening option 2 (if 1 is not enough)



Lines

Releasing loops on the rear lines

All BGD gliders are rigged from new with loops on the maillons or softlinks of the rear lines and the stabi line. The loops are there so that they can be released to compensate for any shrinkage of the back lines as the glider gets older.



Left: loops on maillons, Right: loops released

We recommend releasing the loops after 100 hours or 1 year, whichever comes first, or earlier if the pilot feels the glider does not come up as easily on launch.

When the first line check is done, normally at 2 years, the loops should already have been released, and this should be verified and fine-tuned by the check centre.

Mounting Replacement Lines

If you need to replace lines on your glider, we recommended that a professional should mount the new lines. The airworthiness of your glider, and your safety, depends on it being done correctly.

You can identify the line(s) you need to replace from the line layout diagram for your wing. Download the latest version here: <https://tinyurl.com/BGDlines>

Replacement lines can be ordered from the [Accessories section](#) of the BGD website. Check that the lines you have received correspond with the latest update of the line checksheet from the dropdown. Also check the line layout on the

glider corresponds with the line layout in the manual.
The quickest way to remove the old lines is to cut them off. Don't cut the old lines off if you have not received the new ones or you may end up not being able to fly. Sometimes only a part lineset is needed (eg excluding top lines or brakes) so take care not to cut any lines that need to be retained.

It is important that lines are fitted the right way up (see diagram on the following page). Unsheathed lines are reinforced at one end, marked by a yellow thread. This end is the line-junction end. The non-reinforced end is marked with white thread and should be attached to the glider tab or the maillon. Sheathed lines have no additional reinforcement and can be mounted either way up.

Tab alignment

Lines should be symmetrically placed on tabs, except for A tabs, which are inclined backwards to align with the direction of pull of the line.

When assembling lines, the A tabs should be angled back, and the B, C and D tabs should be perpendicular to the canopy undersurface.

Line Junctions

All lines are connected to other lines or to tabs with lark's foot junctions. Make sure that these are joined correctly with interlocked and not looped junctions.



Interlocked junction – correct



Looped junction – incorrect



Interlocked junction – correct



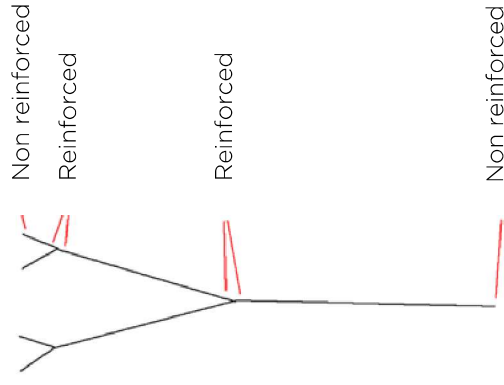
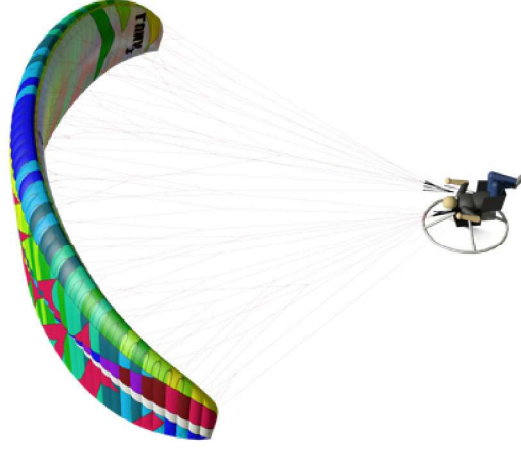
Looped junction – incorrect

Correct alignment of lines

Sheathed lines have no internal reinforcing and can be mounted either way up

On unsheathed lines, yellow thread marks the reinforced end

On unsheathed lines, white thread marks the non-reinforced end



Servicing / Inspection

It is important to have your glider regularly serviced. Your wing should have a thorough check / inspection every 24 months or every 150 flight hours, whichever occurs first. This check must be made by the manufacturer, importer, distributor or other authorised persons.

Please print out the [service records](#) from this manual, fill in the number of flights and hours flown in the Service Record, and send together with your glider when it goes for inspection or servicing. The manufacturer will only accept responsibility for lines and repairs which we have produced and which have been fitted or repaired by an approved service centre

If you are concerned about any aspect of the integrity or airworthiness of your paraglider please contact your BGD dealer or talk to BGD directly. .

Environmental protection and recycling

Our sport takes place in the natural environment, and it is our responsibility to do what we can to preserve our environment. A glider is basically made of nylon, synthetic fibres and metal. At the end of your paraglider's life, please remove all metal parts and put the different materials in appropriate waste/recycling facilities.

Technical Data

Materials

The LUNA 3 is made from the following quality materials:

Top surface:	Porcher Skytex 38g/m ²
Bottom surface:	Porcher Eazyfly
Internal structure:	Porcher Skytex 40 g/m ² hard
Nose reinforcing:	Perlon / F.line
Risers:	12 mm nylon black
Top lines:	Edelrid 8000U series
Middle lines:	Edelrid 8000U series
Lower lines:	Edelrid 8000U series and PPSL
Brakes:	Liros 8000U
Brake line KL1:	DSL350

Spare parts can be obtained directly from BGD or through our network of registered BGD repair shops. For a full list see www.flybgd.com

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Specifications

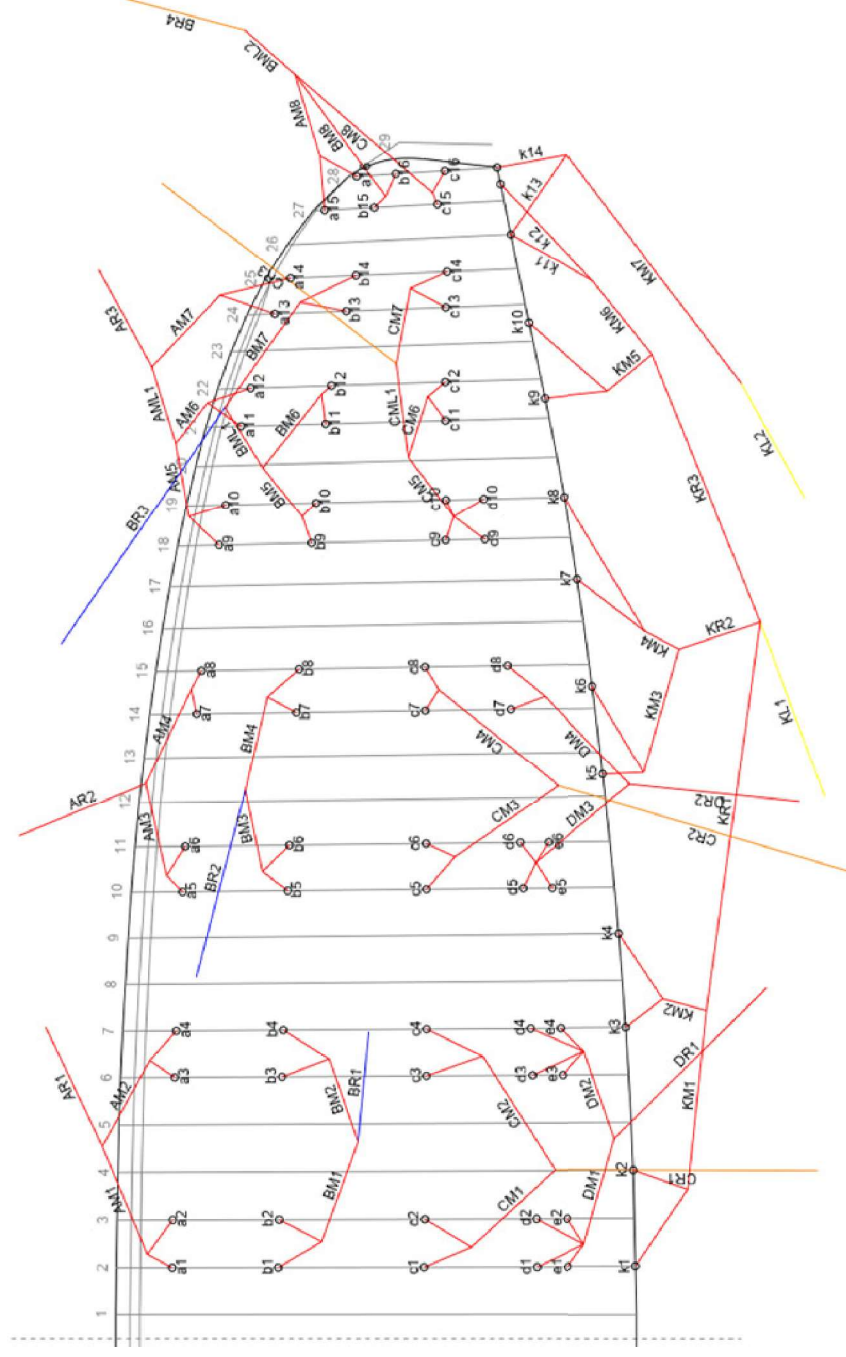
Specifications

	18	20	23	26	29
Projected area (m²)	15.6	17.3	19.9	22.5	25.1
Flat area (m²)	18	20	23	26	29
Glider weight (kg)	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.7	6.1
Height (m)	6.19	6.53	7.00	7.44	7.86
Number of main lines	3/4/3/2	3/4/3/2	3/4/3/2	3/4/3/2	3/4/3/2
Cells	57	57	57	57	57
Flat aspect ratio	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Root chord (m)	2.23	2.35	2.52	2.68	2.83
Flat span (m)	10.03	10.57	11.34	12.06	12.73
Projected span (m)	8.16	8.60	9.22	9.80	10.35
PPG weight range (kg)	70 - 120	80 - 130	90 - 140	105 - 160	130 - 200
Min speed* (km/h)	24 - 29	23 - 29	23 - 28	23 - 28	23 - 28
Trim speed* (km/h)	38 - 46	38 - 46	36 - 44	36 - 44	36 - 44
Trimmers open* (km/h)	53 - 65	50 - 64	50 - 62	50 - 62	50 - 62
Full speed * (km/h)	64 - 79	61 - 78	60 - 75	61 - 75	61 - 75
Max power (KW / hp)	27 / 36	27 / 36	27 / 36	27 / 36	27 / 36
Approval – Microlight (ULM)identification	In progress	In progress	In progress		

* At minimum and maximum all-up weights

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Line Lengths

Up to date line lengths can be found on the LUNA 3 product page on the website.

Measurements are in mm, measured with 50N line tension which was slowly and gradually applied. Lengths are measured from the lower surface of the canopy and include the risers.

Line lengths

Bridle check

2D steering, TST on brake handle:

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Size 18
Single line lengths

Line Lengths

A	B	C	D	E	K
a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	k1
a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	k2
a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	k3
a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	k4
a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	k5
a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	k6
a7	b7	c7	d7		k7
a8	b8	c8	d8		k8
a9	b9	c9	d9		k9
a10	b10	c10	d10		k10
a11	b11	c11	DM1		k11
a12	b12	c12	DM2		k12
a13	b13	c13	DM3		k13
a14	b14	c14	DM4		k14
a15	b15	c15	DR1		KM1
a16	b16	c16	DR2		KM2
AM1	BM1	CM1			KM3
AM2	BM2	CM2			KM4
AM3	BM3	CM3			KM5
AM4	BM4	CM4			KM6
AM5	BM5	CM5			KM7
AM6	BM6	CM6			KL2
AM7	BM7	CM7			KR1
AM8	BM8	CM8			KR2
AR1	BR1	CR1			KR3
AR2	BR2	CR2			KL1
AML1	BML1	CML1			
AR3	BR3	CR3			
	BML2				
	BR4				

Bridle check

2D steering, TST on brake handle:

K 13	5785
K 14	5617

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Size 20
Single line lengths

A	B	C	D	E	K
a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	k1
a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	k2
a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	k3
a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	k4
a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	k5
a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	k6
a7	b7	c7	d7		k7
a8	b8	c8	d8		k8
a9	b9	c9	d9		k9
a10	b10	c10	d10		k10
a11	b11	c11	DM1		k11
a12	b12	c12	DM2		k12
a13	b13	c13	DM3		k13
a14	b14	c14	DM4		k14
a15	b15	c15	DR1		KM1
a16	b16	c16	DR2		KM2
AM1	BM1	CM1			KM3
AM2	BM2	CM2			KM4
AM3	BM3	CM3			KM5
AM4	BM4	CM4			KM6
AM5	BM5	CM5			KM7
AM6	BM6	CM6			KL2
AM7	BM7	CM7			KR1
AM8	BM8	CM8			KR2
AR1	BR1	CR1			KR3
AR2	BR2	CR2			KL1
AML1	BML1	CML1			
AR3	BR3	CR3			
	BML2				
	BR4				

Bridle check

2D steering, TST on brake handle:

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Single line lengths

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Révisions

Service records

Service Records

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Owner record

Owner Record

Pilot No 1

First name

Family name

Street

City

Post code

Country

Telephone

Email:

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Owner record

Owner Record

Pilot No 2

First name

Family name

Street

City

Post code

Country

Telephone

Email:

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Closing Words

Your paraglider is an advanced, stable glider that will give you many hours of safe and enjoyable flying, provided you treat it with care and always respect the potential dangers of aviation.

Please remember that flying can be dangerous and your safety depends on you. With careful treatment your wing should last for many years. It has been tested to current international airworthiness standards, and these represent the current knowledge concerning the safety of a paraglider. However, there are still many unknowns, for example the effective lifespan of the current generation of gliders and how much material ageing is acceptable without affecting the airworthiness. There are natural forces that can seriously threaten your safety, regardless of the quality of construction or the condition of your glider. Your security is ultimately your responsibility. We strongly recommend that you fly carefully, adapt to the weather conditions and always keep your safety in mind. Flying in a club or a school with experienced pilots is highly recommended.

We recommend that you fly with a standard harness with back protection and a reserve parachute. Always use good equipment and an approved helmet.

Have fun, and see you in the sky!

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