Please note:

Fibreglass pole is not suitable for flying in high winds>25mph)/ 40kph storms so you will need disassemble it in these

conditions. If this

instruction is ignored, you will NOT be entitled to a refund or replacement if damage occurs

to any part.

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## **HAWK-KITE + Fibreglass POLE INSTRUCTIONS**

PACKAGE CONTAINS: Hawk-Kite; 5 or 7metre Glass-fibre Telescopic Pole; Flying Line, Winder, Support Stake and two rubber disks.

NB! YOU MAY NEED TO SHORTEN THE LINE TO THE KITE TO PREVENT IT FROM HITTING THE GROUND. You can do this by cutting the line and then making a loop for the swivel/clip to attach to, the same as the existing loop on the end of the line. We use a palomar knot.

- 1. Take pole; pull out rubber plug and extend each section, giving a little twist to secure in place, then put
- 2. Clip the split ring on the breast of the kite to the end of the flying line whilst the pole is still lying on the ground, and unravel the line, being careful not to tangle it! Lubricating the swivels is recommended.
- 3. Clip the other end of the flying line to the metal tip on the top of the pole.
- 4. Slip a rubber disk up from the bottom of the support stake 1/3 of the way. One disk is a spare. Secure stake in the ground or to a solid structure, so that at least 2/3rds of the stake is exposed. Wear gloves, as the stake may cause slivers.
- 5. Unscrew the hard plastic cap on the bottom of the pole, slip the pole over the rubber hose end of the support stake, ensuring the rubber disks protect the bottom of the pole.

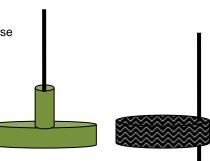
## WHY YOU MUST ALWAYS USE THE SUPPORT STAKE TO SUPPORT THE POLE!

The solid support stake is very strong, but also flexible enough to protect the pole from the shock effect of sudden gusts during winds. If you just strap the pole to a solid object such as a fence post or chimney block(very tempting) the pole will always break sooner or later in a gale - even without a kite attached, though its lightweight enough to be deployed from a high place, such as a roof or chimney.

If you do not use the support stake with the pole, you will NOT be entitled to a refund or replacement if damage to any part should occur as a consequence.

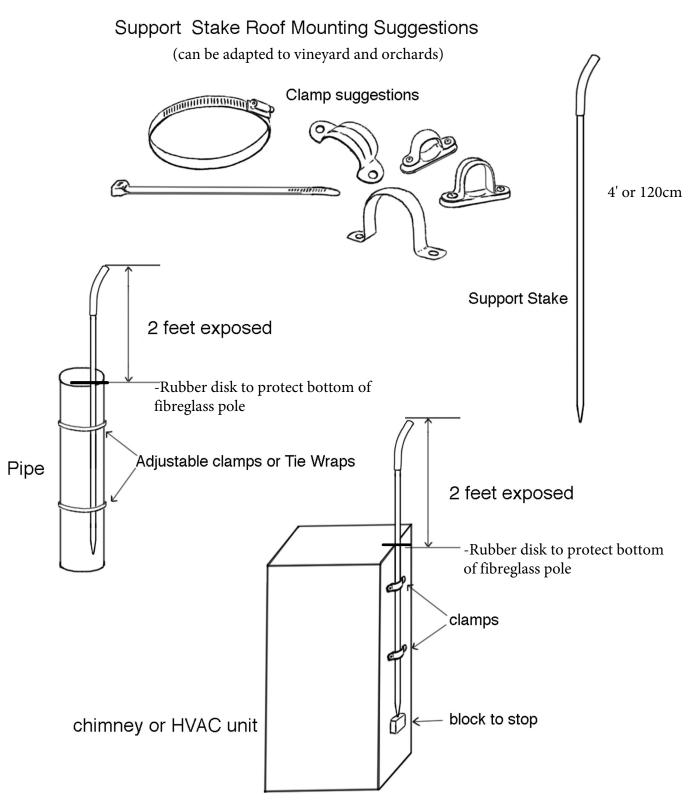
If you are operating on concrete, a rooftop, or decking, an umbrella base or an old tire + heavy brick can be used as a base. It can be re-positioned as necessary (See Picture). Make sure it is the support stake that you put into the umbrella base or tire, <u>not</u> the pole. The Support Stake can be made wider to fit the umbrella base with duct tape or pipe insulation. If you want to use a railing or fence-post as a support, then tape or strap the lower 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the support stake to the railing. Then slip the pole over the top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the support stake and secure the pole.

If you find the kite wraps around the pole, try angling the support stake/pole at an angle away from the prevailing wind if possible.



## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS Read and obey all these safety instructions before use.

- This Hawk-Kite is not a toy and is not intended for use by children.
- Obey all local, provincial or federal laws relating to flying kites in your area.
- Never put up a Hawk-Kite during electrical storms as it may conduct lightning down the line. If the Hawk-Kite is up during an electrical storm do not go near it until the storm is over.
- Ensure that no power-lines, telephone wires, trees, obstructions, animals or people can come near the Hawk-Kite or pole anywhere it could possibly fly. Consider changes in wind direction! Keep well away from power lines as these are inspected regularly by helicopters. Do not fly near cropsprayers or any low flying aircraft.
- In the North America do not fly within 5 miles of an airfield without air traffic permission. In Canada and USA, users should check their local kite flying regulations.
- Wear gloves when handling the line and support stake to avoid it cutting hands.



If possible place the support stake at a slight angle away from the prevailing wind direction. The kite is then less likely to tangle in the pole when there is no wind. Hawk kites may sustain damage in winds greater than 25mph. U-clamps available from Hawk Kite Sales