

Sky Paragliders – Skylight Tourist

Convertible harness with integrated ultra light reserve chute

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Sky Paragliders company is situated in the Czech Republic and has a long tradition as far as the development and the production of paragliders, harnesses and reserve chutes is concerned. The entire product range is produced in the Czech Republic according to the newest quality standards.

After a period of development and diverse improvements on the predecessor model, now Sky Paragliders presents a new ultra light harness.

The Skylight Tourist is an ultra light convertible harness, which can be used as harness or as a rucksack / backpack. You must just turn the harness inside out and change it into the harness and the other way round. The harness has also a reserve container integrated within the harness design. The reserve container is situated in the centre of gravity under the pilot, which is placed ideally concerning the weight. Sky Paragliders recommends as reserve the ultra light reserve chute Sky Lite.

A conventional reserve would not fit into the small reserve container. The convertible harness is manufactured of high quality materials and is great and accurate processed. What we really appreciate most is the high resistance stitching on every strap in the loops. They prevent a high pressure on the thighs which can appear after a time. As the harness has no seat board, an appropriate steering through weight movement is limited. But you have an optimal comfort when you put on or out the harness, as also specifically the seat loops of the leg straps are equipped with quick snaps. The harness has clear adjustable positions and is also easily to adjust during the flight. In the area between the seat loops you will find one adjustable possibility for the distance of both loops. During our practical tests we have found out that you reach the best steering through weight movement when you adjust the seat loops as far away from each other as possible. During the flight the seat position is really comfortable and the harness works nicely together with the paraglider. Further the harness shows a calm and not overturned flying behaviour. The packing volume is not really comfortable. A reserve container and an ultra light paraglider already fill in the whole rucksack. If you want to take bigger helmets or other accessories with you, you have only the possibility to fix them outside of the rucksack on several straps. The carrier comfort is due to the upholstery very comfortable and the rucksack is situated compactly on the body.

The Skylight Tourist is a harness made for lots of possibilities of para-alpin exhibitions or can also be used easily as a “lighter” second harness for ground-handling purposes or on the dune for fun soaring.