

# 16ft. Thunderbird Kite

assembly instructions

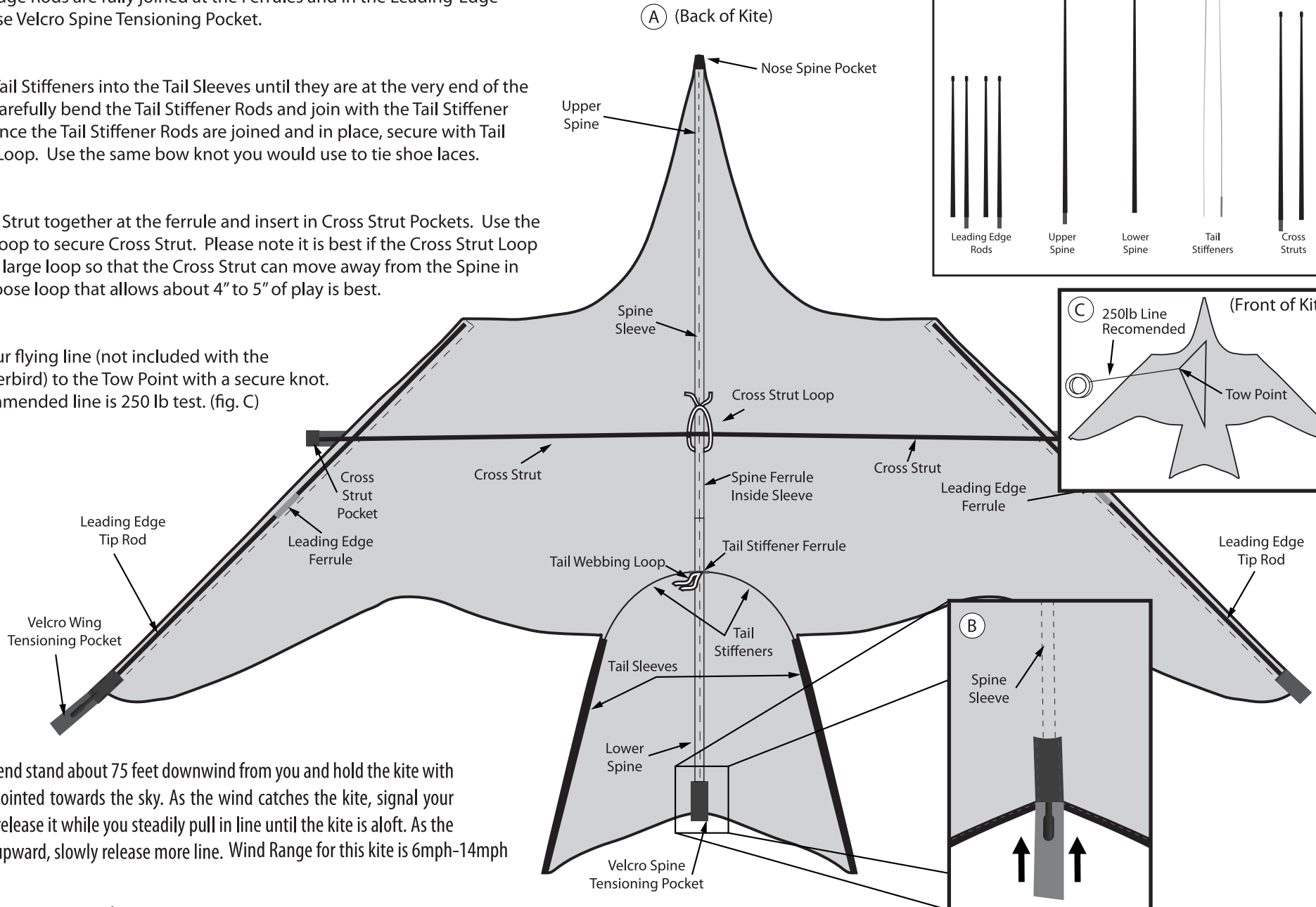
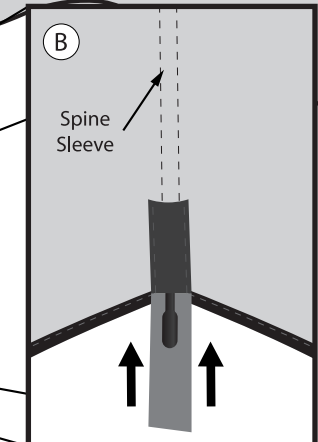
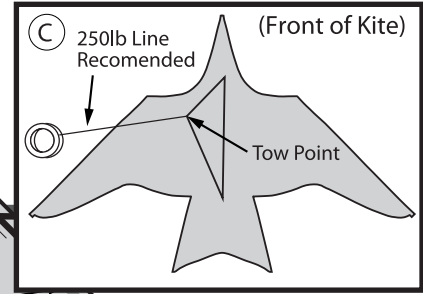
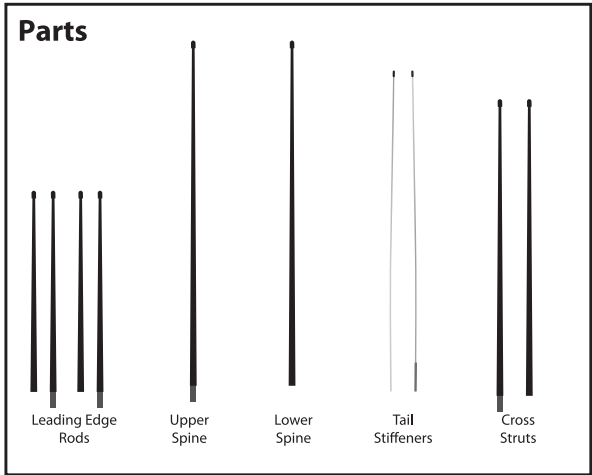
**STEP 1:**  
Slide Spine Rods together and join them at the ferrule. Once the spine rod is fully in the Spine Sleeve and fully joined at the Ferrule, use Velcro Spine Tensioning Pocket to secure Spine. (fig. B)

**STEP 2:**  
Slide Leading Edge Rods together and join them at the ferrules. Once the Leading Edge Rods are fully joined at the Ferrules and in the Leading-Edge Sleeves, use Velcro Spine Tensioning Pocket.

**STEP 3:**  
Slide the Tail Stiffeners into the Tail Sleeves until they are at the very end of the sleeves. Carefully bend the Tail Stiffener Rods and join with the Tail Stiffener Ferrule. Once the Tail Stiffener Rods are joined and in place, secure with Tail Webbing Loop. Use the same bow knot you would use to tie shoe laces.

**STEP 4:**  
Join Cross Strut together at the ferrule and insert in Cross Strut Pockets. Use the webbing loop to secure Cross Strut. Please note it is best if the Cross Strut Loop is tied in a large loop so that the Cross Strut can move away from the Spine in flight. A loose loop that allows about 4" to 5" of play is best.

**STEP 5:**  
Attach your flying line (not included with the 16' Thunderbird) to the Tow Point with a secure knot. The recommended line is 250 lb test. (fig. C)



**To Fly**  
Have a friend stand about 75 feet downwind from you and hold the kite with its nose pointed towards the sky. As the wind catches the kite, signal your friend to release it while you steadily pull in line until the kite is aloft. As the kite flies upward, slowly release more line. Wind Range for this kite is 6mph-14mph