

BLUEWATER CANOES

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A person wearing a dark hoodie stands with their back to the camera in a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the tall, thin trees, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The person appears to be looking out over the forest. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

BLUEWATER CANOES

Passion for exploration. The thrill of adventure. Bluewater was born of love for the Canadian waterways, and the drive to build the best canoes to navigate them. Our canoes are a modern twist on the classic: the marriage of traditional engineering and 21st century boat design.

What sets Bluewater canoes by abitibi & co. apart is our attention to detail and determination to innovate. Creating a perfect canoe is both simple and practically impossible. It's finding the sweet spot where stability and speed, tracking and manoeuvrability all come together. Having built white water slalom canoes and kayaks for the Olympics, we had the chance to experiment with new materials and building methods. We've integrated these into our tripping canoes, making for the most durable, lightest, sleekest, and expertly crafted canoes on the market.

But it's not our drive for stronger, sleeker, faster canoes that keeps us going. It's the awe we feel each time we paddle to the middle of a lake at sunrise, the thrill of surging down white water, the joy of spotting a beaver hard at work. Each Bluewater canoe is marked with our Misshipeshu logo. This mythic creature – a great underwater lynx that was known by Native tribes to live in the Canadian Shield – is a reminder of the power and beauty of the water. It helps us remember that we need to travel prepared: in body, mind and equipment. It also represents our promise to protect what we love and preserve it for future generations.

CONSTRUCTION

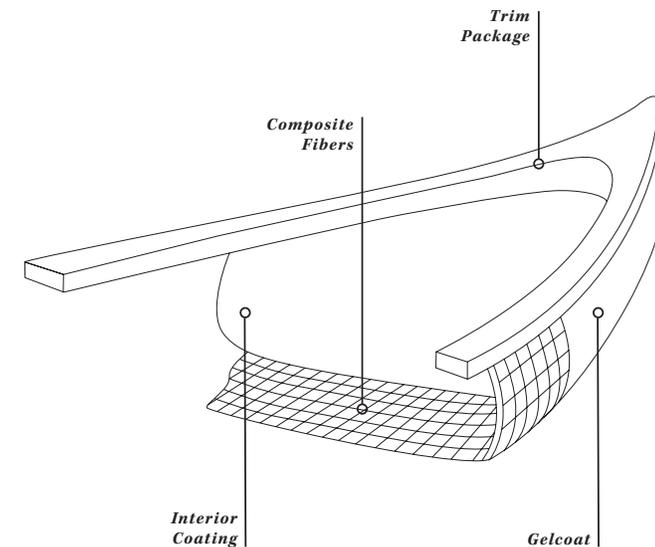
As it's our love for the wilderness that keeps us going, it only makes sense that we manufacture our products in a way that's environmentally sustainable. We construct our canoes with the best quality local materials, not just supporting the Canadian economy, but also reducing our footprint on the environment by saving fuel due to transportation. We also use state of the art technology that enables us to create the thinnest, strongest, hardest canoes possible, so you can spend more time seeking adventure and less time worrying about wear and tear. We're a proudly Canadian company with a promise to do everything we can to save our pristine natural environment for future generations. So when you buy a Bluewater canoe from abitibi & co., know that it's not just quality you're investing in, but also the commitment to protect and restore our waterways, and help share this natural wonder with all Canadians.

All canoes are not created equal. And all paddlers don't have the same needs, nor do they paddle in the same environments. That's why we offer our boats in two durable layups. The bare bones are the same: we create composite canoes using Kevlar and carbon-Kevlar with a resin to hold the fabric in place. The resin makes the hull watertight, and also provides flexibility and stability. But it's what we do with the resin that's the secret to our success.

First off, we use the best resin available. Then we infuse it into the hull materials rather than simply painting the

resin on the fabric. It's forced in with a vacuum, leading to more even distribution and a lighter, more flexible, and harder outcome.

But that's not all. To make sure your canoe lasts as long as possible, we've also added a keel strip to protect the most vulnerable points. This means that you can use your lightweight canoe in extreme situations. You can test your limits without fearing for your boat. Even if you do damage your canoe, the materials we use are easy to repair. So that means years of trouble-free paddling, and the knowledge that you're using the best of the best.

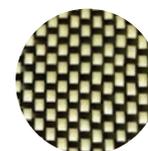


NEW FEATURE: KEEL STRIP
 We are always looking for ways to increase the durability and the quality of our canoes. This is why we've added a keel strip on both ends of every canoe.



INFUSED KEVLAR

If you're worried about weight, then our Infused Kevlar lamination is where it's at. These canoes are built under vacuum pressure with multiple layers of Kevlar, S-Glass and E-Glass. A diamond shaped core is used to reinforce the hull. This laminate is great for all round use.



INFUSED CARBON-KEVLAR

These canoes are built using the most advanced technologies with carbon-Kevlar fabric, S-Glass and other unnamed ultra-tensile cloths. The resin is infused into these materials under pressure, which distributes it evenly, eliminating porosity and ensuring a perfect resin to cloth ratio. The results? Super light and super strong.

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**WANT TO BUY
 A CANOE, BUT DON'T
 KNOW WHERE TO START?
 HERE'S A LIST
 OF PADDLING TERMS
 TO GET YOU GOING.**
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EFFICIENCY

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 This is the measurement of the amount of effort it takes to paddle a canoe from point A to point B. Easy going? That canoe is efficient!

TRACKING

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 Can you walk in a straight line? Even if you can't, you'll certainly want your canoe to be able to hold its course. A canoe that stays on course with little correction from a paddler is known to have good tracking. On the flipside, if a canoe can't keep straight without lots of corrective strokes, then it has poor tracking.

LOAD CAPACITY

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 Straightforward and extremely important to remember: load capacity is the amount of weight a canoe can safely carry. And all savvy adventurers know that safety is key!

MANOEUVRABILITY

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 Just like with people, machines and shopping carts, the manoeuvrability of a canoe describes how easy (or difficult!) it is to turn. The easier it is to control and change direction, the more manoeuvrable it is.

INITIAL STABILITY

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 Hard time climbing into that canoe? Not much initial stability then. The initial stability of a vessel describes how much it wobbles or reacts to weight shifts. The more stable it feels, the more initial stability it has.

SEAWORTHINESS

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 Not all canoes are created equal. A seaworthy canoe must be able to maneuver and make headway in windy, turbulent conditions. This doesn't just mean on the ocean – big lakes can be awfully choppy at times!

FINAL STABILITY

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 This is how well a canoe resists tipping once it's loaded up and on the move. The more resistant it is to tipping when it's leaned to one side, the greater the final stability.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

HULL SHAPE

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 The shape of the canoe determines how efficiently it glides through water. While shallow arch and shallow V-shaped hulls may shoot more effectively through the water, flat bottomed canoes are far more stable.

SIDE SHAPES

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 Sides that widen or flare above the waterline tend to be more stable and seaworthy. That said, some prefer "tumblehome" sides, as they give you more access to the water. Tumblehome sides widen up above the waterline and then tuck back in toward the gunwales, but are more likely to tip if heeled dramatically.

BEAM

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 The width at centre from gunwale to gunwale, or translated into non-paddler speak, it's the measurement of the widest point of the boat from edge to edge. If a canoe has a wide beam, it'll be more stable, seaworthy and have a large volume.

CHINE

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 Think of a teacup. Some are more rounded, while others more angular. With canoes, it's the same. The chine of a canoe refers to the transition from the bottom to the side: a soft chine refers to a gradual, more rounded transition. A hard chine is a straighter line with little rounding.

ROCKER

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 Not describing your grandma favourite item of furniture, nor the guy still wearing leather pants. In the watersport world, rocker describes the curvature of the boat from end to end. The more rocker (curve), the more manoeuvrable it'll be. On the other hand, if a canoe has a straight keel line – that is, little or no rocker – it will have great tracking but less manoeuvrability.

WATERLINE LENGTH

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 This measures the length of the canoe at the four inch waterline. The longer the waterline length, the greater the planing surface, the more efficient the canoe.

OVERALL LENGTH

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 The measurement from the stern tip to bow tip. The longer the canoe, the greater its capacity.

WATERLINE WIDTH

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 This measures the width of the canoe at the four inch waterline. The narrower the waterline width, the more efficient it is. But a wider waterline width means greater initial stability.

CANOE STYLES

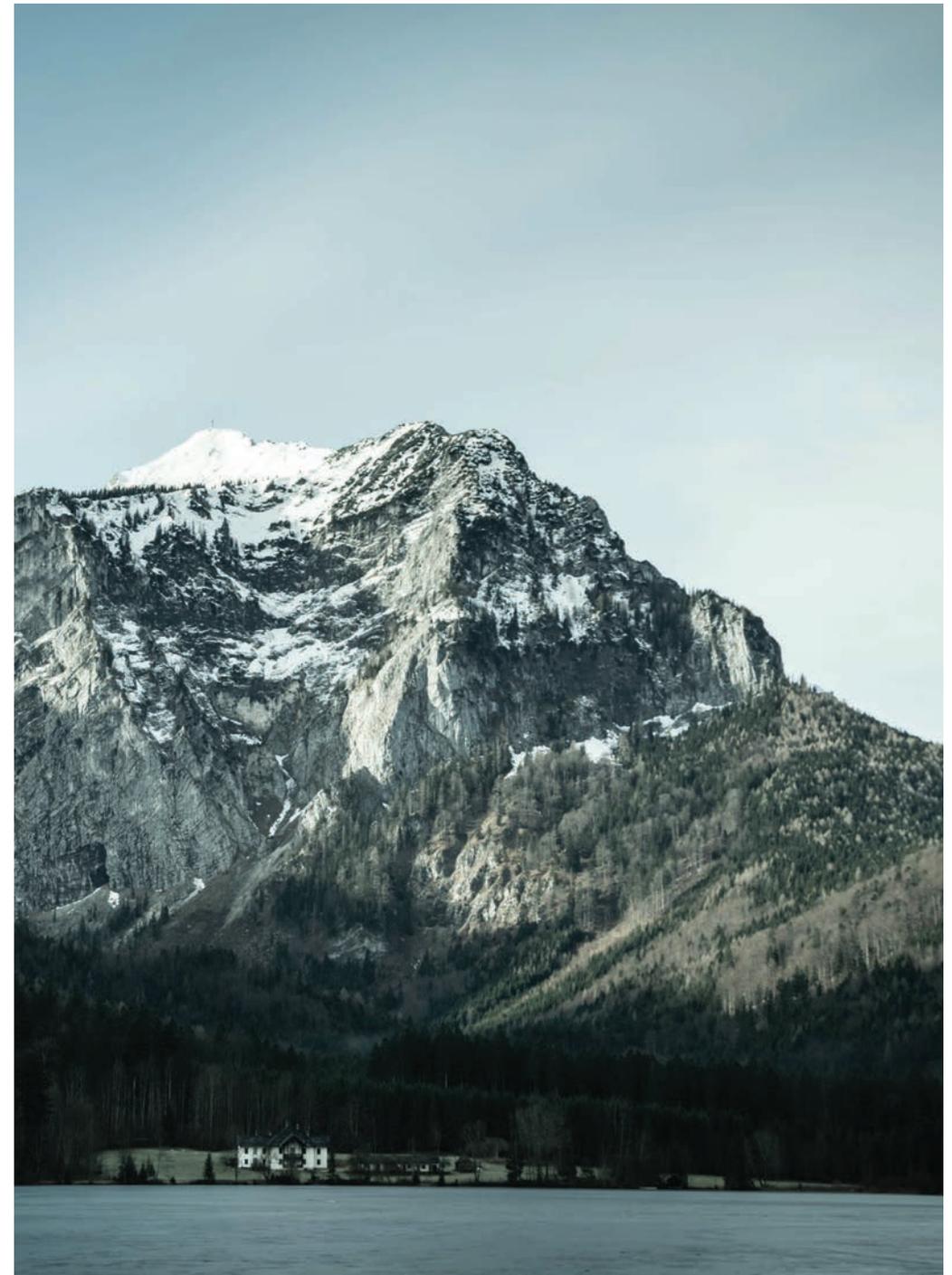
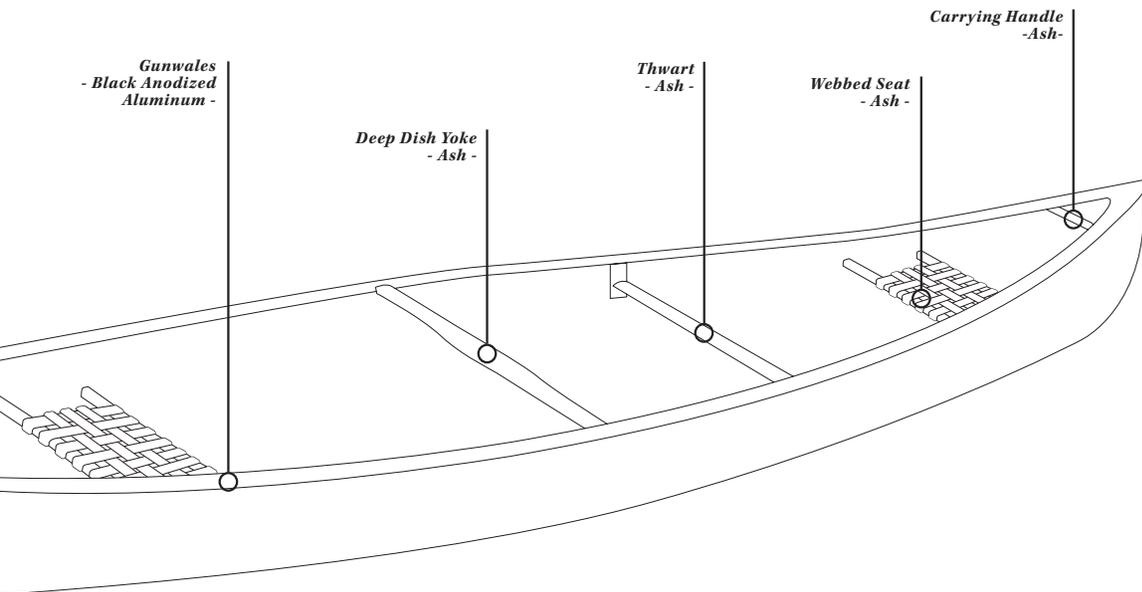
There are two common styles that our canoes take.

Symmetrical

A more traditional symmetrical canoe has the same shape from the centre forward to the bow as they do from the centre back to the stern. With an even and predictable feel, they're the ideal choice for pleasure paddlers and newbies.

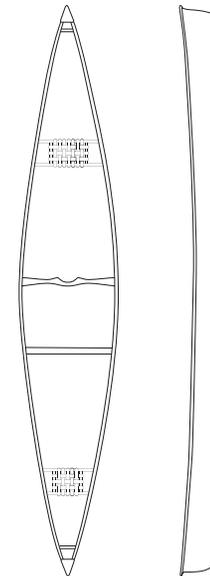
Asymmetrical

Asymmetrical canoes have sharper, sleeker bows with increased rocker. The sterns are shorter and ride deeper in the water. Quick, but with less initial stability than symmetrical canoes, these are great for more skilled paddlers.



FREEDOM SERIES

Those long summer days when it seems like the sun's never going to set. Paddling downstream at sunrise, your pack carefully stowed, your eyes as wide as saucers. The Freedom Series is built for adventurers and dreamers. Spend the day exploring the wilds, your nights spinning yarns around the campfire. That unrivalled feeling of satisfaction after the journey, tired and aching to the bone, but filled with anticipation for the next chapter, the next surprise, the next foray beyond the bend. With shallow v-shaped hulls and moderate rocker, Freedom canoes turn well at low speed, but track like arrows when moving rapidly. The asymmetrical hull, with the widest point aft of centre helps to increase speed and facilitate paddling. There's also a spray rail moulded into the hull near the bow, which deflects moderate waves and dampens pitching in larger seas.

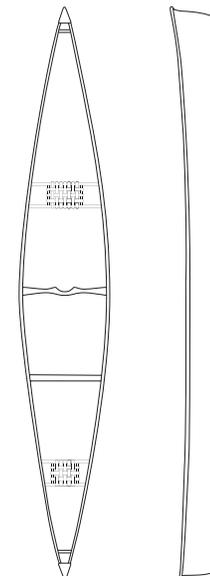


FREEDOM 17 TRIPPER

Bites and scrapes mark your arms like badges of honour. Hands chapped and tender, muscles aching from daily exertion. You're miles from your starting point, and days from the end, but couldn't be more thrilled. The Freedom 17 Tripper was built for the gung-ho nature lover. It has slightly more rocker than most 33" modern canoes, and turns like a traditional canoe, but with the speed of a modern hull. Perfect for the experienced tripper, and surprisingly easy for solo paddling.

OVERALL LENGTH	17'0"
GUNWALE WIDTH	33"
WATERLINE WIDTH	31"
BOW HEIGHT	19"
CENTRE DEPTH	13"
ROCKER	1.3"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	300-510 LB

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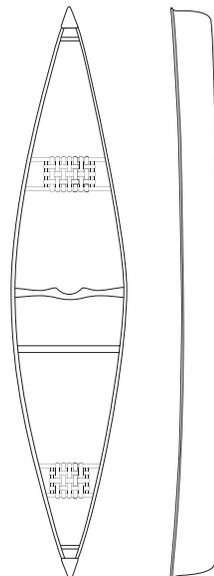


FREEDOM 17/9 EXPLORER

Last summer's weeklong portage just whet your appetite. This time it's a month in the woods: just you, your best bud, the great big sky, and the twists and turns of the serpentine rivers. An extra long trip could mean an extra big load. For those who love the Freedom 17, but need to carry more, we've increased the length, beam and freeboard, with only subtle changes to the hull shape. Great stability. Clean lines. Who knows what lies beyond the bend?

OVERALL LENGTH	17'9"
GUNWALE WIDTH	36"
WATERLINE WIDTH	32"
BOW HEIGHT	21"
CENTRE DEPTH	14"
ROCKER	1.1"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	400-680 LB

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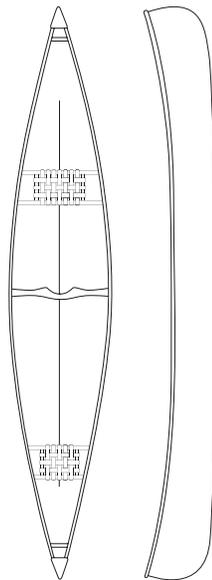
FREEDOM 16/6 SCOUT

As you dip your paddle into the murky water, you look back at your son, who's grinning so wide, someone might have unzipped his face. The family canoe trip. Your girlfriend's introduction to the great outdoors. Open your hearts and minds to the wonder of the wilderness and taste real freedom in this comfortable, spacious canoe. The wide 36" beam means stability, and the freeboard – slightly higher than on the 17' tripper – adds safety and comfort.

OVERALL LENGTH	16'6"
GUNWALE WIDTH	36"
WATERLINE WIDTH	33"
BOW HEIGHT	20"
CENTRE DEPTH	14"
ROCKER	1"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	350-540 LB

SAUGEEN SERIES

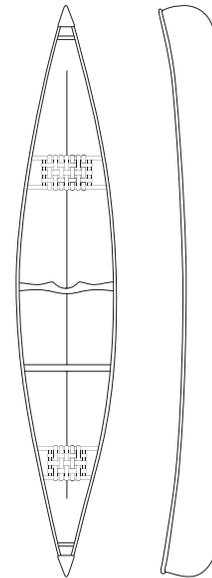
Stability and performance. Now that's what we're talking about. Though they might look like traditional canoes, the Saugeen Series has been carefully designed for superior handling. Paddle out to the middle of the lake and go fishing for your supper. Peer over the sides and watch the pond skaters zip along the surface. Head on down the river in search of... who knows what you'll find. With full ends that provide more space than other canoes of the same length, shallow arch hulls for stability, and a shoe keel to protect the hull when grounding, these canoes are a pleasure for the occasional paddler and experienced tripper alike.



SAUGEEN 15

A sunset paddle in the lake by the cottage. Your long weekend daytrip: finally time to commune with nature. The mid-summer escape, all alone in the wilderness. The perfect boat for any time adventures, our smallest Saugeen canoe has added width for stability and capacity, slight tumblehome for easier solo paddling, and moderate rocker for manoeuvrability.

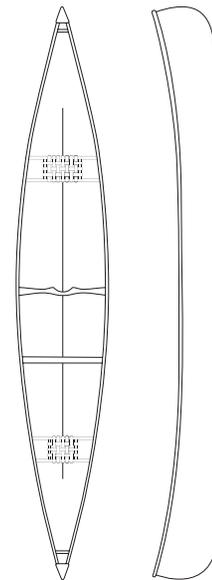
OVERALL LENGTH	15'0"
GUNWALE WIDTH	35"
WATERLINE WIDTH	33"
BOW HEIGHT	19.5"
CENTRE DEPTH	12.5"
ROCKER	1.6"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	150-450 LB



SAUGEEN 16/6

Strike out along the meandering river, overhanging trees shading you from the noon sun, the splash of water cooling your legs. For day trips, week trips, or even just to push out into the water and watch the stars, the Saugeen 16/6 strikes the perfect balance between tracking and manoeuvrability. It's stable, and the traditional shape makes it oh so Canadian. Easy to paddle: just what you were looking for.

OVERALL LENGTH	16'6"
GUNWALE WIDTH	35"
WATERLINE WIDTH	33"
BOW HEIGHT	19"
CENTRE DEPTH	14"
ROCKER	1"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	350-540 LB



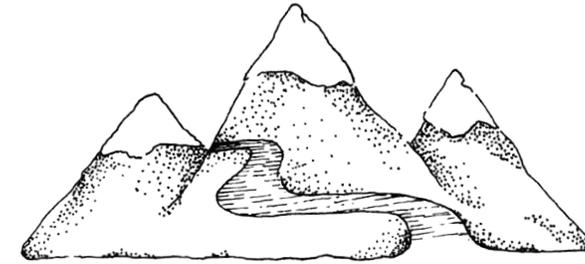
SAUGEEN 17/6

The woods are never truly silent. The water laps against the shoreline as you sit, still as a statue, watching the deer grazing in the clearing beyond. For the fishers and hunters among us, a canoe trip may mean packing an extra load. And if it's a greater load you need to carry, then the 17/6 is everything you love in the 16/6 with extra space. As longer boats naturally tend to track better, we were able to add more rocker to retain the turning ability of the smaller Saugeens. A fantastic canoe for long trips, or on large bodies of open water.

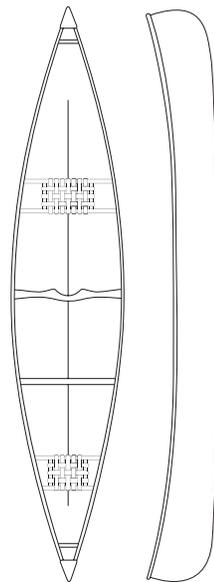
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GUNWALE WIDTH	36"
WATERLINE WIDTH	33"
BOW HEIGHT	20"
CENTRE DEPTH	15"
ROCKER	1.5"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	400-680 LB

CLASSIC SERIES

As you catch sight of home, your dog wags his tail furiously and then leaps into the water to greet you. You're in Muskoka, Georgian Bay, the Thousand Islands. The dock, the sun: peace and joy. Summer weekends mean camping or cottage. You love tradition, and that goes for Thanksgiving dinner and your choice of canoe. Our classic line of canoes is of the Canadian tradition, but with the added durability, strength and lightness of modern materials. Originally moulded from cedar canvas canoes, our Classic Series combines symmetry and grace with stability and durability, and will give you years of pleasure.



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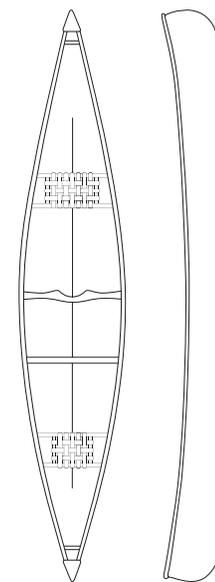


PROSPECTOR 16

Burst down rapids, the rush of the water drowning out all other sounds. Paddle hard across the lake to get back in time for supper. Whether you plan to portage for weeks on end or just paddle around the lake by the cottage, the Prospector may be the only canoe you'll ever want. An incredibly well rounded canoe, it has a symmetrical hull that provides the stability necessary for a novice, but also creates the feel that experienced canoeists love. The entry lines have been extended to improve speed, and the keel has been removed for extra manoeuvrability. Great for white water and lake tripping alike, we think it's one of the most versatile you'll find.

OVERALL LENGTH	16'0"
GUNWALE WIDTH	36"
WATERLINE WIDTH	32"
BOW HEIGHT	22"
CENTRE DEPTH	14"
ROCKER	.5"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	350-540 LB

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PETERBOROUGH 16

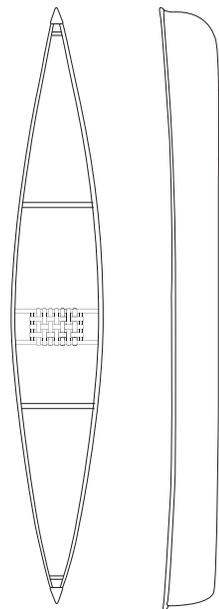
Grab the paddles and push out into the lake. Sun yourself on the dock before going out for more. Tradition, beauty and manoeuvrability make the Peterborough a favourite for weekend paddlers and cottagers. With the same upswept sheer line and fine symmetrical ends as the original Peterborough, this canoe is the picture of tradition. The narrow 31" beam and slight rocker make it perfect for solo or tandem paddling with a light load. And as it's narrower and shallower than most other 16' canoes, it's easier for the solo paddler to handle.

OVERALL LENGTH	16'3"
GUNWALE WIDTH	31"
WATERLINE WIDTH	29"
BOW HEIGHT	18"
CENTRE DEPTH	13"
ROCKER	.5"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	280-390 LB

SPECIALTY SERIES

Surging through white water, it's just you and the elements.

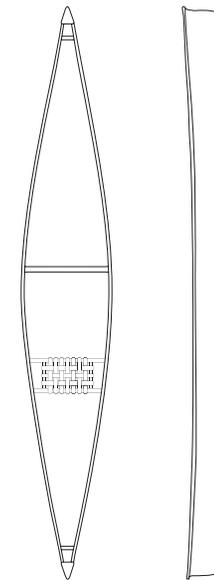
At one with nature, you paddle through unknown rivers, discovering new and unexpected sights around every turn. There's something magical, ephemeral and irreproducible about paddling alone. The connection with the wilderness; the power of the water. Our Specialty Series has been crafted with solo travellers in mind – for those in tune with nature and who need canoes that paddle effortlessly and don't take away from their communion with nature. Yes, we could have called this the "Solo Series," but what if you wanted to take your dog along?



MIST 14/10

Dip your paddle into the clear pool of the early morning lake, mist hovering above the water as the sun's heat warms your skin. This is the feeling evoked by the Bluewater Mist – a perfect solo performance canoe that's great for casual paddling and expedition tripping. The hollowed entry and exit lines of the hull make for unbeatable efficiency – even in Class 1 or 2 whitewater. It's also speedy enough to keep you up with most tandem canoes. So, when it comes to solo canoes, we're pretty sure you'll want to spend some time in the Mist.

OVERALL LENGTH	14'10"
GUNWALE WIDTH	26"
WATERLINE WIDTH	28"
BOW HEIGHT	17"
CENTRE DEPTH	13.25"
ROCKER	.25"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	120-260 LB



SPLITROCK 16

Shoot across the lake like an arrow striking its mark. If speed and precision are what you dream of, this lightweight canoe is the perfect choice. With excellent tracking and resistance to crosswinds, as well as quick acceleration, high speed and good glide, it's the perfect vessel for solo flatwater paddling. The unique flared hull provides stability without sacrificing performance. And although it's really built for one, you can outfit it for tandem use with small adults or children.

OVERALL LENGTH	16'6"
GUNWALE WIDTH	25"
WATERLINE WIDTH	26"
BOW HEIGHT	15.5"
CENTRE DEPTH	12"
ROCKER	0.5"
OPTIMUM CAPACITY	80-380 LB

	LENGTH OVERALL	GUNWALE WIDTH	WATERLINE WIDTH	BOW HEIGHT	CENTRE DEPTH	ROCKER	OPTIMUM CAPACITY FOR PERFORMANCE (LBS)	HULL SYMMETRY	INFUSED KELVAR	INFUSED CARBON-KEVLAR
FREEDOM SERIES									AVERAGE FINISHED WEIGHTS (LBS)	
FREEDOM 16/6 SCOUT	16'6"	36"	33"	20"	14"	1"	350-540	A	50	38
FREEDOM 17 TRIPPER	17'0"	33"	31"	19"	13"	1.3"	300-510	A	50	38
FREEDOM 17/9 EXPLORER	16'9"	36"	32"	21"	14"	1.1"	400-680	A	54	42
SAUGEEN SERIES										
SAUGEEN 15	15'0"	35"	33"	19.5"	12.5"	1.6"	150-450	S	48	37
SAUGEEN 16/6	16'6"	35"	33"	19"	14"	1"	350-540	S	52	39
SAUGEEN 17/6	17'6"	36"	33"	20"	15"	1.5"	400-680	S	57	42
CLASSIC SERIES										
PROSPECTOR 16	16'3"	31"	29"	18"	13"	.5"	280-390	S	47	38
PETERBOROUGH 16	16'0"	36"	32"	22"	14"	.5"	350-540	S	49	39
SPECIALITY SERIES										
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**WEIGHT
INFORMATION**

All published weights are based on an average weight, which is calculated by weighing many completed canoes of the same model and trim. Published weights and specifications may vary. abitibi & co. reserves the right to alter the specifications and construction in a continuing product improvement policy.

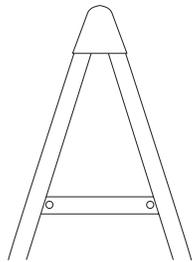
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ADD-ON OPTIONS

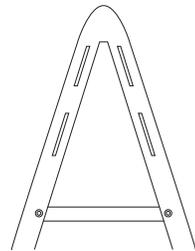
Trim

All of our wood trim is finished with an exterior grade easy-to-maintain oil-based product to ensure that the wood keeps a beautiful natural look for longer. You'll be able to enjoy your canoe for many years before it will need a little love to keep its natural beauty.



BLACK ANODIZED ALUMINUM TRIM

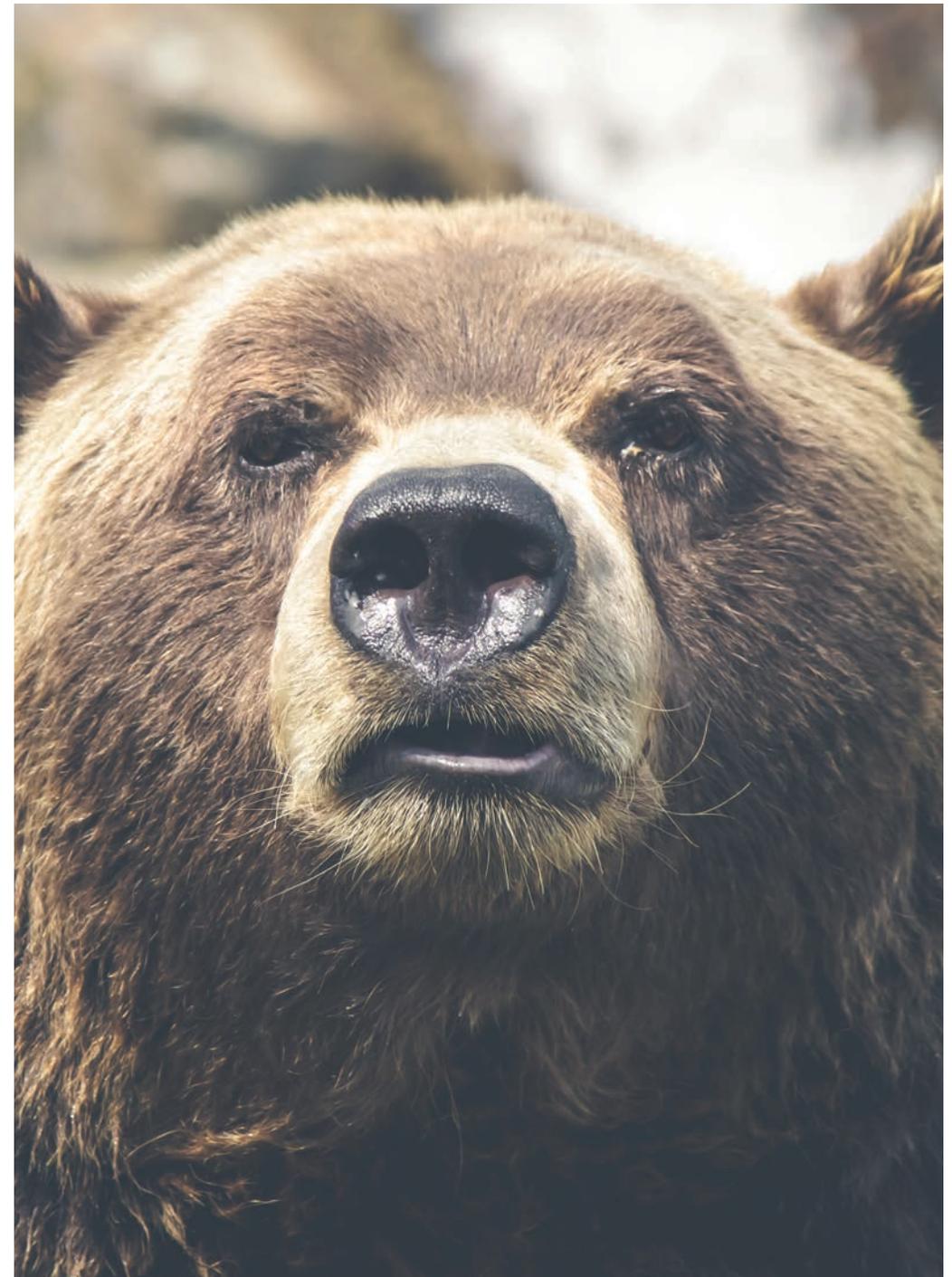
This is the standard package on Bluewater canoes, and comes with ash webbed seats, ash handles, ash thwart and an ash deep dish yoke.



WOOD TRIM

This is our standard wood trim. It features straight-grained select ash gunwales, ash framed webbed seats, ash thwarts, deep dish ash yoke and ash handles.

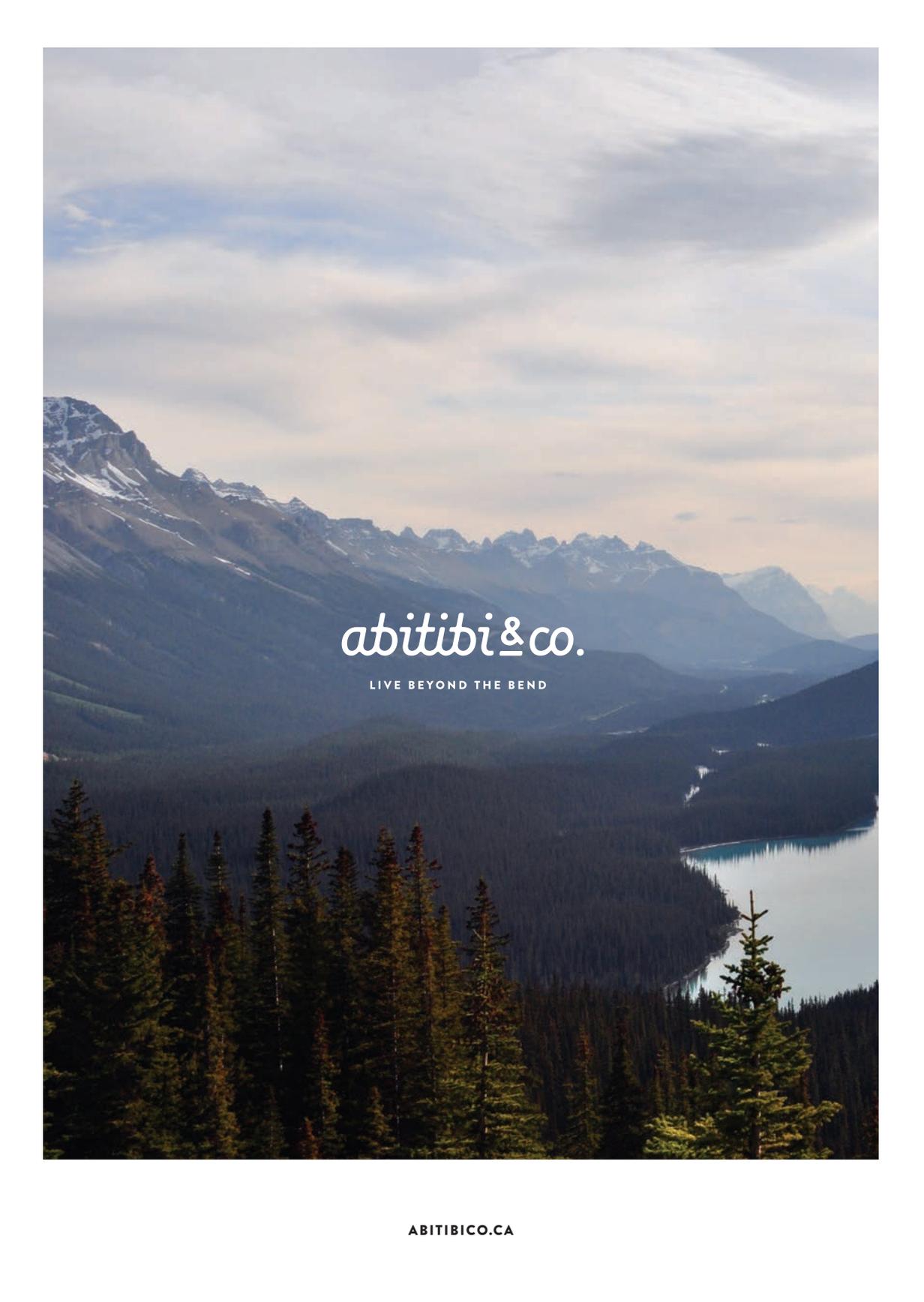
Colours





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A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain range with a forested valley and a lake. The mountains are rugged and partially covered in snow, with a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground and middle ground. A calm lake is visible on the right side of the image, reflecting the sky and the surrounding landscape. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day.

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