

## READ, UNDERSTAND, FOLLOW AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### Range of Application

The fencing mask is exclusively designed for use in the sport of fencing according to the rules of the international fencing federation (F.I.E.).

### Substances Used in Mask

Mesh: 100% Stainless Steel

Bib: 100% Polyamide

Lining: 100% Polyester

### To Choose the Correct Level of Performance for Protective Equipment for Fencers

Please refer to the rules of your national fencing federation. We recommend only protective fencing equipment of the highest level of performance (EN13567-2002 level 2). This mask meets level 1 requirements (level 1 >350N).

### To Learn the Correct Size of Your Fencing Mask

Please refer to the sizing chart on the front page. All sizes are measured in inches. The size of the mask must be chosen, so that when the mask is situated on the head, even strong, sudden movements of the head, will not cause it to fall from the head. Nevertheless, it should be loose enough to avoid painful pressure. The mask can be adjusted to the shape of the head by gently pressing together or pulling apart the lateral parts of the mask and by bending the bow on the back of the mask.

### The Zones of Protection

The zones of protection can be seen on the appropriate figure. The following parts on the mask are not part of the protected zones

- the elastic at the back of the mask
- the adjustable bow at the back of the mask.

### When Fastening Your Fencing Mask

Make sure, that the elastic in the back of the mask is closed completely and firmly and that the bow on the back of the mask is bent downward in a way that the mask is fixed firmly and safely on the head. Hit, with increasing force, the front mesh of the mask with your hand to make sure that an impact will not result in the mask hitting your nose. By making strong, sudden movements of your head in all directions, make sure that the mask will stay on your head and won't fall from your head during fencing. If any of the fastening devices do not work properly, the mask may not be used any longer.

### Care and Storage Instructions

The inside lining of the mask is washable with a wet cloth. Removable inside padding can be washed by hand at 10°C using a mild detergent. Air-dry the inside padding -- do **not** spin-dry or tumble this padding, as the mechanical impacts will reduce its level of protection. Store the mask in a cool, dry place away from direct light exposure.

By purchasing Products from Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc., customer and users of equipment agree to be bound by the following:

## LIMITED WARRANTY

**Limited Warranty (“Warranty”)** Absolute Fencing Gear Inc. warrants to the Original consumer purchaser (“You”) that the Products will arrive undamaged and in working order when received by the customer. In the event that the Products are damaged upon delivery, the customer shall notify Absolute Fencing Gear Inc., at the address below and ship the damaged Products back to Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc. Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc., will send, at Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc., discretion, either a replacement Product or a refund, within 30 days. This Warranty shall be effective for claims received 30 days of the initial delivery of the Products. Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc. will not accept a return for any other reason. **ABSOLUTE FENCING GEAR, INC., DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.** The foregoing constitutes the customer’s sole and exclusive remedy under this Agreement.

**Limitations on Warranty:** This warranty does not cover: (a) normal wear and tear; (b) damage through abuse, accident, neglect, misuse, improper maintenance and repair (c) failure to follow instructions provided with this product and (d) product alteration in any manner by anyone other than Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc.

**Obligations of Purchaser:** To make a warranty claim, contact us at the address and telephone below and identify the product by model number and follow the claim instructions that will be provided to you. Any returned product that is replaced by us becomes the property of Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc. Please retain your purchase receipt to verify the date of purchase and that you are the original consumer purchaser. The product and the purchase receipt must be provided to us in order to process a Warranty Claim.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Customer and Users of equipment acknowledge that participating in fencing can be dangerous. Fencing and the use of fencing equipment can result in injury or death. Customers and Users of fencing equipment also acknowledge that spectators and other persons in close proximity to any fencing activity can be injured or killed. Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc., shall not, under any circumstances or legal theory, be liable for personal injury, wrongful death, personal loss, loss of profits, lost wages, goodwill, downtime, economic loss in excess of the products purchase price.

## INDEMNIFICATION and HOLD HARMLESS

Customer and Users agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Absolute Fencing Gear, Inc. for liability arising from injury or damage to property or person as a result of the Products, or arising out of the use of the Products. In no event shall Absolute Fencing Gear’s liability under this Agreement exceed the purchase price paid by the customer for the Products.



## WARNINGS



Customer and Users of fencing equipment acknowledge that participating in fencing can be dangerous. Fencing and the use of fencing equipment could result in injury or death.

Customers and Users of fencing equipment also acknowledge that spectators and other persons in close proximity to any fencing activity can be injured or killed.

Wearing proper protective clothing and equipment (mask, jacket, underarm protector/plastron, chest protector, knickers, gloves, socks and shoes) is required before participating in any fencing activity. Protective equipment and clothing must not be changed or modified. Seams must not be opened or parts added or subtracted. Care instructions must be followed or a reduction in the level of protection will occur.

Carefully inspect protective clothing before fencing to be sure that there are no defects (e.g., dents, abrasions, holes, broken seams, broken zippers, tears, scratches, broken welds, broken wires, missing rivets, worn elastic, irregularities of the mask's mesh pattern, irregular openings of the mesh, loose bib from mesh, loose trim, rust) If any defects are found, the equipment or garment should not be used.

Broken blades pose a particular threat. The circumstances of breaking blades may result in high tip velocities and high-energy impacts by the broken blades. Broken blades have been known to penetrate protective equipment causing serious bodily injury and/or fatal consequences. No practical protective clothing and equipment is capable of withstanding all broken blade impacts.

Fencing clothing is designed to be used only by either right-handed or left-handed fencers (see marking on the cover page). Fencing clothing for right-handed people must not be used by left-handed people, and vice versa.

Failure to follow all warnings and instructions may result in product failure, property damage, serious bodily injury, and/or death. You acknowledge and agree that any use of the product is at your own risk.

## SEVERABILITY

The unenforceability of any portion of this Agreement shall not render the remainder of the Agreement invalid or unenforceable.

## ACCEPTANCE

By ordering any products from Absolute Fencing Gear Inc., you understand and accept the above terms and conditions and agree to be bound by same.

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