

Instruction Manual Bushbox XXL Campfire

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4. Slide the remaining front section into place, ensuring that all parts are fully engaged. Once the Bushbox XXL Campfire is heated, the parts will automatically lock due to heat expansion - until then, only lift the assembled and still cold Bushbox by the longer (side) parts.
5. If necessary, insert the trivets (the pot supports). The Bushbox XXL Campfire is now ready for use.

Welcome to the Bushbox XXL

Thank you for choosing a hobo stove from Bushcraft Essentials, a genuine German quality product. We manufacture all our stoves exclusively in Germany using state-of-the-art processes that protect our employees, nature and its resources. We wish you a lifetime of enjoyment with your Bushbox!

We have designed the Bushbox XXL Campfire specifically for applications where weight is not an issue but a certain level of comfort is required. Unlike our other hobo stoves, it is also suitable for hours of continuous operation, as an outdoor heat source or simply as a romantic vanlife campfire.

Tips & Tricks

YouTube in particular is full of excellent videos from people who have used our products, showing how to use them and giving valuable tips. You can also find more videos and information on our social media pages (we also welcome your videos and testimonials).

Assembling the Bushbox XXL Campfire

The Bushbox XXL Campfire is very easy to set up and use:

1. Join one side panel (parts with the hooks facing up) and one back panel (hooks facing down).
2. Attach another side panel to the other side of the back panel.
3. Slide the bottom plate and the ash plate into the slots provided (the bottom panel [with the holes] at the top, the ash plate at the bottom), ensuring that the side without tabs faces forwards (see illustration).

Disassembling the Bushbox XXL Campfire

1. Let it cool down! The Bushbox XXL Campfire will remain locked until it has cooled down.
2. Once the Bushbox XXL Campfire has cooled down, the parts can be separated.

Trivets

The trivets (pot supports) are versatile - they can be used to support pots and pans in various positions (including parallel and across) and can also be used to move the hot Bushbox XXL Campfire without risking burns. There are angled cuts in the pan supports specifically for moving (or lifting) the optional grill tray.



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Lighting a Fire

The Bushbox XXL Campfire is multi-fuel compatible, so it can also be used with alcohol or gas burners – but it is primarily designed for use with wood. If you have no experience of lighting a fire, there are a number of YouTube videos on the subject. Basically: Use our Firesticks, birch bark, feather sticks, fine wood shavings, a cotton pad or similar to light the fire, then add fine, thin material until the fire is really going. Then gradually add thicker material. You can find fuel for your Bushbox in nature; dry spruce branches are ideal. Never use branches lying on the ground, they are almost always damp (except in extremely dry regions).

Make sure the holes in the bottom plate are free so the stove can “breathe”!

Operation

The underlying principle of a hobo stove is the chimney effect. Make sure you never completely cover the top – otherwise the fire will die and/or smoke will develop.

Also make sure your stove can “breathe” from below. Keep the holes in the base plate free and you will always have a nice fire.

Finally, it is important to make sure you always have enough fuel (e.g. wood etc.) available to keep the fire burning. Our stoves burn fast and hot, so the fire will die fast if you do not add new material. Prepare a sufficient supply of material before you start the fire.

The Bushbox XXL Campfire burns to such a high temperature that almost no ashes (or soot) will be left over. Larger amounts of ashes, white smoke or soot are evidence of incorrect use – either because the Bushbox XL is covered from above or has insufficient air supply from below.

Care & Maintenance

Our hobo stoves are high quality products made from stainless steel and are designed to be with you for the rest of your life. Although they require almost no care and maintenance, you should keep your Bushbox XXL Campfire free of dirt and clean it from time to time. Otherwise even stainless steel may appear to rust – because of the heat metal molecules will accumulate on the outside and oxidize. Flash rust can appear on these spots. It will not damage the stainless steel and can be removed easily.

Fuels

Although specially designed for use with wood, the Bushbox XXL Campfire can be used with many other fuels: Charcoal, alcohol burners, gas burners, fuel paste, dry animal dung, etc. Especially when using gas or alcohol burners, it is also a perfect windscreen that can dramatically increase the efficiency of the burner.

Open Fire

Please use your Bushbox XXL Campfire responsibly. Most forest fires and wildfires are started by the irresponsible use of fire. Always keep a safe distance from flammable material and make sure you can extinguish your fire at any time. Check and follow local laws regarding having an open fire. Never leave the stove unattended! Make sure your stove is being operated on a flat, fireproof surface. Only use outdoors! Never touch when in use – danger of severe burns! Keep out of the reach of children and animals! Also never use the stove in enclosed spaces - risk of suffocation!

Trangia / Gas Cartridge Mode (windscreen for spirit and gas burners)

If only three sides of the Bushbox XXL Campfire are used and the open side is secured with one of the trivets supplied (see illustration), the Bushbox XXL Campfire can be used as a perfect windscreen for gas or alcohol burners, dramatically increasing burner efficiency.

In addition, barbecue skewers etc. can be inserted into the triangular openings on the sides, e.g. as a base for pots (see illustration).



Warpage

The warnings about warping in our document How to Operate Your Hobo Stove do not apply to the Bushbox XXL Campfire - it is designed to be used in continuous operation and as a campfire.

Although we have taken great care and spent months of testing to minimise warping (e.g. with the „triangular pattern“ on the sides), a certain amount of warping cannot be avoided for physical reasons. This is partly due to the size of the surfaces. It is therefore normal for the Bushbox XXL Campfire to warp slightly. However, it is designed in such a way that the warping does not affect its function, but is merely an optical effect.

The normal heat expansion of the Bushbox XXL Campfire is also for safety reasons - unlike its smallest counterpart, it does not need to be locked as this happens automatically as soon as it is heated up.

Accessories

The following accessories are available for the Bushbox XXL Campfire:

- BCE-064 Trivets (Set) Bushbox XXL Campfire (already included, replacement)
- BCE-065 Grill Plate Bushbox XXL Campfire
- BCE-066 Cooking Panel Bushbox XXL Campfire (with an opening for feeding the wood)
- BCE-067 Heavy Duty Outdoor Bag Bushbox XXL Campfire (already included, replacement)

Enjoy your hobo stove!

Your team at Bushcraft Essentials