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The glider has a moderate trim speed, allowing you to turn flat in light thermals, while being agile enough to also turn tight in strong, tough conditions. The 162 LE-ribs creating an incredible smooth top-sail surface, which enables ultimate gliding performance even in moving air. The entire concept is trimmed to perform the best once you hit the speed bar. XC flying is all about travelling from A to B as fast as possible with the best glide ratio available. Here, the BUTEO XC will showcase his full potential. By using the best and latest materials, the glider is also relatively light, taking its design complexity into consideration.

Characteristics

Like all Icaro gliders, the design of the BUTEO XC shows a unique detail of the Icaro Edelweiss flower – selected to fit every glider’s special characteristics and your desire to make a lasting impression in the sky.

You can choose your style from those two color options:

Look

Our development guarantees highest quality standards, passion to the last detail and flawless products. The consequent implementation takes place at Jane Dynamics, one of the worldwide largest and most modern production sites. A Skytax sail material mix of highest quality in the whole canopy ensures stability and longevity. An individual line mix from Liros offers low stretching values with maximum resistance. The sophisticated construction concept, high quality material choice and the thereby resulting stability give the BUTEO XC the perfect mix of safety, performance and precision.

How it is made

The BUTEO XC sets the benchmark for safe and performing cross country wings. The glider feels intuitive and safe from the very first second. Optimized for accelerated flying, this wing will allow you to push your personal limits further.

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