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## Creating the Dream Bar

A CONTROL SYSTEM THAT BLENDS THE BEST FEATURES AVAILABLE TODAY WITH SOME FUTURISTIC IDEAS. **BY ADAM VON INS**

### PRESENT STANDARDS

Here are a few of the most desirable features in today's control systems. The dream bar would have them all.

- Below-the-bar depower
- Auto-orienting chickenloop
- Adjustable bar length
- Rear line adjusters
- Adjustable stopper ball
- Bungee line holders
- Floating capability
- Redundant safety:
  - ☛ Dummyproof and color-coded lines
  - ☛ Color-coded bar grip
  - ☛ Soft bar ends
  - ☛ Fifth-line quick release (for five-line kite lovers)
  - ☛ Dual "oh shit!" loops

### DREAM STANDARDS

Kiteboarding's future holds some really awesome potential. Here are a few items that could make a kite bar dreamier than ever.

- **Autopilot**  
Simply activate and your kite pilots itself (in a depowered state) to 12 o'clock neutral whenever you release the bar.
- **Plug-n-play replacements**  
Quick-release-type connections for all wearing parts. Simply disconnect and plug in the replacement. You're ready to play in 30 seconds.
- **Lockless loop**  
Replace the "donkey stick" with a high-powered magnet inside the chickenloop.
- **On-the-fly adjustments**  
Fine-tune bar width and/or

line lengths without landing the kite.

- **Failproof front-line swivel**  
Keeps front lines untwisted without user intervention and never locks up or tangles.
- **Push-button power**  
Adjust depower from the bar with one finger.
- **Über-light**  
Weighs only 8 ounces with lines. Reduces travel weight and hand fatigue.
- **Simple one-handed reset**  
Easily reset the quick release with one hand.
- **Self-winder**  
Activate and your lines are automatically wound and stored tangle-free.

- **Custom grips**  
Combat hand fatigue and tendonitis by picking the bar diameter (girth) and grip type (soft versus traction) of your choice. Texture coding also indicates left versus right.
- **Finger guard**  
Prevents the chickenloop from rubbing in between your fingers when riding unhooked.
- **Smart lines**  
Tangle-free, unbreakable and stretchproof lines.
- **Night lights**  
Stay seen and see well during sunset downwinders.
- **Watertight bar storage**  
Utilize the hollow space with compartments accessible on

each side of the bar. Choose any combination of these dream enhancements:

- ☛ Swiss Army repair tool
- ☛ Cartridge inflated flotation device
- ☛ Safety beacon (EPIRB)
- ☛ Jellyfish sting remedy
- ☛ Compact first-aid kit
- **Electronic accessory panel**  
Add any of the following custom-ordered gizmos to be integrated into the bar grip:
  - ☛ VHF radio
  - ☛ Camera
  - ☛ Bluetooth MP3
  - ☛ Wind meter
  - ☛ GPS with speedometer and altitude readings
  - ☛ Fog horn

