

Official interpretations of the United Rafting Raft Specifications

1. Purpose

This document contains the official interpretations issued by United Rafting concerning the application of the **United Rafting Raft Specifications**.

Its purpose is to ensure a uniform interpretation of the technical specifications by manufacturers, National Federations, equipment inspectors and competition organisers. These interpretations do not amend the Raft Specifications. They clarify their meaning and shall be applied together with the official Specifications.

Where an interpretation conflicts with the wording of the Specifications, the Specifications shall prevail unless formally amended by United Rafting.

Interpretation No. 2026-01

Placement of Manufacturer Logos on sections C.2 and C.3

Question

Where the available surface of section C.2 or C.3 is too small to contain the complete Manufacturer Composite Mark, must the logo remain entirely inside the panel bounded by the seams?

Interpretation

No.

The purpose of the specification is to identify the **general area of placement**, not to require that the logo be completely confined between two seams.

Accordingly, where the available panel is insufficient, the Manufacturer Composite Mark may extend beyond the seam provided that:

1. it remains clearly identifiable as being placed within the intended C.2/C.3 area;
2. it does not overlap any other reserved branding area;
3. every mandatory logo maintains its own dedicated space;
4. all required markings remain clearly visible and individually identifiable.

Rationale

The objective of the specification is the correct allocation of branding areas on the raft, rather than the exact geometric confinement of each logo within individual manufacturing panels.

Interpretation No. 2026-02

Reference dimensions G.1 and G.2

Question

Do the dimensions G.1 and G.2 require the presence of a manufacturing seam exactly at the specified measurement?

Interpretation

No.

The G.1 and G.2 dimensions refer exclusively to the **position on the raft**, not to the position of a seam.

There is no requirement that a seam coincides with the specified measurement.

Compliance is achieved whenever the raft geometry reaches the required position, regardless of where the manufacturing seams are located.

Rationale

The specification regulates the dimensional characteristics of the raft rather than its manufacturing method.

Interpretation No. 2026-03

Additional subdivision of corner tube sections

Question

May sections C.2 and C.3 be subdivided into additional tube segments in order to create a smoother corner profile?

Interpretation

Yes.

The Raft Specifications establish the **minimum structural subdivision** required in that portion of the raft.

Manufacturers are permitted to introduce additional subdivisions of sections C.2 and C.3 in order to improve the corner geometry, provided that:

1. the minimum compartmentalisation required by the Specifications is maintained;
2. all dimensional requirements continue to be respected;
3. all other technical requirements of the United Rafting Raft Specifications remain fully satisfied.

Rationale

The minimum subdivision required by the Specifications is primarily intended to ensure adequate safety through sufficient compartmentalisation of the inflatable tubes in the event of puncture or damage.

Additional internal subdivisions do not conflict with that objective and may improve manufacturing quality or raft geometry without reducing safety.

Interpretation No. 2026-04

Number and location of D-rings for the life rope

Question

Do the United Rafting Raft Specifications prescribe a specific number or location of D-rings used to secure the life rope around the raft?

Interpretation

No.

The Raft Specifications require the raft to be equipped with a **life rope properly secured around the raft**. The purpose of the D-rings is to provide suitable attachment points for that life rope.

The number and location of the D-rings are therefore left to the manufacturer, provided that:

1. the life rope is properly and securely attached around the raft;
2. the number and positioning of the attachment points allow the life rope to perform its intended safety function;
3. the resulting configuration does not create additional safety risks and complies with all other applicable requirements of the United Rafting Raft Specifications.

Rationale

The relevant requirement is functional rather than prescriptive as regards the attachment points. Its purpose is to ensure that each raft is equipped with a life rope that can be safely and effectively used when required.

The Specifications do not establish a mandatory number, spacing or fixed position of D-rings for this purpose. Manufacturers may therefore determine the most appropriate configuration according to the construction and geometry of the raft, provided that the life rope remains securely attached and fully performs its intended safety function.

Interpretation No. 2026-05

Measurement of section B.1 – inflatable floor width

Question

Should dimension B.1 be measured between the points where the floor is attached to sections C.4 at the two sides of the raft, or does it refer to the minimum width of the central inflatable section of the floor?

Interpretation

Dimension B.1 refers to the minimum width of the central inflatable section of the raft floor.

It is therefore not determined by measuring the distance between the points where the floor assembly is attached to sections C.4 of the outer tubes.

For the purpose of verifying compliance with dimension B.1:

1. the measurement shall refer to the inflatable central section of the floor;
2. the material used to connect the inflatable floor to the outer tubes is not included in dimension B.1;
3. manufacturers remain free to determine the width and configuration of such connecting material according to the construction and geometry of the specific raft model, provided that all other requirements of the United Rafting Raft Specifications are satisfied;
4. in all cases, the **overall length of the raft must comply with dimension A.1** as prescribed by the Specifications..

Rationale

The purpose of dimension B.1 is to establish the minimum required width of the **inflatable floor itself**, rather than the overall width of the floor assembly including the material used for its connection to the outer tubes.

Any discrepancy that may arise when measuring B.1 from the attachment points to sections C.4 results from the different construction solutions adopted by manufacturers. The Specifications do not prescribe a fixed width or configuration for the material connecting the inflatable floor to the outer tubes.

Manufacturers may therefore adapt this connecting material to the technical requirements of each raft model. Such construction choices do not affect compliance with dimension B.1, provided that the central inflatable section of the floor meets the minimum dimension prescribed by the Specifications.