# SILVERBACK

### MODEL NO. **B5401** SB54CS

**BASKETBALL SYSTEM** 

# **OWNER'S MANUAL**

- 1. Read this manual carefully before starting assembly. Read each step completely before beginning each step.
- 2. Some smaller parts may be shipped inside larger parts. Check inside all parts and cartons before assembling or ordering parts.
- 3. To make assembly of your basketball system easier, use the Hardware Identifier on page 4 to identify and sort all fasteners. Check all cartons for kits. All hardware may not be located in one kit.
- 4. Do not tighten hardware until instructed to do so. If hardware is tightened too soon, mounting holes may not align and parts may not easily fit together. Leave locknuts slightly loose until you are instructed to tighten them.
- **5.** An electric screwdriver is helpful in assembly. However, please **set at low torque and use caution** because you could overtighten the hardware and strip the screws.
- 6. Save these instructions and your proof of purchase (receipt) in the event that the manufacturer has to be contacted for replacement parts.

# Please Do Not Return This Product To The Store!

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- Do not dunk on this unit
- Do not hang from any part of the unit, including the backboard, rim, support braces, or net.
- Do not slide, climb, or play on pole.
- Keep organic material away from pole base. Grass, litter, etc. could cause corrosion and /or deterioration.
- Check pole system for signs of corrosion (rust, pitting, chipping). Remove rust and/or loose paint completely and repaint with exterior enamel paint. If rust has penetrated through the steel anywhere, replace pole immediately.
- Check system before each use for proper ballast, loose hardware, excessive wear, and signs of corrosion and repair before using.
- During play, use extreme caution to keep players face away from the backboard, rim, and net. Serious injury could occur if teeth/face come in contact with backboard, rim, or net.
- Wear a mouth guard when playing to avoid dental injuries.
- When adjusting height, keep hands and fingers away from moving parts.
- During play, do not wear jewelry (rings, watches, necklaces, etc.). Objects may entangle in net.
- Do not allow children to adjust system.
- Check system before each use for instability.
- Never play on damaged equipment.





FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND WILL VOID WARRANTY.

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To ensure safety, do not attempt to assemble this system without following the instructions carefully. Proper and complete assembly, use and supervision is essential for proper operation and to reduce the risk of accident or injury. A high probability of serious injury exists if this system is not installed, maintained, and operated properly.

- If using a ladder during assembly, use extreme caution.
- 4 people are recommended for this operation.
- Seat the pole sections properly (if applicable). Failure to do so could allow the pole sections to separate during play.
- Before digging contact utility company to locate underground power cables, gas and water lines. Ensure there are no overhead power lines within 20 ft. (7m) radius of pole location.
- Climate, corrosion or misuse could result in system failure.
- If technical assistance is required, contact the manufacturer.
- Minimum operational height is 6'6" (1.98m) to the bottom of backboard.

Most injuries are caused by misuse and/or not following instructions. Use caution when using this system.

# WARNING!

#### Failure to observe this warning may cause property damage and/or serious injury.

(Affixed to backboard)

This product is NOT designed to support a player hanging from any component of this basketball system.

Rim height adjustments should be made under parental supervision. Wear a mouth guard when playing to avoid dental injuries. During play, do not wear jewelry (rings, watches, necklaces, etc). Objects may entangle in net.



(Affixed to Top Post on the front side)



(Affixed to Bottom Post on the back side)

### **BASKETBALL SYSTEM'S HARDWARE IDENTIFIER**

Note: Check all cartons for hardware. All hardware is not packed in one kit.



### INSTALLATION TIMELINE

- 1. Prior to anchor system and goal assembly, call utility services for location of underground utility lines before you dig.
- 2. Vertical main post assembly is a two part process.

#### PART 1

- Day 1. Complete Anchor System Installation Instructions. Day 5. (Below)
- Day 2-4. Allow concrete to cure.

Complete Silverback<sup>®</sup>assembly instructions. (Requires four adults)



Note: When digging hole, if you hit rock and cannot dig through contact a contractor.

1 - post hole digger (optional)

1 - 15/16" open end wrench

1. Determine the location of the anchor system. The proper location is as close to the court without making contact, as shown in Figure 1. This, however, is a general rule. If you need to locate the anchor system in a location other than this, use the following dimensions as a guide. OVERHANG

Overhang when adjusted to 10 ft. = 27''

#### Note: Minimum of 18" rear clearance is required behind pole.

2. Assemble anchor system as follows: Thread nut (#35) to bottom of threads on anchor bolt (#39) insert threads of anchor bolt (#39) through hole on anchor plate (#38) and secure with nut (#35). Repeat this step for the THESE NUTS

remaining anchor bolts. See Figure 2. Note: Each leg of anchor bolts should face the anchor bolt to the right. See Detail A.



Note: Using a concrete form for the top 4" of the concrete is recommended. Cardboard forms can be purchased at some hardware and home stores or a wooden form can be constructed out of 2 x 4's.

Note: Failure to dig and fill hole as instructed will result in increased system vibration.

\*Tip: It is always a good idea to purchase two or three extra bags of concrete, just in case you need them. If extra bags are not used you can return them to the store.

- 3. Mix and pour concrete into hole. Follow instructions on concrete bag. Stop about 18" below court level.
- Insert four reinforcement bars (Key #40) into concrete 8" 4. apart creating a square in center on hole.
- Place form in desired location and finish pouring concrete 5. up to court level.
- Push anchor system into concrete and agitate to work out 6. voids in concrete. Immediately use a level to level and square anchor plate to playing surface. Clean off any concrete that may be on exposed threads.

Note: The bottom four nuts will be forever embedded in concrete. The top four nuts remain on bolts and are used for leveling. (See Step 12 on page 10).

Let concrete cure for a MINIMUM of 72 hours.

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**18 INCH** 

MINIMUM

REAR

CLEARANCE REQUIRED

PART 2



### IMPORTANT! <u>DO NOT</u> hit poles with hammer or sledge hammer to attach poles together you will damage your pole or pole cap.

**NOTE:** When slamming poles together make sure to keep the poles **STRAIGHT.** Slamming the poles down crooked will damage the bottom of the pole and base plate. Top Pole must cover upper orange area of sticker. If Pole goes slightly past the 6" mark, it is OK.

**NOTE:** When Slamming the pole together make sure you place the cardboard on a **flat surface** like concrete or Asphalt, do not slam pole on grass or soft ground.

CARDBOARD



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### **CAUTION**

SCREWS (#77) MUST BE INSTALLED TO POLE AS DESCRIBED IN STEP 3. FAILURE TO INSTALL SCREWS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

- NOTE: Cordless drill required for screw installation. Do not over tighten screws causing screws to strip. Once Screw heads touch pole, STOP! Overtightening will cause Pole to Warp and damage system.
- NOTE: To install screws, it will be easier if you use a cordless drill with 5/16" socket (instead of Phillips head).
- NOTE: Screws #77, used in step 3, are Self Drilling screws and can be installed without drilling pilot holes. However, it will be easier to install screws if you drill 9/64" pilot holes in bottom pole. WEAR SAFETY GLASSES if drilling holes.
- 3. Once the Top pole is to the 6" Mark on the Warning Sticker, lay Pole Assembly on its side on two padded saw horses. Insert a (#77) Screw into each 3/16" hole in top Pole, two on each side of the Post Assembly. You will need someone to hold the Pole assembly while inserting screws. Screw must go through both Top and Bottom (Inner) Poles. Make sure to not strip screws once they are all they way through. See Figure 4.
- Attach Post Ears (#30) to holes near the bottom of Top Post (#3) using two Hex Bolts (#25) four Washers (#18) and two Lock Nuts (#4). Do not tighten nuts (#4) completely until instructed to do so. See Figure 5.

Figure 5

5. If not already pre-assembled, slide Plastic Actuator Sleeve (#15) over Steel Actuator (#16) and place Actuator Cap (#13) on top. Align holes in all 3 parts and slide Rvot Tube (#14) through holes in Actuator Cap (#13), Plastic Actuator Sleeve (#15) and Steel Actuator Tube (#16) until equal amounts stick out through both sides of actuator See Figure 6.



- 6. While still on the two padded saw horses, Slide tab on Actuator (#16) between Post Ears (#30) and secure using one bolt (#19), two washers (#20) and one lock nut (#21). Tighten Lock Nut (#21) snug but do not over tighten. See Figure 6. At this time also tighten nuts (#4) from Step 4.
- Secure two stop spacers (#10) to pole, as shown in Figure 6, using one hex bolt (#22) and one lock nut (#4). Tighten Lock Nut (#4) but do not over tighten.

IMPORTANT! Nylon washers (#5) adequately space painted parts at all pivot points. Neglecting the use of these washers will result in rusted parts.

NOTE: All board arms are made of rectangular tubing. Tightening hardware too tight may damage tubing and make adjustment of system difficult. 8. Attach lower arms (#11) to Top Pole (#3), as shown in
Figure 7, using a hex bolt (#22), two flat washers (#18), two plastic washers (#5) and lock nut (#4).

Note: Small amounts of clear tape can be used to adhere Plastic Washers (#5) to Pole. This will make assembly easier. Note: make sure lettering is right side up. (See Side View).

DO NOT tighten bolt (#22) at this time. (See Figure 7.)





9. Secure Actuator (#16) to Lower Arms (#11) using one bolt (#22), two flat washers (#18), two plastic washers (#5) and one lock nut (#4). See Figure 8. Tighten both bolts (#22) snug but, do not over tighten.
Board Arms must pivot freely.





10. Attach long leg of Upper Arms (#6) to Top Pole (#3), as shown in Figure 9, using a bolt (#7), two flat washers (#18), two spacers (#8) and one lock nut (#4).

Note: Tighten bolts snug but, do not over tighten. Board Arms must pivot freely

## A CAUTION

PLACING THE POST ON THE ANCHOR SYSTEM REQUIRES AT LEAST FOUR CAPABLE ADULTS. POLE WILL WANT TO LEAN WHILE ATTEMPTING TO STAND IT UP ON ANCHOR BOLTS.



 Locate hardware needed to mount pole to anchor bolts. You will need, eight flat washers (#37), four lock washers (#36), four hex nuts (#35) and four thread protectors (#34).

# NOTE: Do not remove the nuts #35 you installed in step 2 (pg. 5).

12. Put a flat washer (#37) on each anchor bolt. Lift post onto anchor system and secure with one flatwasher (#37), one lock washer (#36) and one hex nut (#35) for each anchor bolt. Tighten Fasteners finger tight, leave loose enough to level pole. Place a level on pole and adjust bottom nuts #35 until pole is level (left to right and front to back). Tighten top four hex nuts #35 tight. Place a thread protector (#34) on each anchor bolt. See Figure 10.

- 13. Slide Actuator Crank (#42) onto shaft on the bottom of Actuator (#16). Line up hole in shaft with hole in Actuator Crank and insert Pin (#41) to secure. See Figure 11.
- 14. To aid in the assembly of the backboard, lower the backboard, by turning the Actuator Handle, until the lower arm makes contact with Stop Spacer (#10).

# CAUTION

HANDLE BACKBOARD WITH CARE, IT IS A GLASS PRODUCT. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES AND GLOVES WHEN HANDLING GLASS.

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ATTACHING BACKBOARD TO BOARD ARMS REQUIRES AT LEAST FOUR CAPABLE ADULTS.



Stop Spacer (#10) 16 41 Figure 11 42

- 15. With at least three capable people, raise the backboard assembly up and have the fourth attach Lower Board Arms to lower mounting tubes on backboard using two bolts (#24), two plastic washers (#5), four washers (#18) and two lock nuts (#4). See Figure 12.
- Attach Upper Board Arms to upper mounting tubes on backboard using two bolts (#24), two plastic washers (#5), four washers (#18) and two lock nuts (#4). See Figure 12.



backboard tube frame. Note: Cordless drill recommended for screw installation. Do not over tighten screws causing screws to strip.

Note: To install screws, it will be easier if you use a cordless drill with 5/16" socket (instead of Phillips head).

**23.** Secure Backboard Pads (#44) and (#45), as shown, using screws (#77). Note: Tighten screws tight but, **do not over tighten.** 



Two adults are recommended for this step, one to level and one to adjust the bottom #35 nuts.

- **29.** If further leveling is required loosen top #35 nuts but do not loosen past the top of #39 "J" Bolt. DO NOT REMOVE NUTS #35. Place a level on pole and adjust bottom nuts #35 with a 15/16" open end wrench until pole is level. Tighten top #35 hex nuts. See **Detail B**.
- **30.** Secure Post Pad (#48) to front of pole by wrapping straps around pole and sticking to velcro on opposite side of Pad. Post Pad should cover Post Screws but remain below Warning Label on front of the Pole. See Figure 17. Make sure to repostion Pole Pad if Sliding occurs.
  - NOTE: Do not cover the Warning Label on the front of the pole with the Pole Pad.



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- Paint or rusted parts. If rust should appear, remove loose paint, sand lightly, primer and paint with exterior flat matte finish enamel paint.
- HANGING ON RIM WILL VOID THE WARRANTY: Rims are not warranted for any defects other than workmanship. Torn back plates, damaged springs, bent rings, damaged eyebolts, and torn or distorted rim supports result from hanging on the rim and are not warranted.
- Shipping charges both ways. Note: Any merchandise shipped to Escalade® Sports collect will be refused.
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#### WARRANTY GUIDELINES IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WARRANTY CLAIMS

1. Proof of Purchase (original retail purchaser) is required for all warranty claims.

- 2. Call or write Escalade® Sports to receive a Return Authorization # and determine specific needs.
- Phone: 1-888-USA-GOAL / Warranty Dept.

Or Write Escalade® Sports at: Escalade® Sports - P.O. Box 889, Evansville, IN 47706 - Attn: Warranty Dept.

Or E-mail us at: basketball@escaladesports.com

#### SILVERBACK CARE INFORMATION

- BACKBOARD -

#### Items needed to clean backboard:

- 100% cotton soft cloth, (only)

- Glass Cleaner

Clean backboard using a **100% Cotton** soft cloth and glass cleaner. Clean glass as you would household windows. Strong cleansers will damage backboard and void warranty.

#### – RIM –

**HANGING ON THE RIM WILL VOID YOUR WARRANTY.** Rims are not warranted for any defects other than workmanship. Torn back plates, damaged springs, bent rings, damaged eye bolts, and torn or distorted rim supports result from hanging on the rim and are not warranted.

The goal should not be cranked under 7-1/2' or over 10'. Adjustments of the goal should be done under adult supervision.

When attempting slam dunk activity you should always wear a mouth guard to avoid dental injury.

#### - MAINTENANCE -

To ensure ease of operation, lubricate all pivot points at least every 6 months or as needed with a good lubricant such as WD-40.

– RUST –

Inspect your pole periodically, if rust should appear, remove loose paint, sand lightly, primer and paint with exterior flat matte finish enamel paint.

### B5401 REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

Key#	Part #	Description	Qty.	Key#	Part #	Description	Qty.
1	3M-6850-00	4" Square Tube Plug (Pre-Installed)	1	25	1B-6485-10	3/8-16 X 5" Hex Bolt	2
	1A-7686-02	Bottom Post	1	26	2B-6114-00	3/8 Flat Washer	4
2 3 4 5 6 7	85-6898-02	Top Post	1	27	3M-6473-00	3X4 Rim Pad	1
4	901-28	3/8-16 Nylon Insert Locknut	14	28	6A-6374-00	Goal Assembly	1
5	3M-6883-00	1-1/4" OD Plastic Washer	8	29	3M-6835-00	Goal Spacer Plate (Pre-Installed)	1
6	85-6630-01	Upper Board Arm	2	30	2S-6795-01	Post Ear	2
7	1B-6483-10	3/8-16 X 7.5" Hex Bolt-Grade 5	1	31	Not Used		
8 9	3M-6269-00	1/4" Spacer	2	32	2S-6427-00	Rim Cover Plate	1
9	3M-6548-00	1 X 2 Tube Plug (Pre-Installed)	8	33	1B-6788-00	#8 x 1/2 Thread Forming Scr.	4
10	88-6657-00	Stop Spacer	2	34	3M-6469-00	5/8 Thread Protector	4
11	1A-6331-01	Lower Board Arm	1	35	2B-6097-00	5/8-11 Hex Nut	12
12	NOT USED		1	36	2B-6099-00	5/8 Split Lockwasher	4
13	3M-6467-00	Actuator Cap (Pre-Installed)	1	37	2B-6098-01	5/8 SAE FLAT WSHR ZNC	8
14	85-6658-00	Pivot Tube	1	38	28-6453-00	Anchor Template	1
15	3M-6542-00	Actuator Sleeve (Pre-Installed)	1	39	2B-6112-00	5/8-11 X 14 "J" Bolt	4
16	4A-6605-00	Actuator	1	40	18-6167-00	#3 X 30" Rebar	4
17	4L-7501-00	Height Decal	1	41	7B-6255-00	Pull Pin	1
18	701-50	3/8 STD Washer	18	42	4A-6606-00	Actuator Handle	1
19	1B-6486-10	1/2-13 X 1-1/2" Hex Bolt	1	43	2L-7197-01	This Manual	1
20	2B-6093-00	1/2 Flat Washer	2	44	3M-6580-01	48" Board Pad Right	1
21	2B-6095-00	1/2-13 Nylon Insert Locknut	1	45	3M-6581-01	48" Board Pad Left	1
22	1B-6484-10	3/8-16 X 7" Hex Bolt-Grade 5	3	46	Not Used		
23	6A-7625-00	Backboard Assembly-54x33" Glass	1	47	3F-6010-00	Net	1
24	1B-6195-00	3/8-16 X 2.75" Hex Bolt	4	48	3M-6564-01	Post Pad	1
	1			49	1B-6782-00	3/8-16 x 1 3/4" Carriage Bolt	4
				50	Not Used		

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Self Tapping Screw-#10 x 1 1/8"

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1B-6821-00

