

THE OFFICIAL RICK DIPIETRO

OWNER'S MANUAL

CONGRATULATIONS on your acquisition of Rick DiPietro. With the proper care and contract, Rick DiPietro can bring fans hours of hockey enjoyment every year. This manual is intended to help new Rick DiPietro owners know what to expect from Rick DiPietro as he embarks on the rest of his hockey career. Remember to keep this manual in a safe and easily accessible place in case your Rick DiPietro stops working properly.

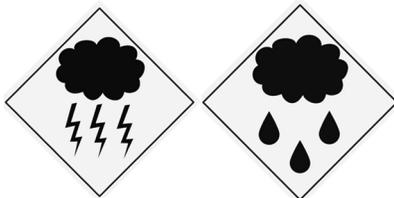
SAFETY WARNINGS

•Rick DiPietro is intended for **ADVANCED HOCKEY FANS ONLY!**

•Rick DiPietro **WILL** wear down over time, so be sure to have an experienced back-up goaltender ready at all times.

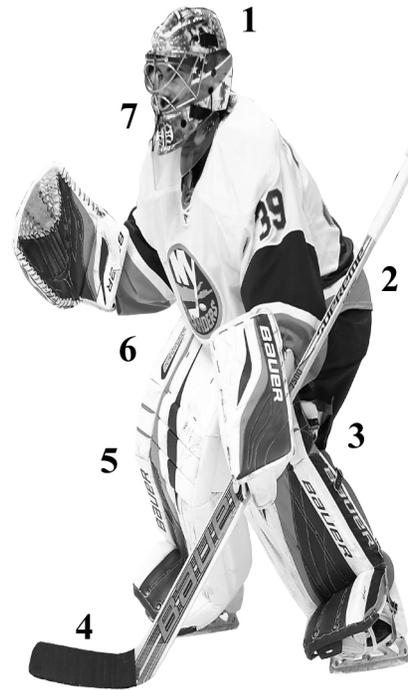
•Rick DiPietro's hair **WILL** grow in perpetuity if not properly maintained.

•Keep Rick DiPietro away from open fire.



PARTS	INFORMATION
1. Head	Model #1901999.1 Price: N/A May include black eyes, concussions and/or broken bones.
2. Left Hip	Model #3192008 Price: \$30,000
3. Left Knee	Model #632008 Price: \$26,000
4. Goalie Stick	Model: Bauer Supreme Price: \$130 Cannot be removed from Rick DiPietro.
5. Right Knee	Model #322010 Price: \$322 (wholesale price)
6. Off Button	Does not work.
7. Facial Hair	Always works.

PARTS OF RICK DIPIETRO



HOW YOUR RICK DIPIETRO WORKS

Before the Game:

1. Read, watch or listen to game previews. Rick DiPietro will say he, "feels good." If a preseason game or a season opener, Rick DiPietro will say he feels, "the best he's felt in years" or is in, "the best shape of his life."

2. If another goaltender has started the previous game, Rick DiPietro will say he, "feels he's earned a start," and just wants "a chance to prove himself." The team will say they want to see "how Rick feels."

During the Game:

1. Immediately after the opening face-off and within the first 4-5 minutes of the game, Rick DiPietro will try to make a big, reflexive save. A goal may be scored at this time.

2. Throughout the game, Rick DiPietro will wander from the crease at every opportunity. This feature cannot be turned off. While Rick DiPietro is away from the crease, a goal may be scored.

3. Each time the puck comes near him, Rick DiPietro will try to play it with his stick. Whenever Rick DiPietro tries to play the puck with his stick, a goal may be scored. After the game, Rick DiPietro will say he, "didn't get enough wood on it."

4. The opposing team may shoot the puck towards Rick DiPietro's glove hand. When this happens, a goal may be scored. After the game, Rick DiPietro will say he, "just got a piece of it."

5. In the event your team is leading and the opposing team has pulled their goalie, Rick DiPietro will increase his puck handling in an attempt to score into the empty net. Rick DiPietro will most likely not score into the empty net.

Immediately Following the Game:

1. Media will interview Rick DiPietro. He will say he, "felt good and just wished they could have gotten the win."

2. Check your team's television broadcast outlet for a game recap. One or both of your team's broadcasters will review the goals given up by Rick DiPietro and conclude more than once that, "Ricky never had a chance on that one."

The Day After the Game:

1. Your team may announce that Rick DiPietro has either "tweaked" a previous injury, "sustained" a new injury, will be "having surgery" to repair a current injury or has experienced a "set back" relating to a recently-repaired injury. See the next section, "Troubleshooting" for more details.

TROUBLESHOOTING

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>SOLUTION</u>
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Rick DiPietro has stopped working.	This is normal behavior.
Rick DiPietro has given up a goal immediately after a face-off.	This can happen. It will appear to happen more often than it actually does.
When will Rick DiPietro be ready to play for my team again?	It varies from a few weeks to a month to two months to a year.
My team appears to be frozen waiting for Rick DiPietro to be fully healthy again.	This is possible. Simply place any remaining faith behind your team's next goaltender.
My team says Rick DiPietro is out with "the flu."	Consult your nearest anonymous source to get the truth.
Rick DiPietro has gotten injured while already on the injured reserve list.	There are no limits to the amount of times Rick DiPietro can be injured.
Even though Rick DiPietro is constantly injured and halting my team's progress, I find myself hoping he beats the odds and somehow becomes a healthy, successful goaltender and enjoys a fruitful NHL career.	This is normal behavior unless you are a terrible excuse for a human being.
I like Rick DiPietro. Should I spend a lot of money and sign him to a very long term contract?	No.