

World Famous Chestnut Canoes



Playmate, Pal, Chum (shown)

Building Quality Canoes for 75 Years

Travelling the Waterways of the World



Why a Chestnut Canoe?

In presenting this brochure, we would like to point up the history of Chestnut Canoe Company.

The firm was founded in 1897 for the purpose of developing and manufacturing rugged, high-quality canoes to replace the birch-bark canoe, in response to requirements of sportsmen, prospectors, and cruisers for transport of supplies in the Canadian Arctic.

Chestnut met these challenges from the beginning and today is Canada's largest canoe manufacturer, offering more than sixty different models.

Construction is of three types: canvas-wood, fibre glass, and aluminum. In every Chestnut canoe you are assured quality design and workmanship handed down from one generation to the next over 75 years. When you purchase your Chestnut canoe, you purchase the utmost in know-how, design and years of reliable service.

Pleasure Canoes

(Shown on front cover) The standard pleasure canoes, Fox, Doe and Deer, are identical in design and construction, as are the Playmate, Pal and Chum.

The latter group offers wider ribs for slightly more rigidity.

The Mermaid model (while classified in the 1973 price sheet with this group), is a multi-purpose lightweight canoe designed to meet numerous canoeing needs (shown on page 5).

Lightweight Pleasure Canoes

Portability over land, mobility in the water, and sleek low-cut canoe design — with extra width for greater than average load capacity.

These canoes are the most in demand by enthusiastic backwoods travellers. All materials are selected for lightness and maximum strength.

Wood-Canvas Lightweight Pleasure Canoes

Featherweight — Bobs Special (shown)



Bobs Special

Fox, Deer, Doe (shown)



Fibre Glass Pleasure Canoes

Constructed with select materials placed to provide maximum strength.

Designed with tumble-home sides and ends. Reinforced keel and ribbed cross section.

All in all, the best in canoe performance and ease of paddling — ideal for lakes, rivers and streams where dragging is not encountered. The cross-rib section eliminates wave-walking.



You get more in design, construction and performance for your dollar with a Chestnut.

Cruiser and Guide Special Canoes

These canoes are especially designed to navigate "white water", built with sharper bow and stern and slightly more rounded bottom — making them extremely alert to the paddle stroke.

Carrying capacity is reduced to improve handling alertness, with design which allows less water-drag than most other designs. Consequently, many stock-model canoe racers demand this Chestnut design for racing. Yet with the main purpose of navigating "white water", the slightly higher than usual bow and stern easily nose into rough water without risk of taking water inboard. To permit quick turns around obstacles, these models are normally produced without keels (available on special order).

The Boone, Crocket and Moses (Guide Special models) are identical in design to the Cruiser Canoes of equal size; however, they possess close ribbing for additional strength.

Fibre Glass Pleasure Canoes



Trippler Scout, Camper (shown)

Wood-Canvas Cruisers — Guide Special



Kruger, Leader, Cronje (shown)



Boone, Moses, Crocket (shown)

Your Choice of a Canoe

Throughout North America and Europe, canoeing is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities — a fresh-air activity for the whole family to enjoy.

When you decide to devote part of your valuable leisure time to canoeing, the proper choice of canoe is extremely important. The right canoe will give you years of relaxation and pleasure — while the wrong choice may result in your abandoning the sport entirely. Space here does not permit a complete outline of all the various uses and designs of canoe construction. However, this information is available free-of-charge from Chestnut Canoe Company. Just write and request a copy of "Canoe Designs Clarified" . . . this thorough outline will assist in making the proper choice of canoe, and ensure years of healthful enjoyment.



Wood-Canvas Prospector Pointed-Stern Canoes



Fire, Ranger, Fort, Voyageur, Garry (shown)



Prospector

Prospector Canoes

As the name implies, this group is specially designed to meet the needs of prospectors in wilderness travel. Prospector models are built deeper than standard, with extra fullness at bow and stern — providing increased capacity. The bottom transverse shape is slightly flattened for extra stability, with deeper-than-normal ends for use in both open lakes and "white water". These canoes are extensively used in mountainous regions of the Eastern and Western United States and Canada, where heavy rapids are commonly encountered.

The best all-round canoes for variety travel where lightness, stability and ruggedness with increased carrying capacity are required. Vee-stern models are designed for small outboard power up to 6 H.P.

Wood-Canvas Prospector Vee-Stern Canoes



Elk, Bear, Fawn, Marsh, Birch (shown)

Lightweight Commercial Wood-Canvas Canoes

The Mermaid model is a newly-designed paddling canoe, in lightweight construction with a wide beam for extra stability.

The durable construction will withstand heavy abuse, yet the Chestnut-designed hull and smooth contours make it a pleasure to paddle.

Lightweight Commercial Wood-Canvas Canoes



Mermaid, Bantam (shown)

Group Paddling Canoes

Group paddling canoes have been produced for many years, for uses such as training children to paddle, extended outtripping of several weeks' duration, and even competition racing.

Manufactured in three models, the 19-ft Nestable normally seats 9 children and is extensively used by YMCA and YWCA camps. The Selkirk is standard-outfitted for 8 paddlers, but an additional seat extends capacity to 10. This canoe was designed to meet the requirements of the St. John Cathedral Boys' School at Selkirk, Manitoba . . . it is used by the School on long-duration trips which frequently range into remote parts of the Arctic.

The Centennial group paddling canoe was designed for the Cross-Canada canoe trip in 1967, and many are now in use at camps. Two extra seats can be installed, increasing capacity from the normal 8 paddlers to 12.

Wood-Canvas Group-Paddling Canoes



Selkirk, Centennial, Nestable (shown)

Nestable model with Featherweight nested

Specifications subject to change without notice or bonus.

Aluminum Canoes

Aluminum canoes have prime advantage in resisting weather conditions, making them the ideal choice for rental use. They can be stored outside all winter without any deterioration, and are the most maintenance-free canoes offered today.

The Lynx model offers lapstrake sides with built-in Unispons for extra rigidity and greater stability. This is a new design for 1973 and can be counted on for excellent performance.

The Mink model is the favourite aluminum canoe of the expert canoeist. Its smooth Chestnut-designed contours, tumble-home sides and reverse-flared stern all add to its general performance and ease of paddling.

The Otter model is all new for 1973. It offers lapstrake sides with built-in Unispons, increasing its strength and stability as well as maintaining reasonably light weight. This canoe is recommended for motors up to 4 horsepower.



You get more in design, construction and performance for your dollar with a Chestnut.

Aluminum Pointed and "U" Stern Canoes



Otter



Lynx



Mink

Ogilvy River Lake Canoes

This specialized group of canoes is constructed for maximum obtainable strength. Ribs are 3 inches wide and spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart to provide a rigid bottom required for running over shoals and sandbars.

These canoes are used extensively on fast-running rivers, and will withstand abuse not possible for lighter canoes. Designed with a very flat bottom, they are almost impossible to capsize, even deliberately. The high-riding Ogilvy canoe is very alert to the paddle and requires little effort to pole, even on all-day jaunts. It is widely used in New Brunswick for salmon fishing and is fast gaining acceptance in the Arctic due to its great stability in rough water. While Ogilvy canoes were originally designed for Canadian waters, they are now in great demand throughout the world wherever stability and ruggedness are top priorities.

The illustration below shows canoe sailing equipment produced by Chestnut.

This sail is adaptable to any Chestnut canvas-covered canoe. With modification, it can also be used on Chestnut aluminum and fibre-glass models. (Rudder not shown in illustration.)



Wood-Canvas Ogilvy Pointed and Vee-Stern Canoes



Pointed stern: Henry, Dave, Alex, Joe, Chief, Jock (shown)



Vee stern: Parr, Grilse, Trout, Salar, Salmö, Pool (shown)

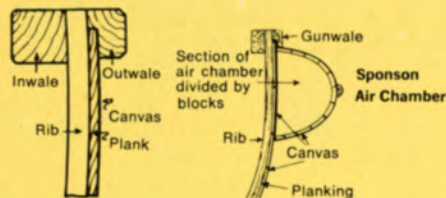


Rib structure

Construction of Chestnut Canoes

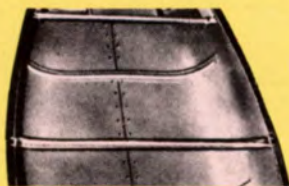
Canvas-Wood Construction

Light cedar planking and ribs (with brass fastenings) comprise the shell, over which is stretched heavy-duty seamless canvas. The canoe is then treated with a Chestnut-formulated iron-hard coating developed over 75 years, to withstand ageing and abuse. The entire unit is then baked for a two-week period. This unique construction ensures many years of extended service not found in other makes.



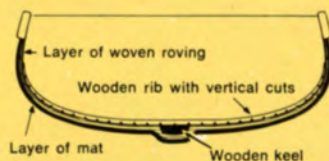
Aluminum Construction

Stretch-forming from highgrade Marine Aluminum Alloy assures accurate canoe design and provides long life in use. All Chestnut aluminum canoes are reinforced with cross ribs and an outer keel welded into position . . . this eliminates wave-walking and provides a more stable contoured bottom.



Fibre Glass Construction

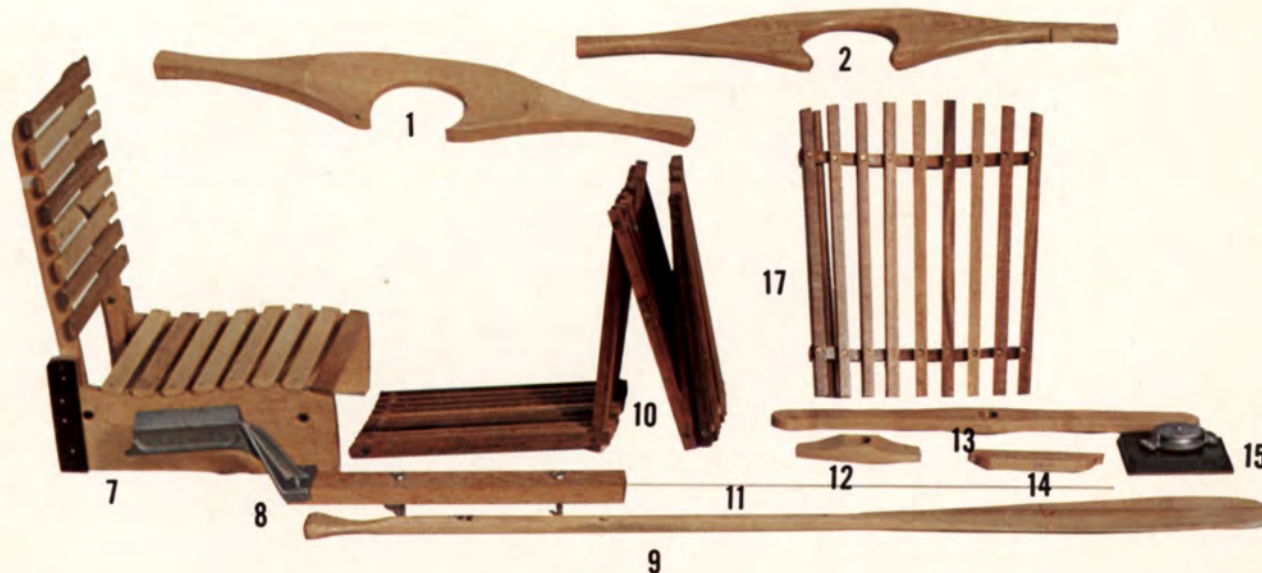
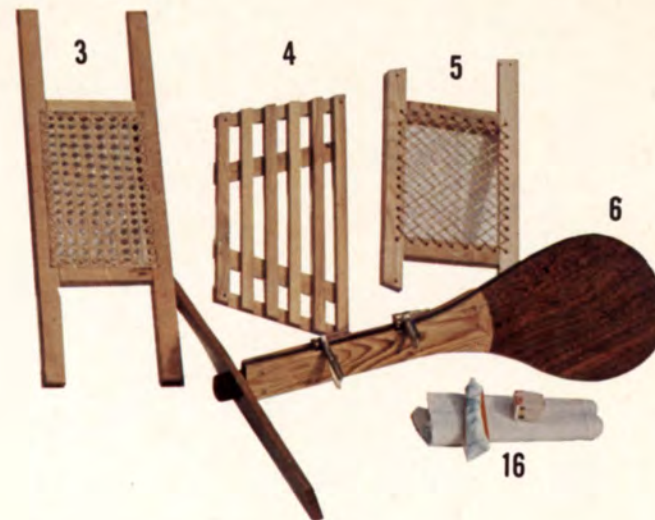
Chestnut fibre glass canoes are produced by the hand-layup method, noted for strength far superior to other techniques. The bottom is designed and reinforced with cross ribs and inserted wood keel support to minimize deflection. Flotation is installed in the ends.



Chestnut Accessories

Accessories add greatly to the pleasure of canoeing — while we are unable to show the assorted Chestnut paddles, a price list outlining sizes and specifications is free on request from your dealer.

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| 1. Canoe Carrying Yoke — Carved | 10. Floor Rack — Removable, Floating |
| 2. Canoe Carrying Yoke — Flat Shoulder | 11. Stem Band — Brass |
| 3. Caned Seat | 12. Mast Step |
| 4. Slat Seat | 13. Mast Thwart |
| 5. Babiche Seat | 14. Anchor Cleat |
| 6. Rudder with Yoke | 15. Anchor Pulley & Block |
| 7. Canoe Chair | 16. Canvas Repair Kit |
| 8. Outboard Motor Bracket | 17. Canoe Back Rest |
| 9. Paddle | |



Specification Chart for Chestnut Canoes

Seats

(C) caned; (S) slat;
(W) solid wood; (B) Babiche;
(A) Aluminum.

Exterior Colour

(A) green; (B) red; (C) grey;
(D) white; (E) aluminum.
Where more than one letter
appears, choice of colour.

Other Keys

(X) special order.
(Std) standard equipment.

STERN DESIGN:

(P) pointed; (V) vee;
(F) flat wide.

Note

Gunwales, decks and interiors
are varnished on all canvas
canoes, except freight models,
in which case interior is
enamelled grey.



Warranty

The products of the Chestnut Canoe Co.,
Ltd. are warranted against defects in
material and workmanship to the original
purchaser for a period of one year, sub-
ject to (misuse or abuse) from date of
purchase. Goods claimed defective must
be returned to the company for inspec-
tion and correction, transportation cost
prepaid. No other condition expressed
or implied will be valid.

		MODEL		Length	Beam	Depth, midship	Depth, bow end	Depth, stern end	STERN DESIGN	Canvas Number	Rib Thickness	RIB SPACING (inset) 1/4" outside	No. of Travers	Carrying Capacity	Seat Type & No.	COLOR exterior	KEEL (P) flat; (T) T-shaped	Main Travers & Step	OUTSIDE STEPS Kelson & Floor Racks	Net Weight	BOW tie ring or loop
CANVAS PLEASURE CANOES		Fox	14'	32"	11 1/2"	21"	21"	P	10	3/8 x 1-1/2"	1 1/2"	1	500 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	60 lbs	Std	
		Doe	15'	34"	12 1/2"	20"	20"	P	10			1	600 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	68 lbs	Std	
		Deer	16'	36"	12 1/2"	20 1/2"	20 1/2"	P	10			2	700 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	72 lbs	Std	
		Playmate	14'	32"	11 1/2"	21"	21"	P	10			1	500 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	60 lbs	Std	
		Chum	15'	34"	12 1/2"	20"	20"	P	10	3/8 x 2-3/8"	2"	1	600 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	68 lbs	Std	
		Pal	16'	36"	12 1/2"	20 1/2"	20 1/2"	P	10			2	700 lbs	2/C	A/B	F	X	—	72 lbs	Std	
		Bob Special	15'	37"	12 1/2"	19 1/2"	19 1/2"	P	10			1	700 lbs	2/C	A/B	T	X	—	58 lbs	Std	
		Featherweight	11'	34"	12"	19"	19"	P	10			2	350 lbs	1/C	A/B	F	X	—	40 lbs	Std	
FIBRE GLASS PLEASURE CANOES		Scout	14'	31"	12 1/2"	18"	18"	P	—	—	3CR	1	500 lbs	2/S	A/B/D	T	X	—	56 lbs	Std	
		Tripper	15'	34"	14"	18 1/2"	18 1/2"	P	—	—	5CR	1	600 lbs	2/S	A/B/D	T	X	—	65 lbs	Std	
		Camper	16'	36"	12 1/2"	21"	21"	P	—	—	7CR	2	700 lbs	2/S	A/B/D	T	X	—	75 lbs	Std	
CRUISER CANOES		Kruger	16'	33"	13 1/2"	22 1/2"	22 1/2"	P	8	3/8 x 2-3/8"	2"	4	600 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	70 lbs	Std	
		Cronje	17'	34"	13"	24 1/2"	24 1/2"	P	8			5	650 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	75 lbs	Std	
		Leader	18'	35"	13 1/2"	24"	24"	P	8			5	700 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	79 lbs	Std	
GUIDE SPECIAL CANOES		Boone	16'	33"	13 1/2"	22 1/2"	22 1/2"	P	8	3/8 x 2-3/8"	1/2"	4	600 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	75 lbs	Std	
		Crocket	17'	34"	13"	24 1/2"	24 1/2"	P	8			5	650 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	80 lbs	Std	
		Moses	18'	35"	13 1/2"	24"	24"	P	8			5	700 lbs	2/C	C	—	X	—	85 lbs	Std	
PROSPECTOR CANOES	Pointed Stern	Fire	14'	33"	13 1/2"	21 1/2"	21 1/2"	P	8	3/8 x 2-3/8"	2"	1	600 lbs	2/S	C	—	X	—	63 lbs	Std	
		Ranger	15'	35"	13 1/2"	19"	19"	P	8			1	650 lbs	2/S	C	—	X	—	70 lbs	Std	
		Fort	16'	36"	14 1/2"	23"	23"	P	8			2	850 lbs	2/S	C	—	X	—	76 lbs	Std	
		Garry	17'	37"	14 1/2"	25"	25"	P	8			3	950 lbs	2/S	C	—	X	—	82 lbs	Std	
		Voyageur	18'	38"	15"	25"	25"	P	8			3	1100 lbs	2/S	C	—	X	—	88 lbs	Std	
	Vee Stern	Elk	14'	33"	13 1/2"	21 1/2"	18 1/2"	V	8	3/8 x 2-3/8"	2"	3	600 lbs	2/S	C	T	X	—	72 lbs	Std	
		Bear	15'	35"	13 1/2"	19"	17"	V	8			3	650 lbs	2/S	C	T	X	—	80 lbs	Std	
		Fawn	16'	36"	14 1/2"	23"	20"	V	8			3	850 lbs	2/S	C	T	X	—	82 lbs	Std	
		Marsh	17'	37"	14 1/2"	25 1/2"	23"	V	8			4	950 lbs	2/S	C	T	X	—	97 lbs	Std	
		Birch	18'	38"	15"	27 1/2"	22"	V	8			4	1100 lbs	2/S	C	T	X	—	110 lbs	Std	
LIGHTWEIGHT COMMERCIAL		Bantam	15'	37"	12 1/2"	19 1/2"	19 1/2"	P	10	1/4 x 2-3/8"	1 1/2"	1	700 lbs	2/C	C	T	X	—	58 lbs	Std	
		Mermaid	12'	40"	12 1/2"	20"	20"	P	10	1/4 x 2-3/8"	1 1/2"	1	650 lbs	2/S	A/B	F	—	52 lbs	Std		
GROUP PADDLING CANOES		Nestable	19'	51"	19"	28"	28"	P	6	1/2 x 3"	1 1/2"	—	2500 lbs	5/S	A	T	X	—	150 lbs	Std	
		Selkirk	22'	38"	18"	31"	31"	P	6	3/8 x 3"	1 1/2"	—	2000 lbs	5/W	A	T	X	—	155 lbs	Std	
		Centennial	25'	51"	19"	40"	40"	P	6	1/2 x 3"	1 1/2"	—	3500 lbs	5/C	A	T	X	—	235 lbs	Std	
ALUMINUM CANOES		Lynx	15'	36 1/2"	14"	21"	21"	P	—	—	—	2	700 lbs	2/A	E/D	T	—	76 lbs	Std		
		Mink	16'	35"	13"	20 1/2"	20 1/2"	P	—	—	—	2	750 lbs	2/A	E	T	—	78 lbs	Std		
		Otter	14'	36 1/2"	13 1/2"	22 1/2"	17 1/2"	U	—	—	—	2	750 lbs	2/A	E/D	T	—	72 lbs	Std		
OULIVY CANOES	Pointed Stern	Henry	16'	36"	13 1/2"	23"	23"	P	6	3/8 x 3"	1 1/2"	2	850 lbs	2/C	A/C	—	X	—	84 lbs	Std	
		Dave	18'	36"	13 1/2"	23"	23"	P	6			4	1000 lbs	2/C	A/C	—	X	—	95 lbs	Std	
		Jock	20'	37"	14"	24"	24"	P	6			4	1300 lbs	2/C	A/C	—	X	—	108 lbs	Std	
		Alex	22'	38"	15"	28"	28"	P	6			4	1500 lbs	2/C	A/C	—	X	—	125 lbs	Std	
		Joe	24'	40"	14"	25"	25"	P	6			5	1800 lbs	2/C	A	T	X	Std	150 lbs	Std	
	Vee Stern	Chief	26'	41"	14"	27"	27"	P	6	3/8 x 3"	1 1/2"	5	2000 lbs	2/C	A	T	X	Std	175 lbs	Std	
		Parr	16'	36"	13 1/2"	23"	20"	V	6			3	850 lbs	2/C	A/C	T	X	—	92 lbs	Std	
		Grilse	18'	36"	13 1/2"	23"	20"	V	6			5	1000 lbs	2/C	A/C	T	X	—	103 lbs	Std	
		Pool	20'	37"	14"	25"	22"	V	6			5	1300 lbs	2/C	A/C	T	X	—	118 lbs	Std	
		Trout	22'	39"	15"	28"	22 1/2"	V	6			5	1500 lbs	2/C	A/C	T	X	Std	185 lbs	Std	
FREIGHT CARGO CANOES	Vee Stern	Salar	24'	40"	14"	25"	21"	V	6	3/8 x 2-3/8"	1 1/2"	6	1800 lbs	2/C	A	T	X	Std	240 lbs	Std	
		Salmo	26'	41"	14"	27"	24"	V	6			6	2000 lbs	2/C	A	T	X	Std	275 lbs	Std	
		Hudson	17'	45"	18 1/2"	26 1/2"	23"	V	6			4	1600 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	124 lbs	Std	
		Bay	18'	46"	18 1/2"	30"	23"	V	6			5	1800 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	132 lbs	Std	
		Company	19'	51"	19 1/2"	31"	23"	V	6			5	2000 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	170 lbs	Std	
	Flat Wide Stern	Traffic	20'	52"	20"	36 1/2"	27"	V	4	1/2 x 3"	1 1/2"	5	3000 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	230 lbs	Std	
		Daddy	22'	62"	24"	37"	29"	V	4	5		5000 lbs	1/W	C	7/T	Std	—	257 lbs	Std		
		Hudson	17'	45"	18 1/2"	30"	21"	F	6	4		1600 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	143 lbs	Std		
		Bay	18'	46"	18 1/2"	31 1/2"	21"	F	6	5		1800 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	154 lbs	Std		
		Company	19'	51"	19 1/2"	32"	21"	F	6	5		2000 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	196 lbs	Std		
ALL PURPOSE CANOES		Traffic	20'	52"	20"	36 1/2"	22"	F	4	1/2 x 3"	2"	5	3000 lbs	1/W	C	T	Std	—	208 lbs	Std	
		Daddy	22'	62"	24"	37"	23 1/2"	F	4	5		5000 lbs	1/W	C	7/T	Std	—	257 lbs	Std		
		Northman	16'	39"	13"	17 1/2"	17 1/2"	F	8	5/16 x 2"		2	900 lbs	2/W	A	T	—	—	100 lbs	Std	
		Northland	18'	42"	16"	22 1/2"	18"	F	8	2		1200 lbs	2/W	A	T	—	—	110 lbs	Std		
		Cartop Boat	12'	52"	20"	19 1/2"	18"	F	10	3/8 x 2-3/8"		—	550 lbs	3/W	A	T	—	—	95 lbs	Std	

All-Purpose Canoes

These are lightweight square-stern canoes adaptable for cartop carrying. While they could indeed be classified as boats, they offer greater carrying capacity per pound than conventional boats.

Freight Cargo Canoes

The first canvas-covered Freight Canoe was developed by Chestnut in the late 19th century as a lightweight commercial vessel to transport people and supplies into uncharted regions of the Canadian North. They were first used in lakes, rivers and open salt water. Shallow draft, seaworthiness and great strength were vital to withstand pounding seas and obstacles in shallow rivers. Without such a canoe, many parts of the Arctic would not have been explored or developed until years afterward.

Today, over 70 years later, Chestnut Freight Canoes are still used for inroads into the unknown, carrying passengers and supplies throughout Arctic regions. They are used extensively in the fishing, hunting and exploration industries and by sportsmen who require a lightweight but heavy-duty canoe able to endure excessive punishment.

Chestnut is the modern byword of natives of our North — who day-to-day entrust their lives and livelihoods to these motorcars of the wilderness, the only choice for real dependability. The Freight canoes are produced in Vee-stern design for river work, and Flat Wide-stern for open water.



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Cartop, Northman, Northland (shown)

Wood-Canvas Freight Canoes

Daddy (wide stern)



Vee Stern