

KEBU

KENDOBUDDY

My name is Mathias Pürthner, I started practicing Kendo 20 years ago and hold the 4th Dan in Kendo.

When the Covid pandemic started, it had a big impact on the whole kendo community, worldwide. We could no longer train in our dojos and somehow we all tried to keep ourselves fit for our beloved sport.

Of course we could go running, or do weight training, but the longing for a training with a partner became stronger and stronger. After a long search on the internet I found a lot of DIY systems for Kendo Dummies, but most of them had only rudimentary hitting areas or were uncomfortable to handle or too heavy. For this reason I developed my own system and designed **KEBU**.

A kendo partner, with all necessary hit areas. **KEBU** is a modular construction system, consisting of joints and tubes, which can simulate all possible impact situations due to its construction method.

Men:	height adjustable
Kote:	angle adjustable, fold-away
Do:	mountable on both sides
Tsuki:	height adjustable

KEBU was tested intensively by Hanns Peter Herr, 6th Dan Kendo. He was a member of the German Kendo National Team for many years. And it was tested by me and my Dojo (JCW Wiesbaden) as well.

KEBU can serve very well in smaller dojos as subripartner for beginners and advanced Kendoka or at home as a private training unit. Advanced Kendoka can practice Maai, Seme and straight strokes.

The base plate of **KEBU** has two height-adjustable feet in the front and two castors on the back.

So **KEBU** can be removed quickly and comfortably from the fighting area and pushed to the side. **KEBU** weighs only 13,0 kg and can be adjusted in height, so that even small kendoka or children can get the right hit height. **KEBU** can be folded up by loosening 1 screw to be stored in the dojo in a space-saving way.

The hit areas are optimally equipped with motor scooter tires to get a flexible hit area. Another possibility is to equip the hit areas with foam and a piece of carpet. In any case, you should make sure that the hit areas are relatively soft to protect your joints and of course the shinai.

Since **KEBU** is light but relatively large, it is delivered in individual parts, as a kit. All necessary holes are pre-drilled, so that only the individual parts have to be put together. There is a detailed and illustrated building instruction, which leads step by step through the construction.

If a higher stability is desired, you can put a sandbag or more weight on the base plate

Materials: thermoplastic, aluminium, wood