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Install and start publishing

Use the two installable ZIPs inside your Grandstand package.

File	Install in WordPress
Grandstand-WordPress-Theme.zip	Appearance > Themes > Add New > Upload Theme
Grandstand-Core-Plugin.zip	Plugins > Add New > Upload Plugin

1. **Prepare**

   Use WordPress 6.6+ and PHP 8.0+ on a supported host. Back up an existing site. Extract Grandstand-Complete-Package.zip on your computer.

2. **Install both components**

   Upload and activate the theme, then upload and activate Core. Confirm the matching 1.8.0-rc.1 pair in Grandstand > Tools > Site Checks.

3. **Set your identity**

   Open Grandstand > Tools > Getting Started. Save your real publication identity and contact details.

4. **Create original content**

   Publish stories in Posts with useful categories, excerpts and featured images. Create an editable page-layout draft, customize its native blocks, preview and publish it.

5. **Assign the homepage**

   Explicitly choose the published page in Getting Started or Settings > Reading. Review saved Front Page templates, navigation and the public site.

> **Existing Grandstand site?**
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> Back up and follow the matching-pair update instructions. Do not use another demo import as an update step. The complete package ZIP itself is not an installable theme.

Open the full reference

Grandstand-User-Manual.pdf covers editions, article details, footer controls, campaigns, integrations, privacy, performance and troubleshooting.

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Find controls and finish setup

Choose the correct editing home, then save and review the public result.

Task	Where to go
Lead, long-read and homepage sections	Grandstand > Editorial Desk > Homepage
Weekly/video and recommendations	Editorial Desk > Collections & Recommendations
Interface wording / newsletter invitation	Editorial Desk > Publication Text
Footer content and menus	Editorial Desk > Footer; use Open footer appearance for styling
Named homepage drafts and history	Grandstand > Homepage Editions
Artwork and paid placement	Grandstand > Campaigns > Placement defaults
Identity, social and provider connections	Grandstand > Settings
Import, setup checks and diagnostics	Grandstand > Tools

Before sharing the site

Check a signed-out homepage, an article, category pagination, navigation, footer and contact/newsletter journeys on desktop and mobile. Replace all fictional sample reporting, bylines and policy text. Verify photo rights, captions, accessibility and cache timing with actual content.

If something looks wrong

Check page/template assignment and the effective edition before changing base choices. For missing images, inspect the cover/card override and media URL. For a save conflict, reload the section and review newer values. See TROUBLESHOOTING-AND-FAQ.md.

> **Support**
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> Use SUPPORT-REQUEST.txt and administrator-only redacted diagnostics from Tools > Maintenance & Diagnostics. Contact support@themescorpion.com. Never include passwords, cookies, private keys or site configuration files.