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Assembly and Safe Use Manual



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LADDERSTAND SAFE USAGE INSTRUCTIONS & WARNINGS

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Max. Weight Capacity (User(s) and Equipment) 500 lbs (227 kg)

⚠ WARNING! This product carries strict weight restrictions. Please note that these weight limitations include the user(s) and their equipment. **DO NOT** use these product(s) if you exceed these total weight limitations. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

A safe treestand hunting video, *Treestand Safety: It's Up To You*, has been included. Please view it in its entirety prior to using this product! Thank you for your purchase of this quality X-Stand™ Treestands product. To ensure your personal safety, please take a moment to carefully read this Instruction Manual in its entirety before attempting to assemble, set-up, install and/or otherwise use this X-Stand™ Treestands product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

Should you have any questions about the installation and/or use of this product, or any other X-Stand™ Treestands product(s) do not hesitate to call one of our customer service representatives at 540-877-2769, email at cs@x-stand.com or visit X-Stand.com. Our customer service representatives will answer any questions you may have about any of the complete line of X-Stand™ Treestands products.

Do not return this product to the retailer if you have any damaged or missing parts. Call X-Stand™ Treestands for replacement of any damaged or missing parts at 540-877-2769 or email at cs@x-stand.com.

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⚠ WARNING! Prior to each hunt, you must inform someone of your hunting location, including the specific location of your treestand and the expected duration of your hunt. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Prior to each hunt, make sure that you have a signaling device (e.g., mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or Personal Locator Device (PLD)) in your possession and in an operable condition. This device must be within easy access should you experience the need to contact emergency assistance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! **DO NOT** remove, modify, and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this X-Stand™ product(s) or its assemblies in any manner. Modification, misuse, and/or part substitution shall immediately void your factory warranty and may result in serious injury or death! If you suspect that a part(s) is missing and/or defective, immediately contact X-Stand™ at 540-877-2769 or email at cs@x-stand.com for replacement of missing or defective parts. Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, or altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by X-Stand™. **ALWAYS USE GENUINE FACTORY AUTHORIZED X-STAND™ REPLACEMENT PARTS. USE OF ANY REPLACEMENT PARTS OTHER THAN GENUINE X-STAND™ PARTS VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY AND MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!**

⚠ WARNING! **ALWAYS** inspect/check **ALL** expiration dates/tags on all straps and the full-body fall arrest harness and its components prior to each use. You must replace **ALL** straps and suspension seats **EVERY** year. Never use any strap(s) or full-body fall arrest harness or its components that has expired and/or is showing any signs of damage and/or wear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Make certain all chains, cables, straps, etc. are tightened per this Instruction Manual prior to use. All treestand contact points must be in contact with the tree before you step onto the stand. The correct adjustment and tightening of attachment hardware is critical to the stable installation of this treestand. Additionally, you **MUST** be wearing your Fall Arrest System (FAS) which includes a full-body fall arrest harness, tree belt, lanyard/tether, suspension relief device and climbing belt/lineman's belt (as applicable) in accordance with the Instructions contained in this Instruction Manual. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! This product(s) is designed for adult use only. No one under the age of 16 should attempt to use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) without direct adult supervision. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Prior to attempting to use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly, setup and installation. You must practice installing, setting-up and using your full-body fall arrest harness and its components (i.e., lanyard/tether, tree belt, suspension relief device, climbing belt/lineman's belt [as applicable]) at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this X-Stand™ product(s) setup, installation and use at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Several X-Stand™ Treestands are equipped with a footrest, armrests and/or shooting rail. Neither the footrest, armrests nor the shooting rail have been designed to support the users weight. Under no circumstances should you place any more than fifteen (15) lbs (6 kg) of weight on these structures. Doing so will put the user in serious risk of injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! You must wear a **Fall Arrest System (FAS)** comprising of a full-body fall arrest harness, tree belt, tether, suspension relief device and climbing belt/lineman's belt (as applicable) at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using fixed position treestands. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should never be used. If you are not wearing a full-body fall arrest harness that is properly attached to the tree to protect you from a fall, do not leave the ground nor attempt to enter your treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Never attempt to climb up or down with a weapon and/or gear in your possession. **ALWAYS** unload your weapon and pull it up to hunting height using a tether or pull up rope. **ALWAYS** lower your unloaded weapon down to the ground prior (when raising or lowering firearms, the chamber must be open and the barrel pointing toward the ground) to attempting to climb up or climb down. Use this same method when raising or lowering all other gear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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⚠ **WARNING!** Prior to each use thoroughly inspect the treestand and all of its related components and all safety devices before use for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Make certain that your treestand is tight and secure prior to use. Protect this product from extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperatures by storing inside when not in use. **DO NOT** use this or any other product(s) if it shows evidence of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, equilibrium problems, high blood pressure, are not well-rested and/or any other physical impairment that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this product(s) in the safe manner outlined in this Instruction Manual. Additionally, do not use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) if you are currently taking medication (including prescription) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use this X-Stand™ product(s) as outlined and described in the Instruction Manual. Never use a treestand when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** attempt to make adjustments to this product while in the treestand. All adjustments must be made with the entire treestand on the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** leave your X-Stand™ product(s) installed for more than two weeks (14 days). Any number of factors can jeopardize its installation and integrity. These include, but are not limited to, weather or other environmental factors that can negatively affect its performance. Animals can also cause damage to your X-Stand™ product(s) that can negatively affect its performance and your safety. Additionally, factors such as tree growth can stress and damage supporting straps, cables, chains and/or buckles. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! ALWAYS** inspect the treestand and all safety devices prior to each use. **DO NOT** use this product(s) if it shows signs of wear, damage, deterioration, or vandalism. Factors such as tree growth, vandals, weather and animals may affect the performance of an unattended treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** modify, fix/repair, alter, bend, cut, weld, drill or heat the treestand in any way. Also, do not attach anything to your treestand without explicit authorized and written instructions from the manufacturer. Failure to follow these instructions shall void warranty and may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** Strict weight limitations have been set for each product to ensure your personal safety. Note the weight limitations of your stand and that this weight limit includes the user (one person) and their equipment. **NEVER EXCEED THESE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS!** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** attempt to use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) when ice, snow, and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any portion of the tree or stand you intend to climb. Do not attempt to use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles. Do not attempt to use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) when any other adverse weather condition presents itself. These include, but are not limited to, weather conditions which have the potential for producing winds, lightning, rain, snow, sleet and/or any other atmospheric condition which may limit the user's ability to operate this X-Stand™ product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Should inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this X-Stand™ product(s), return to the ground immediately. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand platform and/or the seat to engage the stand to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! BEFORE** each use, make sure all nuts and bolts are secure. **CHECK** all hardware and webbing prior to every use to make sure that no damage has occurred to hardware and that webbing (as applicable) is not cut or frayed. Keep webbing from coming into contact with any sharp edges. **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF ANY DAMAGE IS SUSPECTED.** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! REPLACE** any damaged or worn part with original parts. Replace attachment straps every one year and when not in use store in a dry, cool, safe place away from sunlight. Never store a treestand or any of its components outdoors when not in use. To purchase parts contact X-Stand™ Treestands at 540-877-2769 or email at cs@x-stand.com. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using a treestand. A good non-slip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the tree stand or its components (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** use this product, or attempt to use a treestand, on a dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked tree (bark that flakes or falls off), irregular shaped trees, or utility poles. **DO NOT** use this product on any tree that does not allow for a level standing platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! NEVER** hunt out of a treestand at heights at which you are not completely comfortable. Depending upon the tree and hunting conditions, choose the minimum hunting height that allows for safe, effective hunting. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** use this, or any other X-Stand™ product(s) to climb utility poles, telephone poles, structural columns or any other man-made structures. Never use this or any other X-Stand™ product(s) around power generation (e.g., transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment. Never use a treestand on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree. **NEVER USE A TREE BRANCH, OR ANY PORTION OF A TREE, TO SUPPORT ANY PORTION OF YOUR WEIGHT OR AS A HAND HOLD.** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! DO NOT** stand on the treestand seat. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** This X-Stand™ Treestand product(s) was designed for installation on trees with a minimum diameter of nine (9) inches (23 cm) to maximum diameter of twenty (20) inches (51 cm) at treestand installation height (i.e., seat height). **DO NOT** use your X-Stand product(s) on trees with trunk diameters that do not meet these diameter requirements. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** A minimum of three (3) adults is required to install and/or remove a ladderstand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** The jaws (on applicable X-Stand ladderstands) and stabilization devices must be attached and tightened before attempting to climb to the seating/standing platforms. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** When installing a ladderstand, always apply weight on the first rung to set the ladder firmly into the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING!** Check the ground under ladderstands and climbing systems to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven surfaces (one side on a rock) can cause the ladder to tilt or shift off the tree as you climb. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! Always** maintain three-point contact when climbing up or down a tree. Proper three-point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on the step portion of the ladder at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING! Always** lean forward as you climb and attach your full-body fall arrest harness tree belt to the tree trunk before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ **WARNING:** Single Person user and equipment shall not exceed 300 lbs. at any time while using this product. 2-person user(s) and equipment combined shall not exceed 500 lbs. at any time while using this product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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This instruction manual complies with the ASTM F2123 - Standard Practice for Treestand Instructions.

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FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS USAGE INSTRUCTIONS & WARNING

⚠ WARNING! Failure to read and strictly comply with the instructions contained here may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! READ ALL THE INFORMATION INCLUDED HERE PRIOR TO ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS AND ITS COMPONENTS. YOUR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS AND ITS COMPONENTS ARE DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM WEIGHT CAPACITY (USER AND EQUIPMENT) OF 300 POUNDS (136kg). ADDITIONALLY, YOUR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS AND ITS COMPONENTS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER FIVE (5) YEARS OF SERVICE! PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL OR SHOULD IT EXCEED THE FIVE (5) YEAR SERVICE PERIOD.

⚠ WARNING! Prior to attempting to use this or any of our other product(s) you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly, setup and installation. You must practice installing, setting-up and using your full-body fall arrest harness at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this product(s) setup, installation and use at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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⚠ WARNING! **ALWAYS** practice using your full-body fall arrest harness (FAS) in the presence of a responsible adult prior to using it in an elevated hunting environment, and learn what it feels like to hang suspended in the harness at ground level. Practice installing and using your treestand at ground level and with a responsible adult present before you go hunting.

⚠ WARNING! The length of the full-body fall arrest harness tether must be kept to a minimum at all times during use. It should be adjusted so that it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position. Never allow the full-body fall arrest tether to get under your chin, around your neck, or under your arm(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! Should you experience a fall there is time to make a correct decision on what action needs to take place. It is important to remember: **DO NOT PANIC!** Failure to follow this warning may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! If you have a limiting physical and/or health condition that precludes and/or renders you incapable of self-recovery and/or a suitable escape plan is not available. **DO NOT** hunt from heights above ground-level **DO NOT** hunt from heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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⚠ WARNING! Practice the use of your Treestands full-body fall arrest harness and suspension relief device (SRD) at ground-level in the presence of a responsible adult to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using in a hunting environment. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! **NEVER** allow the full-body fall arrest harness lanyard/tether to get under your chin or around your neck. This poses a choking hazard that can lead to serious injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! If your hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you must have a personal plan for self-recovery/escape should you experience a fall. Prolonged suspension in a full-body fall arrest harness can be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. Varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans for self-recovery/escape the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/ rescue plan will work for every hunter, on every tree, in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best self-recovery/ escape plan for your hunting situation before leaving the ground. There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing a full-body fall arrest harness. It is important to remember, **DO NOT PANIC**. Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan. Hunt from the ground when a self-recovery/escape ability is absent. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ WARNING! READ THESE X-STAND™ TREESTANDS FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS! YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS IS DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM CAPACITY (USER & EQUIPMENT) OF 300 POUNDS (136 KG). ADDITIONALLY, YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER FIVE (5) YEARS OF SERVICE! REPLACE YOUR HARNESS IMMEDIATELY SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL WHILE WEARING IT.

⚠ WARNING! You must use the X-Stand™ Treestand full-body fall arrest harness provided with this product or a harness that complies with ASTM standards. NOTE: You must store your full-body fall arrest harness out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

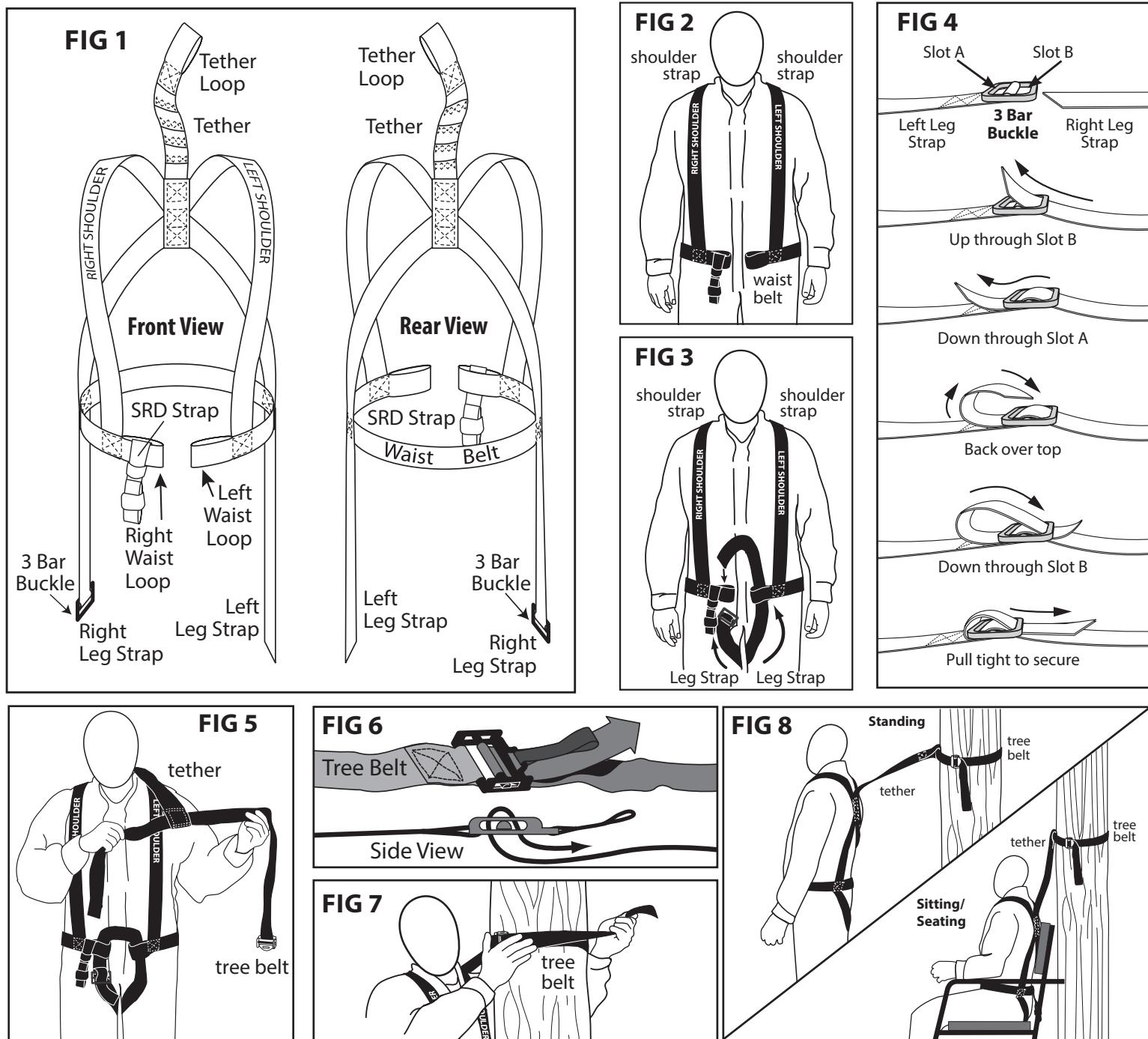
STEP 1. Identify the main parts of the full-body fall arrest harness (see Fig. 1). Hold the full-body fall arrest harness by the tether loop ensuring the harness is upright and leg straps are hanging down. Straighten any parts that have become twisted. Insert arms through each shoulder strap. (see Fig. 2)

STEP 2. Feed the left leg strap between legs and thread through the bottom left waist loop. Repeat with the right leg strap, feeding between legs and through right waist loop. (see Fig. 3)

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STEP 3. Secure the two leg straps by threading the 3 bar buckle as shown in Figure 4. Tighten the leg straps snugly. **DO NOT** over tighten as this will cut off the circulation to your legs. The X-Stand™ Treestands full-body fall arrest harness should look like the one depicted in Figure 5 when done correctly. Note : If leg straps are too long, feed right leg strap with buckle through bottom of the right waist loop, down the top of the left waist loop and secure to left leg strap with 3 Bar Buckle as instructed.

⚠ WARNING! It is very important to complete this Step of the assembly. Improperly secured buckle may cause full-body fall arrest harness failure resulting in serious injury or death! If there is not enough strap available to complete this step, **DO NOT USE THIS FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS!** You may need to purchase and use a larger specialty sized full-body fall arrest harness that complies with industry standards recognized by the ASTM.



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This instruction manual complies with the ASTM F2337 Standard Test Method for Treestand Fall Arrest Systems.

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STEPS TO FOLLOW IF A FALL WERE TO OCCUR:

Although no one plans to fall from their treestand, falls can and do occur without warning. It is important to become familiar with the guidelines below and practice your recovery plan at ground-level. Failure to read, understand, and follow these Steps may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing a full-body fall arrest harness. It is important **NOT TO PANIC!** Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! A suspension relief device must be on your person and readily accessible while using a full-body fall arrest harness. This device will allow you to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a full-body fall arrest harness and help maintain circulation in the legs and mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling). Follow all instructions below regarding the provided **SRD** (Suspension Relief Device) and **NEVER** remove it from your full-body fall arrest harness. Failure to follow this warning may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 1. After a fall, take a moment to catch your breath and stay calm; **DO NOT PANIC.**

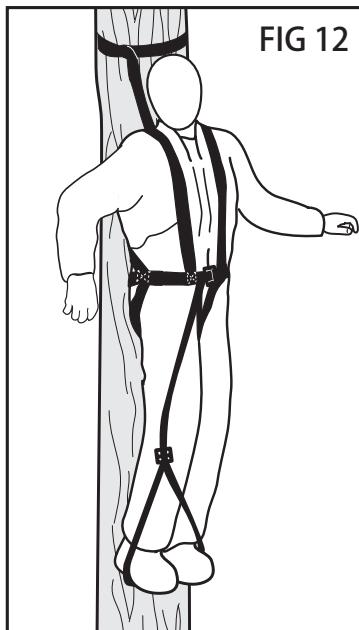
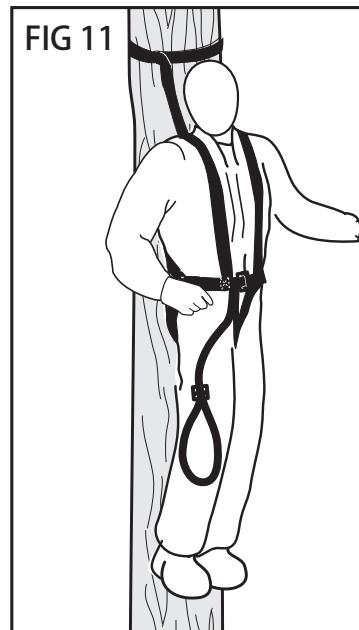
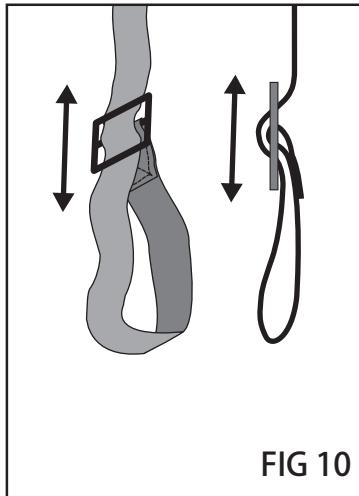
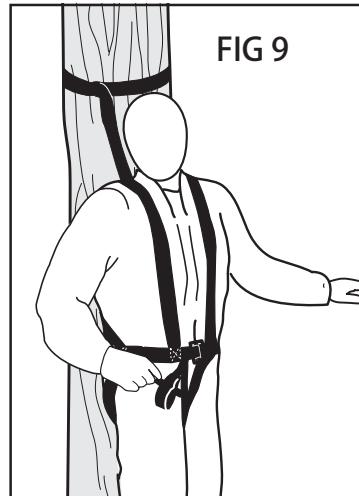
STEP 2. Pull on the **SRD strap** located on the front right side of your full-body fall arrest harness. (see Fig. 9)

STEP 3. If you are able to reach your ladder or climbing system, use it to get back into your secured treestand and then carefully climb down to ground-level. If you are not able to reach your stand, remain calm and continue to stand in the SRD loop until help arrives. (see Fig. 12)

STEP 4. Adjust the SRD strap so that you are able to step into the loop and then stand up relieving the pressure on your lower extremities. The loop size can be adjusted by moving the buckle up or down. (see Fig. 10 & 11)

STEP 5. Use your personal locating device or cell phone to call for help.

NOTE: Several optional commercial products/systems are available that offer self-recovery or self-extraction from a fall when suspended in a full-body fall arrest harness. Some systems automatically descend the user while others allow user control. One of these products/systems can be considered for use as an additional safety precaution against prolonged suspension and suspension trauma. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of these products/systems.



**To activate your product's warranty, a registration card (found in the back of this manual) must be completed and returned to the manufacturer within 30 days of purchase.
Be sure to keep a copy of this card for your records.**

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Part #	Description	Qty	Part #	Description	Qty
UP17-0071	TOP LADDER SECTION	1	UP17-0670	LEFT SEAT REST	1
UP17-0072	MIDDLE LADDER SECTION	1	UP17-0672	SHOOTING RAIL COVER	1
UP17-0073	BOTTOM LADDER SECTION	1	UP17-0675	SHOOTING RAIL FOAM	1
UP17-0636	MAINFRAME SUPPORT	2	UP10-0027	RATCHET STRAP	3
UP17-0638	UNDER SUPPORT GUSSET	2	UP17-0179	CAM BUCKLE STRAP	2
UP17-0640	TOP LADDER EXTENSION	2	UP10-0008	FULL-BODY HARNESS J300	2
UP17-0642	REAR FRAME HOOP	1	UP10-0660	SAFETY DVD	1
UP17-0644	FOOT PLATFORM	2	UP19-0674	INSTRUCTION MANUAL	1
UP17-0646	TOP STEP BAR	1	UP77-0036	5/16" X 1 1/4" HEX BOLT (A)	2
UP17-0065	SUPPORT BAR TREE PIECE	1	UP77-0026	1/4" X 2 3/4" HEX BOLT (B)	4
UP17-0060	SUPPORT BAR LADDER PIECE	1	UP77-0025	1/4" X 2 1/2" HEX BOLT (C)	16
UP17-0648	SEAT SUPPORT	2	UP77-0023	1/4" X 2" HEX BOLT (D)	2
UP17-0650	LEFT SIDE SEAT SUPPORT	1	UP77-0021	1/4" X 1 3/4" HEX BOLT (E)	15
UP17-0652	RIGHT SIDE SEAT SUPPORT	1	UP77-0019	1/4" X 1 1/2" HEX BOLT (F)	5
UP17-0055	SAFETY SLEEVE	6	UP77-0016	1/4" X 1" HEX BOLT (G)	2
UP17-0654	LEFT SEAT BRACE	1	UP77-0138	SEAT TENSION BOLT	2
UP17-0656	RIGHT SEAT BRACE	1	UP77-0127	ALLEN WRENCH	1
UP17-0658	LEFT SHOOTING RAIL PIECE	1	UP77-0006	1/4" WING NUT	2
UP17-0660	RIGHT SHOOTING RAIL PIECE	1	UP77-0029	5/16" NYLON NUT	2
UP17-0662	MAIN SHOOTING RAIL	1	UP77-0001	1/4" NYLON NUT	42
UP19-0664	SEAT ASSEMBLY	1	XP87-0023	1/4" NYLON SPACER	4
UP17-0666	SEAT BAR	2	XP87-0027	5/16" NYLON WASHER	84
UP17-0668	RIGHT SEAT REST	1			

THE MERIDIAN - TOOLS REQUIRED ASSEMBLY

Adjustable Wrench - Qty 2 (not included)

THE MERIDIAN - SPECIFICATIONS

Minimum Tree Diameter (at installation height)

9"

Maximum Weight Capacity (User(s) and Equipment)

500 lbs. / 227 kg

Person(s)

Two (2)

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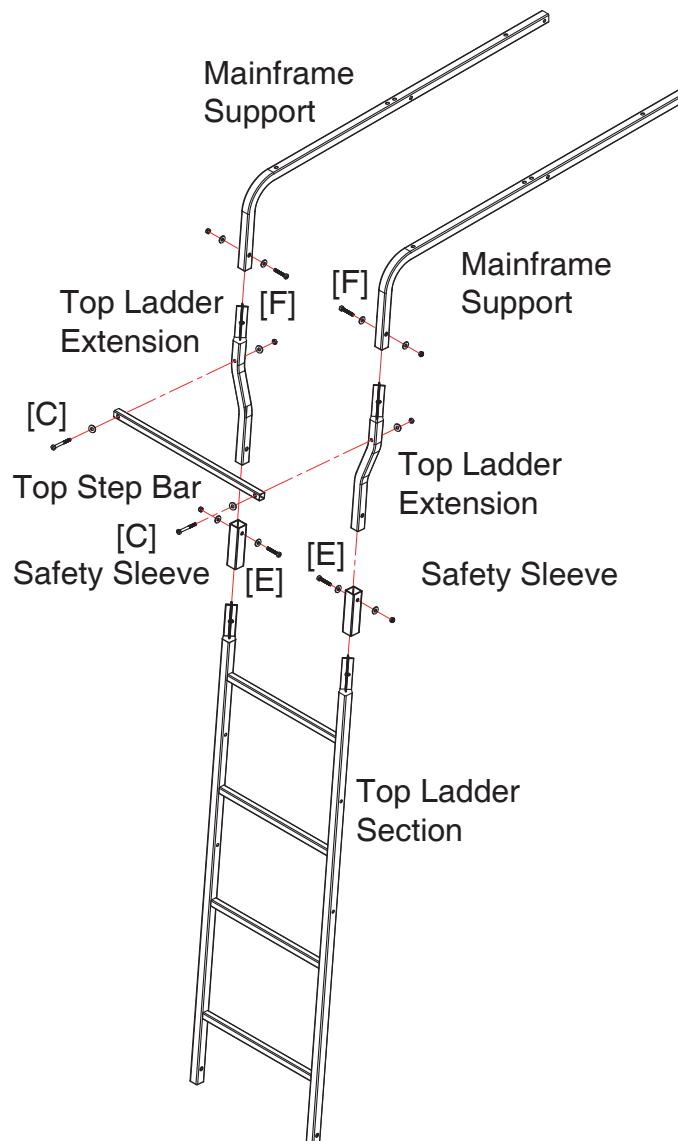
⚠ WARNING! Read Safe Usage Instructions & Warnings and Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness Usage Instructions & Warnings prior to assembly of this product! Failure to follow the instructions and warnings may result in serious injury or death!

⚠ WARNING! DO NOT over tighten the hardware. Over tightening can lead to structural damage and may negatively affect the performance of your stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

NOTE: Steps 1-10 require that you temporarily finger tighten all nuts and bolts until instructed to tighten. This will ensure proper alignment during assembly.

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FIGURE 1



STEP 1. Insert the Safety Sleeves & the Top Ladder Extensions onto the Top Ladder Section and secure using two (2) 1 1/4" x 1 3/4" Hex Bolts (E), four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts.

NOTE: When attaching Top Ladder Extensions be sure that the bends are facing outward. (Fig. 1)

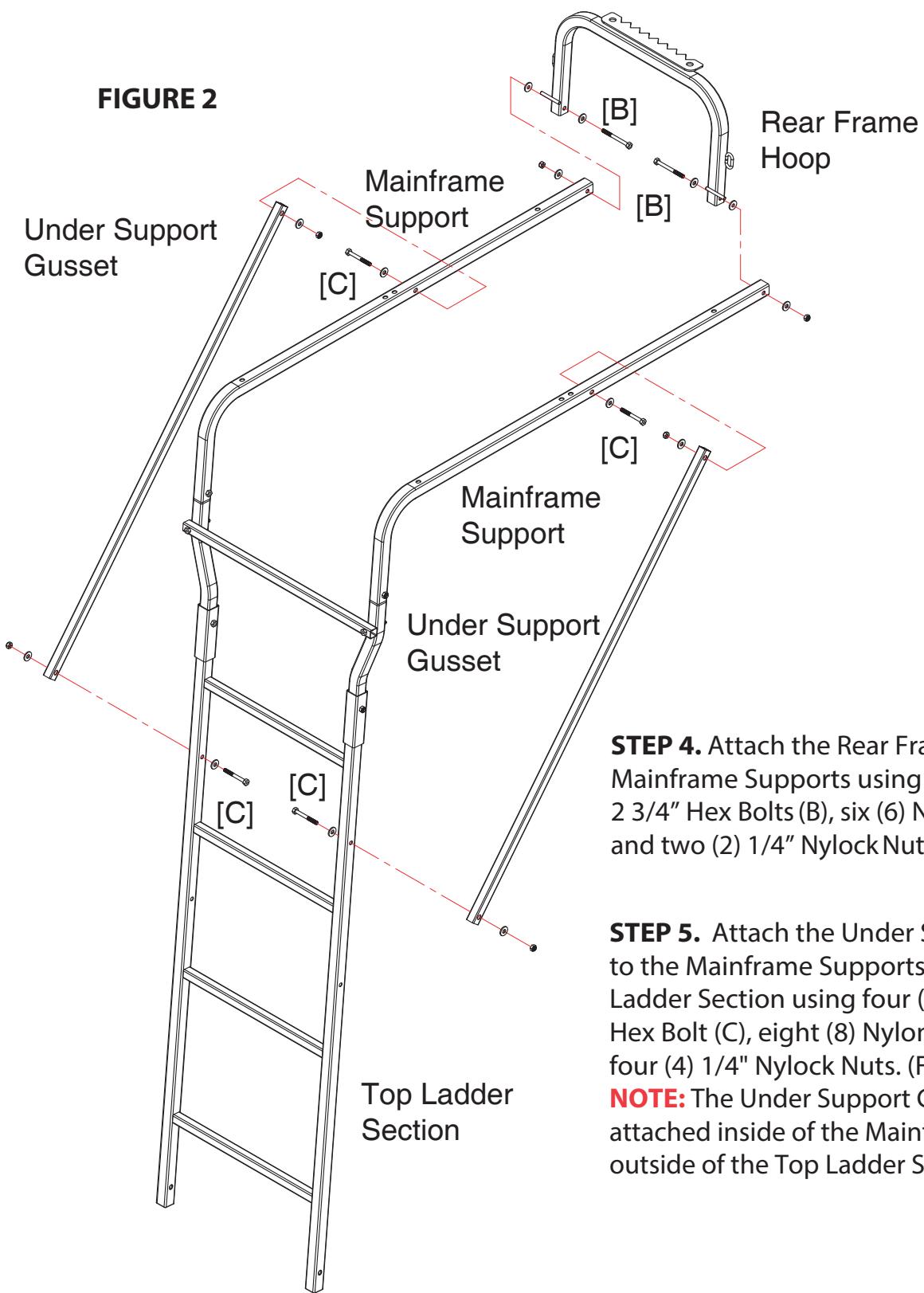
STEP 2. Then attach the Mainframe Supports to the Top Ladder Extensions using two (2) 1 1/4" x 11/2" Hex Bolts (F), four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 1)

STEP 3. Next attach the Top Step Bar to the front of Top Ladder Extensions using two (2) 1 1/4" x 2 1/2" Hex Bolts (C), four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 1)

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FIGURE 2



STEP 4. Attach the Rear Frame Hoop to the Mainframe Supports using two (2) 1/4" x 2 3/4" Hex Bolts (B), six (6) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 2)

STEP 5. Attach the Under Support Gussets to the Mainframe Supports and the Top Ladder Section using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/2" Hex Bolt (C), eight (8) Nylon Washers and four (4) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 2)

NOTE: The Under Support Gussets should be attached inside of the Mainframe Supports and outside of the Top Ladder Section.

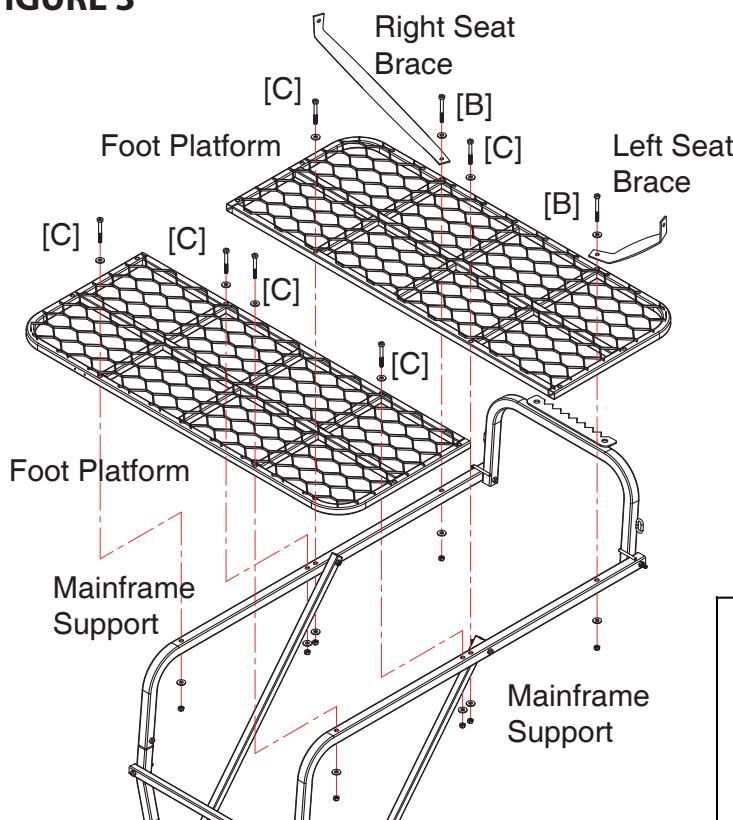
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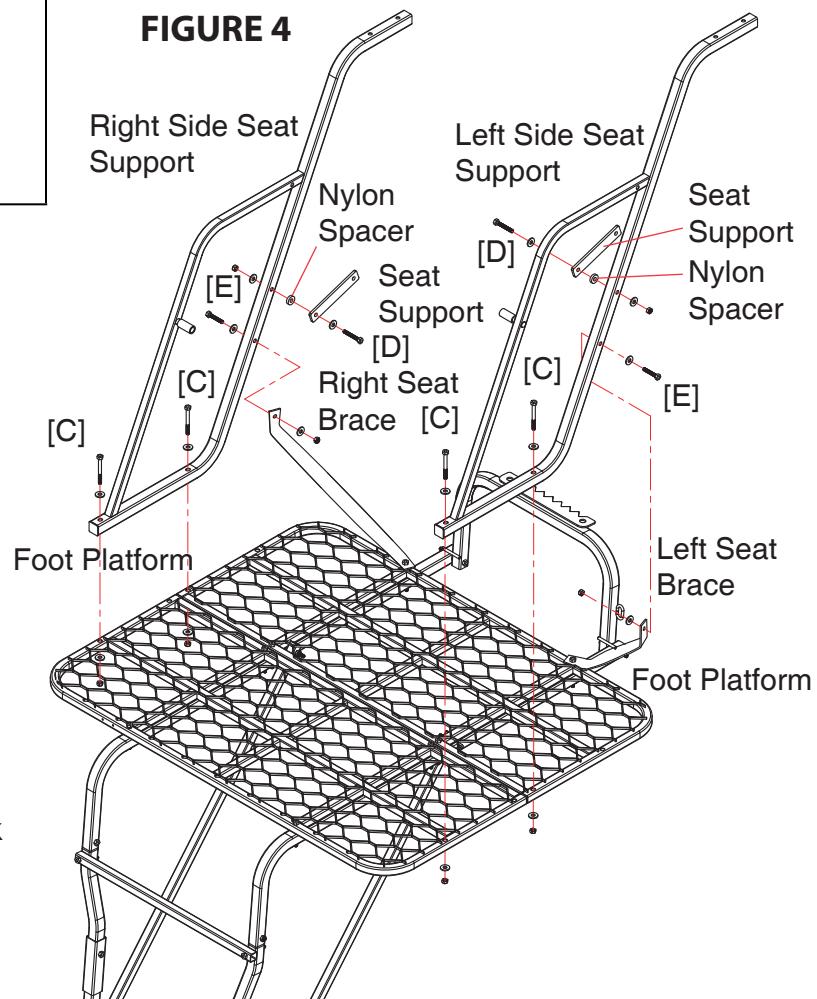
FIGURE 3



STEP 6. Attach the Foot Platforms to the Mainframe Supports using six (6) 1/4" x 2 1/2" Hex Bolts (C), twelve (12) Nylon Washer and six (6) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. Then attach the Left/Right Seat Braces and Foot Platform to the Main-frame Supports using two (2) 1/4" x 2 3/4" Hex Bolts (B), four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts.

NOTE: Both Foot Platforms are identical. (Fig. 3)

FIGURE 4



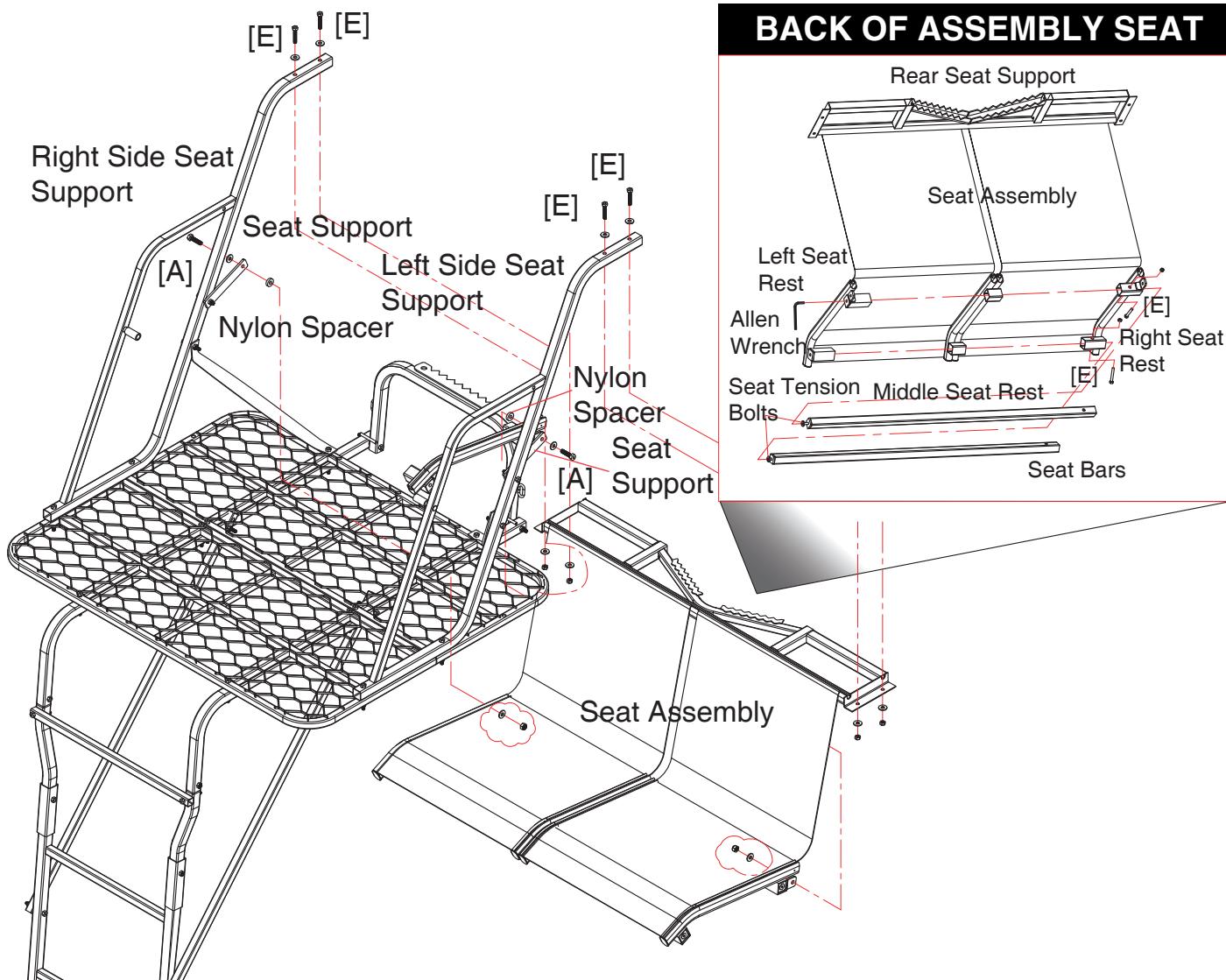
STEP 7. Attach the Left/Right Side Seat Supports to the Foot Platforms using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/2" Hex Bolts (C), eight (8) Nylon Washers and four (4) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. Then attach the Left and Right Seat Braces to the Left/Right Side Seat Supports using two (2) 1/4" x 1 3/4" Hex Bolts (E), four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 4)

STEP 8. Next attach the Seat Supports to the Left and Right Seat Supports using two (2) 1/4" x 2" Hex Bolts (D), two (2) Nylon Spacers, four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 4)

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FIGURE 5



STEP 9. Attach the Seat Assembly to the Seat Supports using two (2) 5/16" x 1 1/4" Hex Bolts (A), two Nylon Spacers, four (4) Nylon Washers and two (2) 5/16" Nylock Nuts. Complete attaching the Seat Assembly to the Left and Right Seat Supports using four (4) 1 1/4" x 1 3/4" Hex Bolts (E), eight (8) Nylon Washers and four (4) 1/4" Nylock Nuts to secure. (Fig. 5)

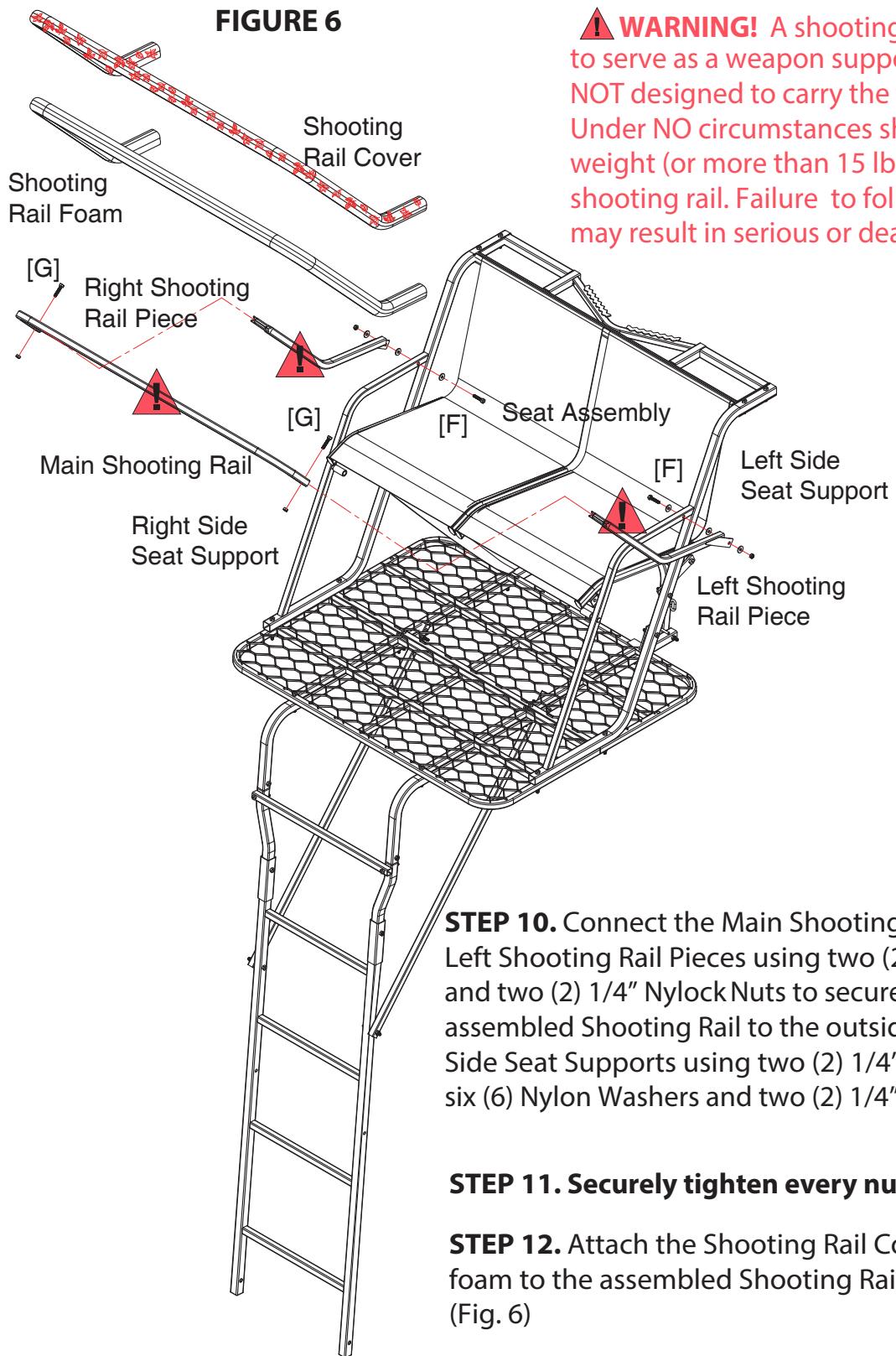
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FIGURE 6



⚠️ WARNING! A shooting rail has been provided to serve as a weapon support. This shooting rail is NOT designed to carry the full weight of the user. Under NO circumstances should you place your weight (or more than 15 lbs of force) on this shooting rail. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious or death!

STEP 10. Connect the Main Shooting Rail to the Right and Left Shooting Rail Pieces using two (2) 1/4" x1" Hex Bolts (G) and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts to secure. Then attach the assembled Shooting Rail to the outside of the Left and Right Side Seat Supports using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" Hex Bolts (F), six (6) Nylon Washers and two (2) 1/4" Nylock Nuts. (Fig. 6)

STEP 11. Securely tighten every nut and bolt at this time.

STEP 12. Attach the Shooting Rail Cover and Shooting Rail foam to the assembled Shooting Rail using velcro to secure. (Fig. 6)

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STEP 1. Assemble adjustable support bar by sliding Tree Piece into the Ladder Piece.

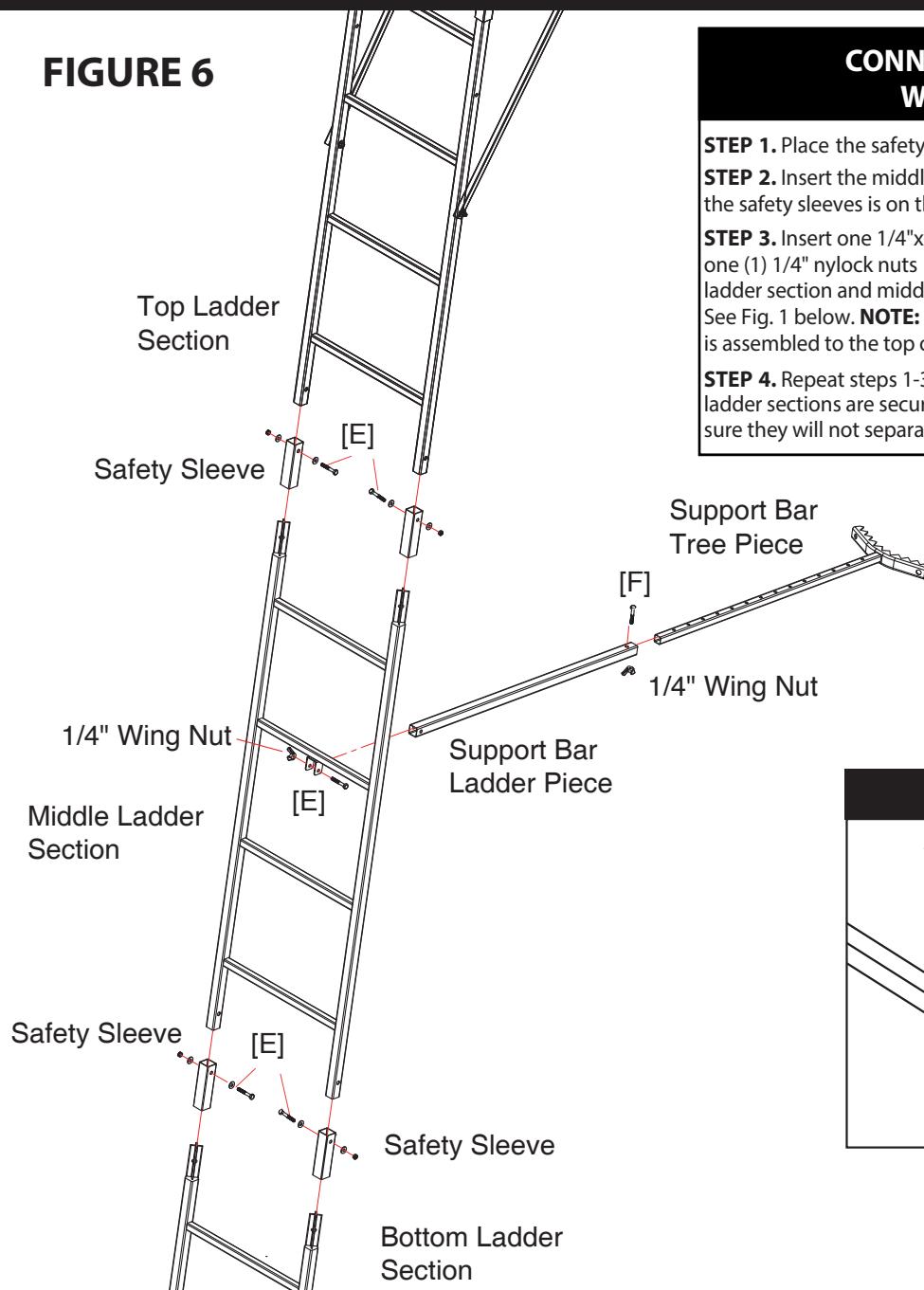
NOTE: The snap pin will be used to set the desired length of the support bar.

STEP 2. Attach support bar to ladder using one (1) 1/4" x 1 3/4" hex bolt (E) and one (1) 1/4" wing nut. (Fig. 7)

NOTE: These figures relate to Step 5 of the Field Installation Instructions on page 11.

ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT BAR ASSEMBLY

FIGURE 6



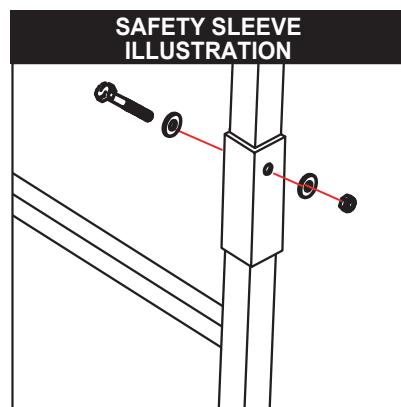
CONNECTING LADDER SECTIONS WITH SAFETY SLEEVES

STEP 1. Place the safety sleeves over the top of the middle ladder section.

STEP 2. Insert the middle ladder section into the top ladder section so that the safety sleeves is on the outside of both ladder pieces.

STEP 3. Insert one 1/4"x1 3/4" hex bolt [E], two (2) nylon washers and one (1) 1/4" nylock nuts through the predrilled holes of the safety sleeves, top ladder section and middle ladder section to connect all pieces then tighten. See Fig. 1 below. **NOTE:** Be sure that the predrilled holes of the safety sleeves is assembled to the top of the assembly.

STEP 4. Repeat steps 1-3 with the remaining ladder sections. Check to be sure ladder sections are securely fastened by pulling on each ladder section to be sure they will not separate.



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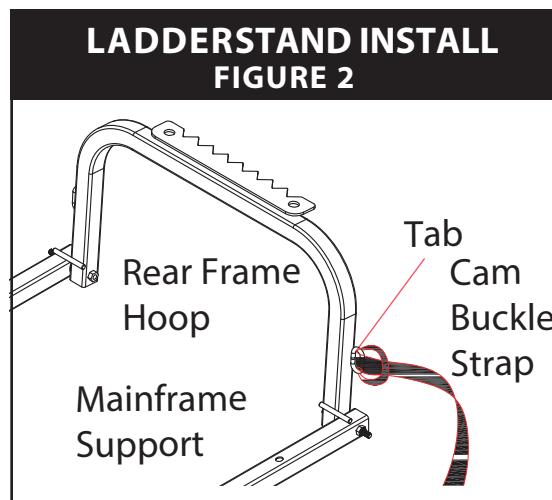
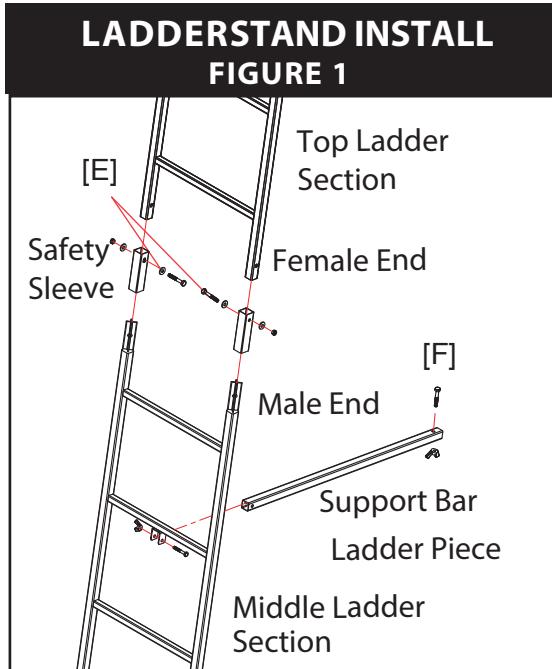
WARNING! DO NOT attempt to install this product on a tree that is not straight or healthy. Make sure the tree is devoid of dead branches, limbs, vines or anything that might interfere with installation. **DO NOT** attempt to install this treestand on a tree that is leaning, diseased, crooked, has loose bark, or does not meet the minimum installation diameter of nine (9) inches at treestand installation height. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 1. Select a straight, healthy tree, one devoid of dead branches or loose bark. **DO NOT** attempt to install this product on a tree that is not healthy!

STEP 2. Assemble ladder sections to the top ladder section. **NOTE:** All ladder section will be assembled with the male end facing upward and female end (sleeves) facing downward (Fig. 1). After assembling the ladder, insert snap pins in every joint to secure.

STEP 3. Attach the two (2) long ends of the cam buckle straps to each side of the rear frame support (near the bark biters). Secure straps by wrapping strap around rear frame support and pulling through its looped end. (Fig. 3) Then attach the two (2) ends of the cam buckle straps with cam buckle to each side of the middle ladder section column tubing (beneath the 5th rung up as counted from the ground). Secure straps with cam buckle by wrapping strap around rung and pulling through its looped end. (Fig. 4) Feed the free ends of the long straps through cam buckle and tighten the cam buckle straps securely (see cam buckle instructions). **NOTE: DO NOT** attempt to install your ladderstand without the straps firmly tied to the ladder.

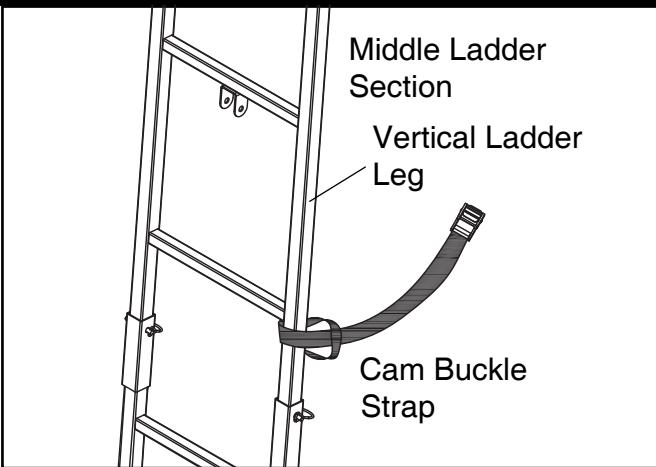
STEP 4. Place the ladderstand flat on the ground in front of the tree with the bottom ladder section approximately 3 feet away from the base of the trunk. Then with at least 3 adults, gently raise the ladderstand to a vertical position allowing the bark biters to come into direct contact with the tree. Once elevated completely, carefully pull the base away from the tree until the sitting & standing platforms are parallel to the ground. (Fig. 6)



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LADDERSTAND INSTALL FIGURE 3



CAM BUCKLE INSTRUCTIONS

Insert long strap through buckle on short strap and pull tight to secure.

FIGURE 1

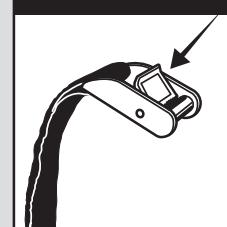


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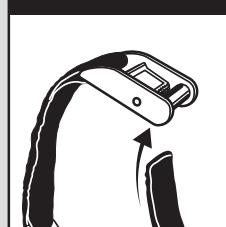
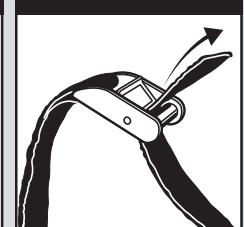


FIGURE 3



VITAL RATCHET INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 5. Attach the adjustable support bar to the ladderstand. NOTE: The adjustable support bar should be attached to the sixth rung up from the bottom of the ladder section shown in Fig. 6, page 16. Adjust the length so that the tree piece fits snugly to the tree providing rigid support to the ladder; insert snap pin to secure. Once you have set the adjustable support bar, hook one end of the ratchet strap in the hole on the bark biter, wrap around tree trunk, and connect to opposite side. Carefully tighten the RATCHET STRAP securely. (Fig. 4)

LADDERSTAND INSTALL FIGURE 4

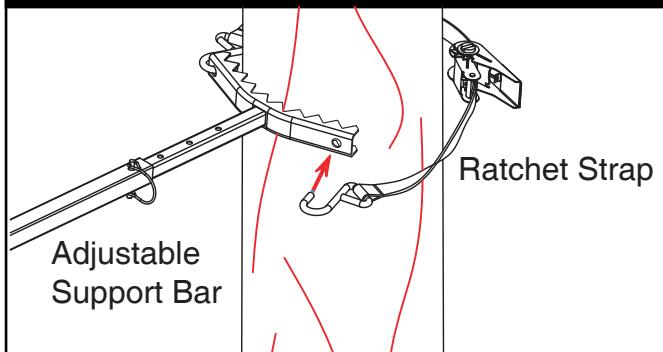


FIGURE 1

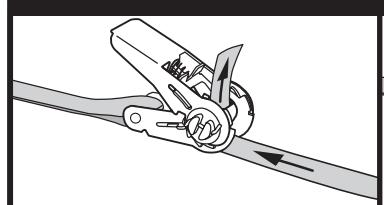


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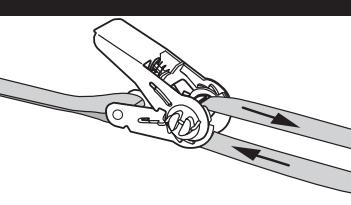


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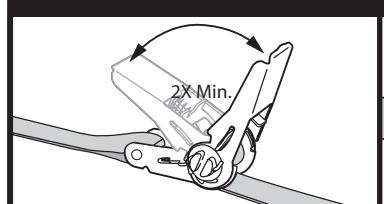
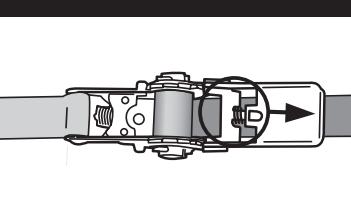


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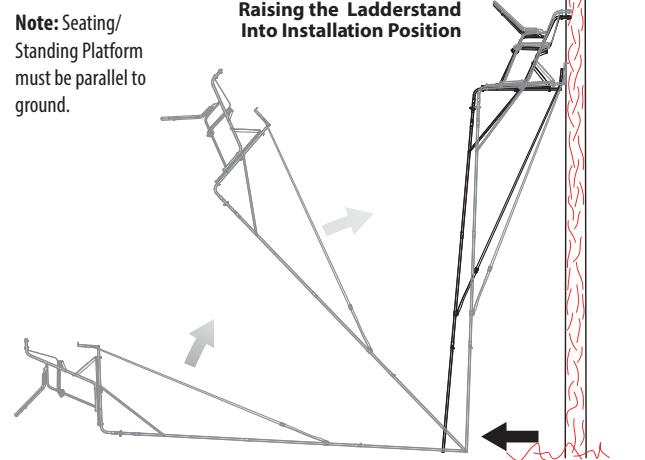
STEP6. When the ladderstand is level and the adjustable support bar is secure, unlock the cam buckle straps. Criss-cross cam buckle straps behind the tree trunk pulling them snug. Then feed the free ends of the long strap through the cam buckles and tighten the cam buckle straps securely again.

WARNING! The two (2) cam buckle straps must be attached and tightened prior to climbing to attach the platform(s) ratchet straps. Additionally, the adjustable support bar(s) and the adjustable support bar(s) ratchet strap must be installed prior to climbing to install the platform ratchet(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

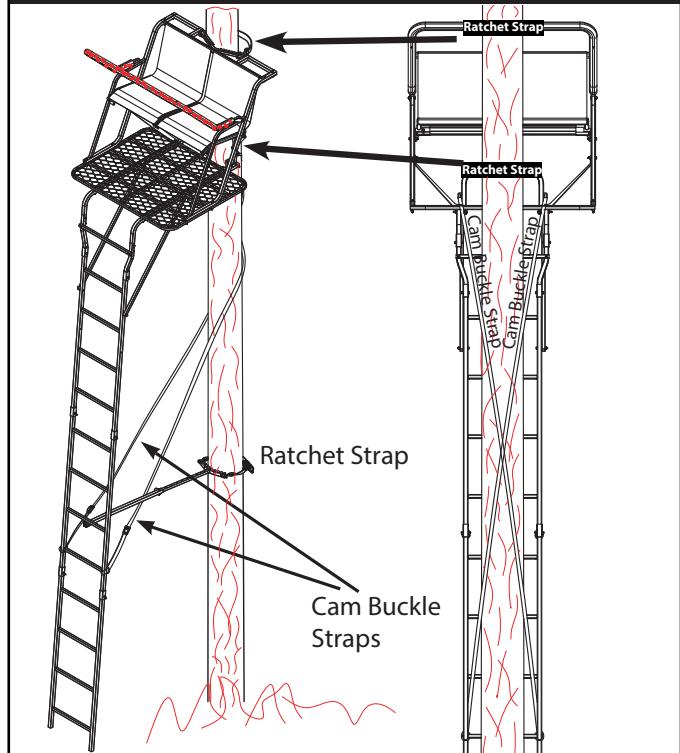
WARNING! Prior to climbing, make sure that all the ladder section are firmly connected with the proper hardware in place. Make sure none of the sections have become separated. If they are, do not climb the ladder. With the help of two other adults, lower the stand back down to the ground and reattach the ladder rungs and reinstall the hardware in the manner previously described. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Prior to attempting to climb a ladderstand for the first time, make certain the feet of the bottom rung ladder section are firmly planted on solid, level ground. If they are not firmly planted on level ground, **DO NOT** climb the ladder. With the help of two (2) other adults, lower the stand and find a suitable location to safely install the ladderstand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

LADDERSTAND INSTALL FIGURE 5



LADDERSTAND INSTALL FIGURE 6



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FIELD INSTALLATION - LADDERSTAND

WARNING! Before attempting to climb the ladderstand, bounce on the bottom ladder section to set the ladder into the ground before proceeding higher. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Always lean forward while climbing. Attach your full-body fall arrest harness tree belt to the tree trunk prior to securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 7. CRITICAL STEP! After installing the adjustable support bar and cam buckle straps, it is now time to attach the **RATCHET STRAP(S)** to the top section of your ladderstand. Ratchet straps are attached at the contact point from the stand to the tree. Hook one end of the ratchet strap onto the rear frame support, near the bark biters, wrap around tree trunk, and connect to opposite side. Carefully tighten the **VITAL RATCHET STRAP** securely (see Ratchet Instructions above). **NOTE: THREE (3) VITAL RATCHET STRAPS ARE INCLUDED AND NECESSARY FOR SOME MODELS. ALWAYS USE ALL PARTS REQUIRED.**

 **WARNING!** When climbing to secure the ratchet strap(s) on the platform(s), it is important to lean forward when climbing to keep the stand centered and secure to the tree trunk. **DO NOT** lean backwards when climbing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

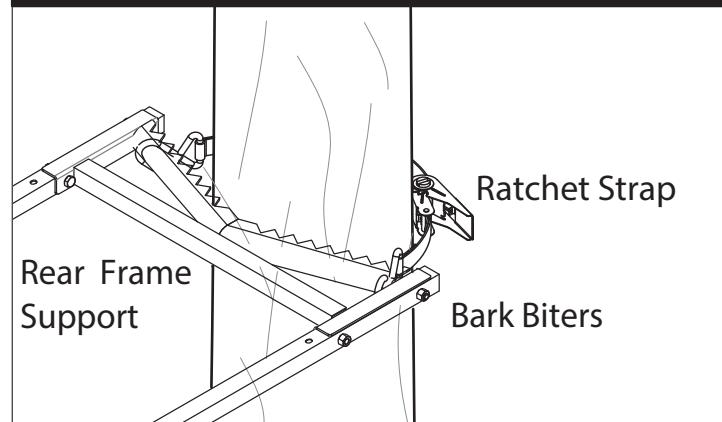
 **WARNING!** Always maintain three-point contact when climbing up or down. Proper three-point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on the step portions of the climbing aids and/or ladderstands at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

 **WARNING!** The platform ratchet strap(s), cam buckle straps and adjustable support bar(s) have all been included with your new ladderstand to ensure its solid attachment to the tree. All three of these safety devices must be installed as outlined in this Instruction Manual. Failure to install these safety devices as outlined in this Instruction Manual may result in serious injury or death!

 **WARNING!** This product(s) is designed for adult use only! No one under the age of 16 shall attempt to use this or any other product(s) without direct adult supervision. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 8. You are now ready to use your ladderstand!

LADDERSTAND INSTALL FIGURE 7



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Storage and care of your stand: Your new treestand is factory finished with state of the art powder coating that guarantees years of trouble free service. It is recommended that you store your treestand out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental conditions that may adversely affect its performance.

WARNING!Prior to climbing, make sure that all the ladders sections are firmly connected with the proper hardware (snap pins) in place. Make sure none of the sections have become separated. If they are, do not climb the ladder. With the help of two (2) other adults, lower the stand back down to the ground and reattach the ladder sections and reinstall the hardware in the manner previously described. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING!Prior to attempting to climb a ladderstand for the first time, make certain the feet are secured into the ground (very bottom portion of the bottom ladder section), and planted in level ground. If they are not firmly planted in level ground DO NOT climb the ladder. With the help of two (2) other adults, lower the stand and find a suitable location to safely install the ladderstand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING!Before attempting to climb the ladderstand, bounce on the bottom ladder section to set the ladder into the ground before attempting to climb the ladderstand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING!Always lean forward while climbing and securely attach your full-body fall arrest harness tree belt to the tree prior to securing the platform to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING!When climbing to secure the ratchet strap on the treestand, it is important to lean forward when climbing to keep the stand centered and secure to the tree trunk. DO NOT lean backwards when climbing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING!When climbing, always maintain three (3) points of contact as you ascend (climb up) and while descending (climb down). Failure to maintain three (3) points of contact puts the user at serious risk of bodily injury. Proper three (3) point contact means having either 2 feet with 1 hand or 1 foot with 2 hands on the step portions of the climbing aids and/or ladder stands at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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