



# COMRADE

## Assembly and Safe Use Manual



This X-Stand™ product(s) has been tested to rigid industry standards. Safe operation and use of this X-Stand™ product(s) is the responsibility of the user(s). Please read and follow all safe use instructions and warnings. Failure to follow these may result in serious injury or death!

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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 or visit X-Stand™ Treestands online at [X-Stand.com](http://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.

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**⚠ WARNING!** A *Treestand Safety: It's Up To You* DVD has been included with this treestand. Please view it in its entirety prior to using this or any other X-Stand™ products. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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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 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, lanyard, 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. 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 products(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!

**READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY PRIOR TO USING THIS PRODUCT.**

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

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## **FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS USAGE INSTRUCTIONS & WARNINGS**

**⚠ 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 (136 KG). ADDITIONALLY, YOUR FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS AND ITS COMPONENTS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER THREE (3) YEARS OF SERVICE! PLEASE CONTACT X-STAND™ TREESTANDS FOR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL OR SHOULD IT EXCEED THE THREE (3) YEAR SERVICE PERIOD.

**⚠ 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 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!

**⚠ WARNING!** You must wear a **Fall Arrest System (FAS)** comprising of a full-body fall arrest harness, tree belt, lanyard, 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, do not leave the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ 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. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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**⚠ WARNING!** Practice the use of your X-Stand™ Treestand 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 THREE (3) 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)

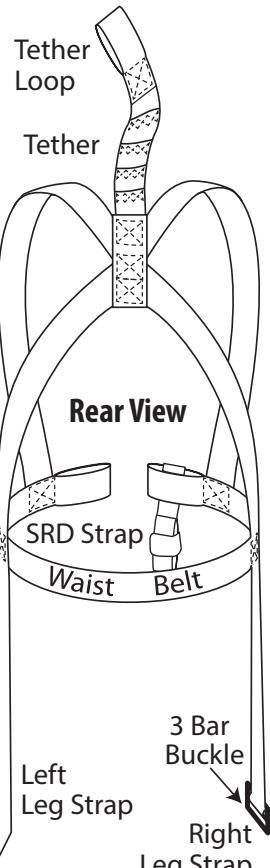
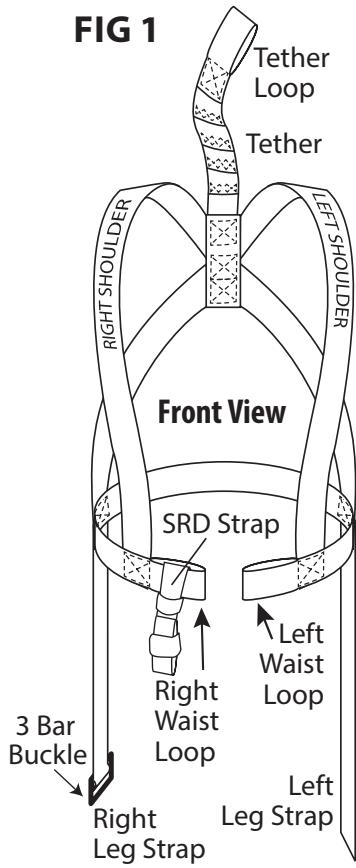
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**STEP 3.** Secure the two leg straps by threading the 3 bar buckle as shown in Figure 4. Tighten the leg straps snugly. DO NOT over tighten as this will cut off the circulation to your legs. The X-Stand™ Treestands full-body fall arrest harness should 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.

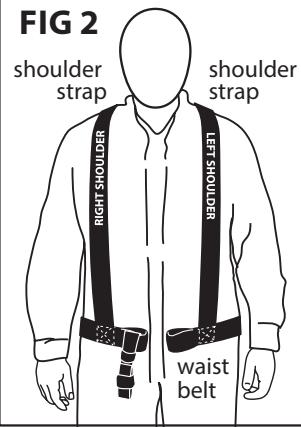
**⚠️ WARNING!** It is very important to complete this Step of the assembly. Improperly secured buckle may cause full-body fall arrest harness failure resulting in serious injury or death! If there is not enough strap available to complete this step, DO NOT USE THIS FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS! You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

**STEP 4.** Once you have reached your desired height, insert the tree belt through the loop of the tether. (see Fig. 5) Then, carefully wrap the tree belt around the tree at a height that allows just enough slack for you to sit comfortably in your stand. Keeping the tether as short as possible limits the distance you will travel in the unlikely event you should experience a fall. To secure the tree belt insert free end up through the slot in the buckle closest to opposite end of the tree belt, then cross over the sliding mechanism and back down through opposite slot. Pull on strap to secure and test to make sure sliding mechanism engages creating secure strap placement. (see Fig. 6, 7, 8)

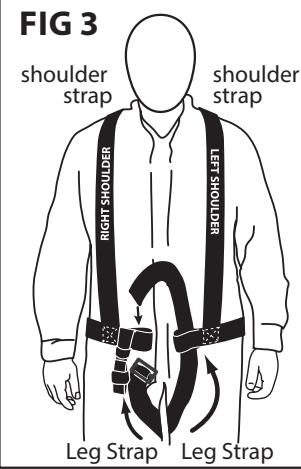
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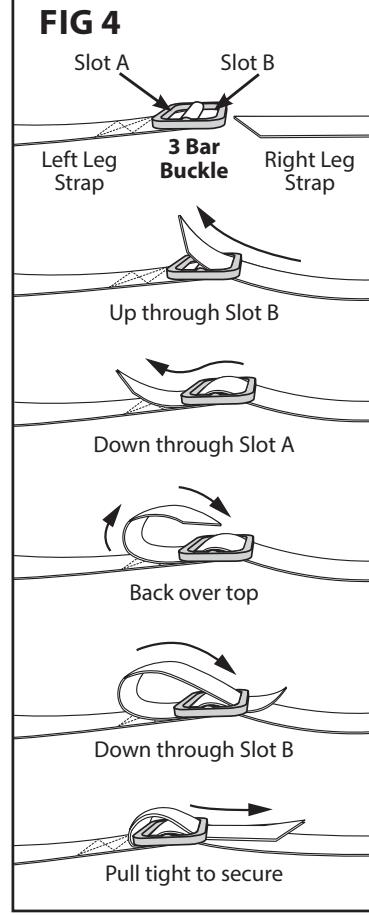
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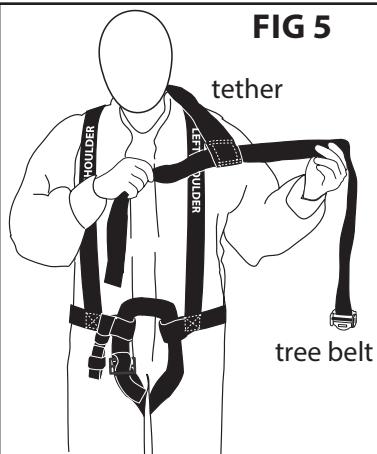
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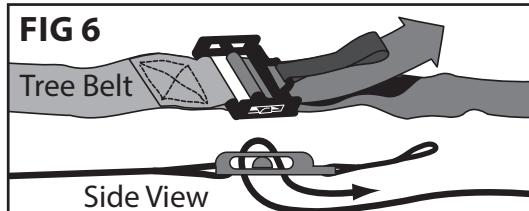
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**FIG 5**



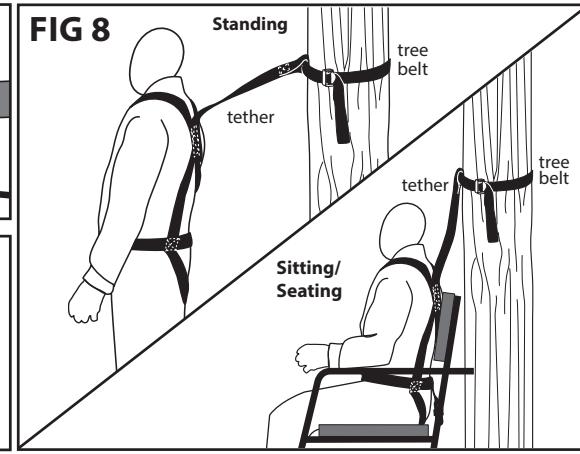
**FIG 6**



**FIG 7**



**FIG 8**



**READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY PRIOR TO USING THIS PRODUCT.**

*This instruction manual complies with 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.**

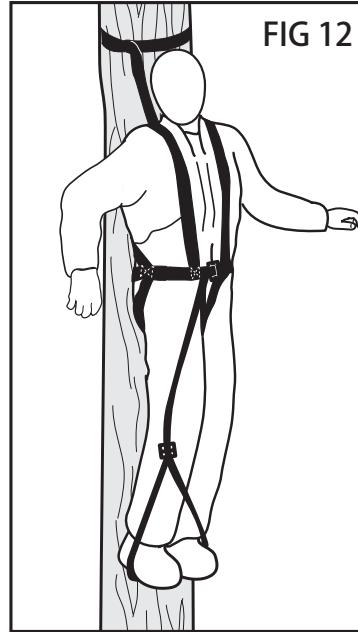
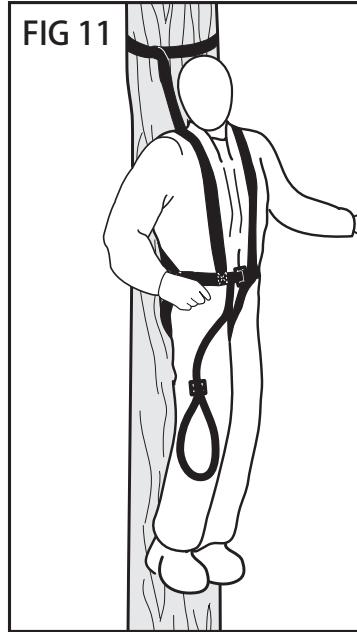
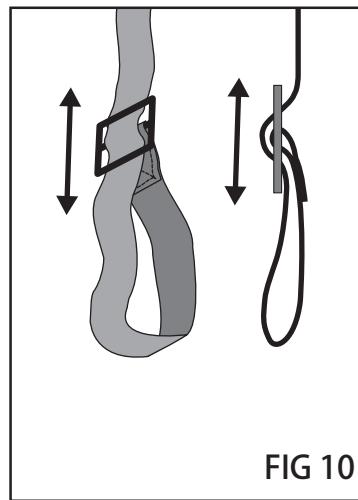
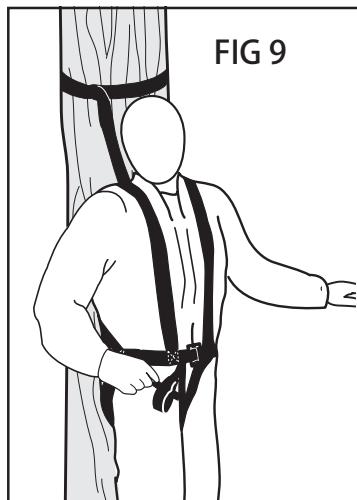
**STEP 2.** Pull on the **SRD strap** located on the front side of your full-body fall arrest harness. (see Fig. 9)

**STEP 3.** 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 4.** 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 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.



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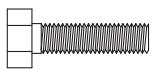
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XP17-0772	Ladder Section C	1	XP17-0836	Shooting Rail Foam	2
XP17-0773	Ladder Section D	1	XP17-0834	Shooting Rail Cover	2
XP17-0776	Right Foot Platform	1	XP17-0840	Armrest Foam	4
XP17-0778	Left Foot Platform	1	XP17-0838	Armrest Cover	4
XP17-0792	Rear Frame Support	1	XP17-0818	Commodity Shelf Cover	1
XP17-0780	Foot Platform Support	1	XP15-0581	Ratchet Strap (A)	1
XP17-0784	Left Bracket	1	XP15-0584	Ratchet Strap (B) Assembly	1
XP17-0782	Right Bracket	1	XP15-0587	Ratchet Strap (C)	2
XP17-0786	Top Ladder Extension	2	XP15-0020	Safety DVD	1
XP17-0788	Top Step Bar	1	XP15-0010	Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness	2
XP17-0790	Mainframe	2	XP17-0852	Instruction Manual for Comrade	1
XP17-0804	Seat Cross Brace	2	XP87-0002	1/4" × 1" Hex Bolt {A}	2
XP17-0794	Cross Brace	4	XP87-0005	1/4" × 1 1/4" Hex Bolt {B}	2
XP17-0798	Left Side Seat Support	1	XP87-0007	1/4" × 1 1/2" Hex Bolt {C}	18
XP17-0796	Right Side Seat Support	1	XP87-0009	1/4" × 1 3/4" Hex Bolt {D}	8
XP17-0802	Left Center Seat Support	1	XP87-0014	1/4" × 2 1/4" Hex Bolt {E}	29
XP17-0800	Right Center Seat Support	1	XP87-0015	1/4" × 2 1/2" Hex Bolt {F}	4
XP17-0806	Commodity Shelf	1	XP87-0021	1/4" × 3" Hex Bolt {G}	4
XP17-0846	Pivoting bark biter	1	XP87-0016	1/4" × 3 1/4" Hex Bolt {H}	10
XP17-0808	Left Shooting Rail Stop	2	XP87-0003	5/16" × 3 1/2" Hex Bolt {J}	2
XP17-0810	Right Shooting Rail Stop	2	XP87-0085	3/8" × 1 1/4" Hex Bolt {K}	4
XP17-0812	Armrest	4	XP87-0053	1/4" × 2 1/4" Carriage Bolt {L}	4
XP17-0814	Seat Assembly	2	XP87-0034	1/4" Delta Nut {M}	4
XP17-0816	Tension Bar	2	XP87-0020	1/4" Delta Bolt {N}	4
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XP17-0830	Left Shooting Rail Piece	2	XP87-0045	1/4" × 4 1/4" Eye Bolt {Q}	2
XP17-0822	Male Under Support Gusset	2	XP87-0038	1/4" Wing Nut {R}	2
XP17-0824	Female Under Support Gusset	2	XP87-0029	1/4" Nylock Nut	77
XP15-0575	Drink Holder	2	XP87-0047	5/16" Nylock Nut	4
XP15-0572	Accessory Hook	2	XP87-0027	Nylon Washer	164
XP17-0842	Lower Bark Biter Tree Piece	2	XP87-0036	Silent Snap Pin	6
XP17-0844	Lower Bark Biter Ladder Brace	2			

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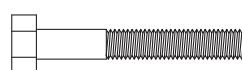
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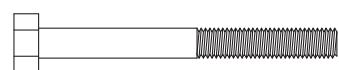
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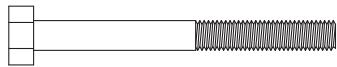
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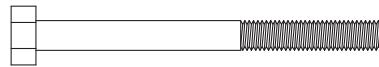
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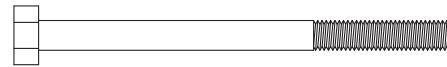
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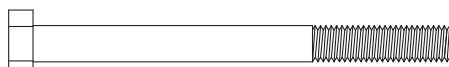
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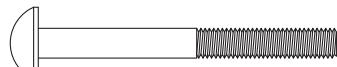
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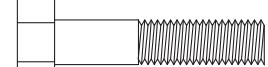
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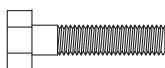
[J] 5/16" x 3 1/2" Hex Bolt {2 Pieces}



[L] 1/4" x 2 1/4" Carriage Bolt {4 Pieces}



[K] 3/8" x 1 1/4" Hex Bolt {4 Pieces}



[B] 1/4" x 1 1/4" Hex Bolt {2 Pieces}



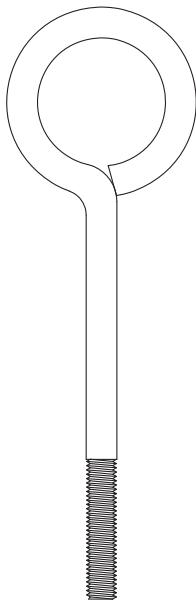
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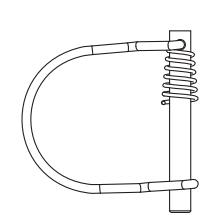
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5/16" Nylock Nut {4 Pieces}



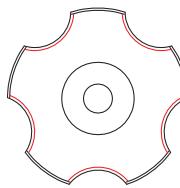
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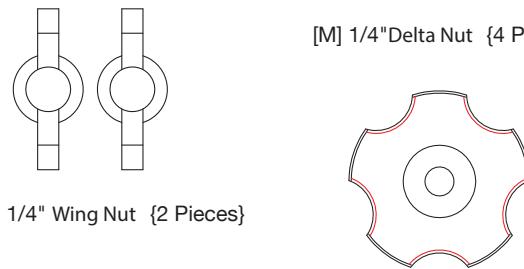
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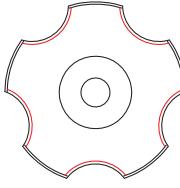
1/4" Nylock Nut {77 Pieces}



[M] 1/4" Delta Nut {4 Pieces}



[R] 1/4" Wing Nut {2 Pieces}



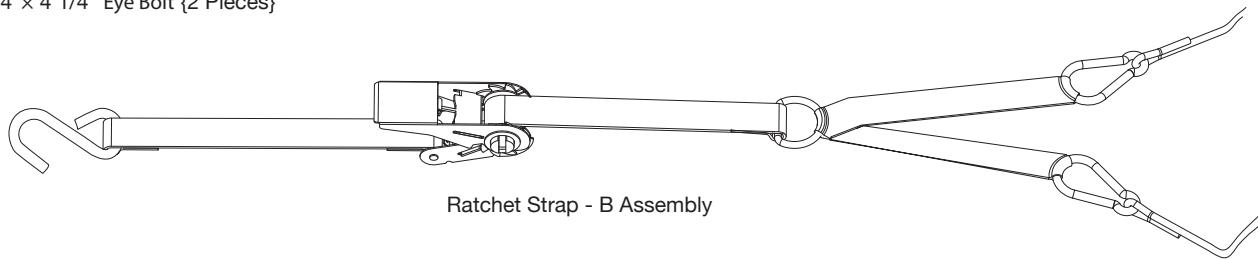
[N] 1/4" Delta Bolt {4 Pieces}



Ratchet Strap - A



Ratchet Strap - C {2 Pieces}



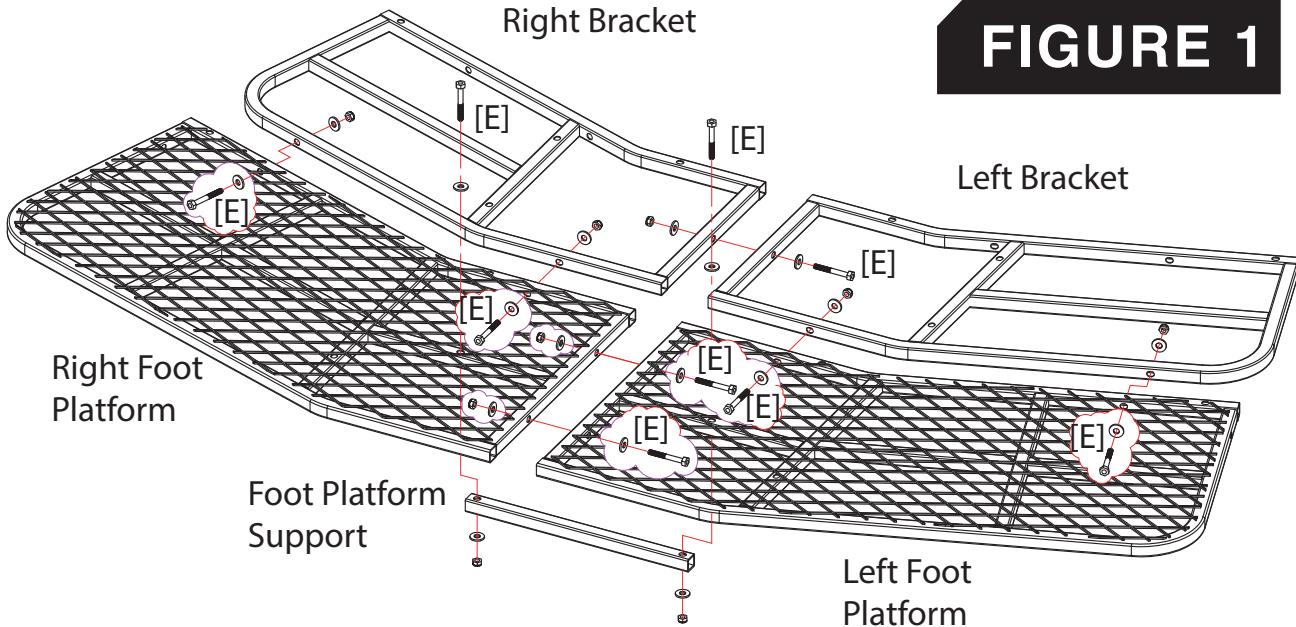
Ratchet Strap - B Assembly

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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**NOTE:** Steps 1-15 require you temporarily finger tighten nuts to insure proper alignment.

## FIGURE 1



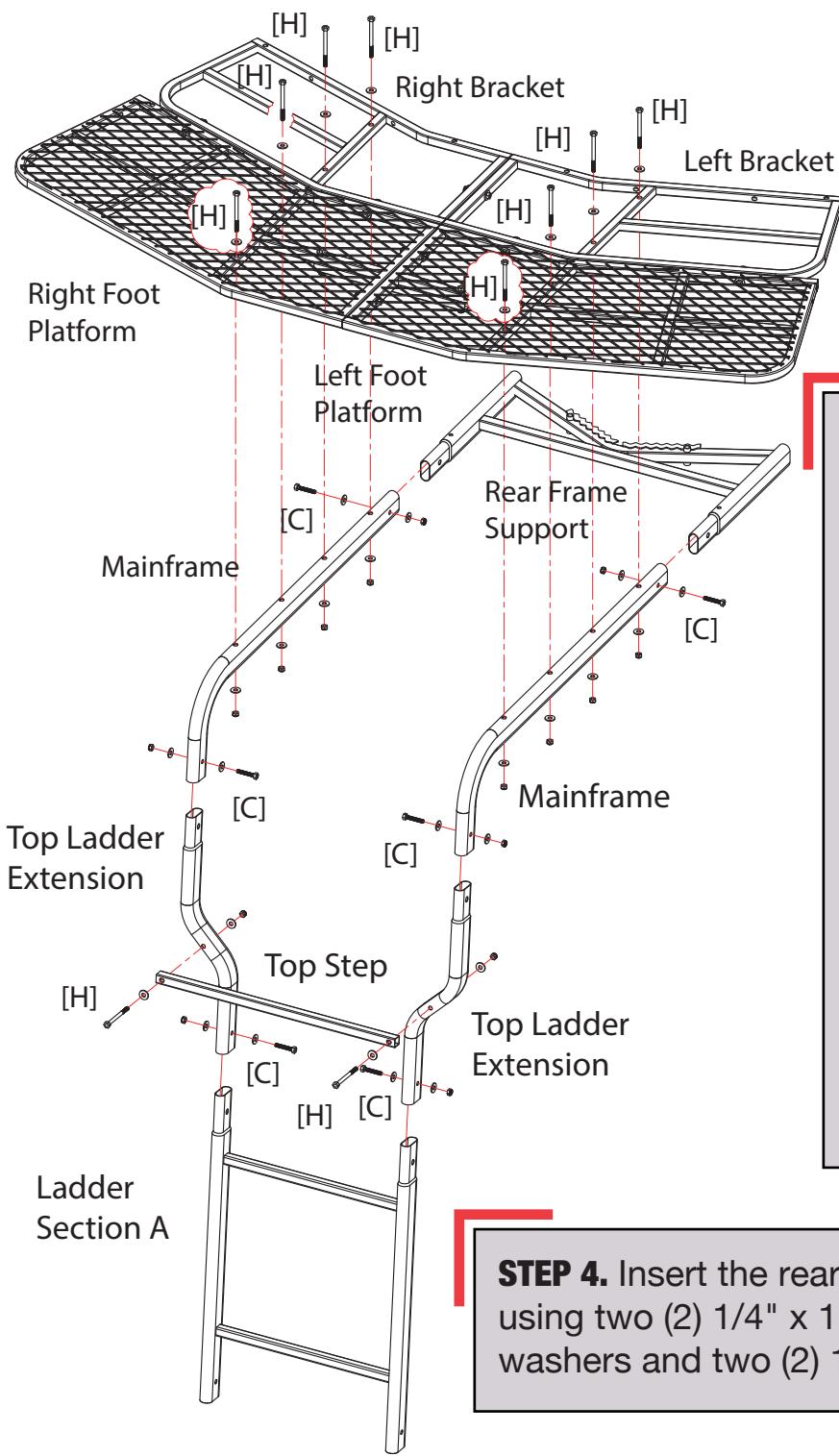
**STEP 1.** Fasten the left and right foot platform together using two (2) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Then, fasten the left and right bracket together using one (1) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolt {E}, two (2) nylon washers and one (1) 1/4" nylock nut. (Fig. 1)

**STEP 2.** Fasten the assembled left & right foot platform and assembled left & right bracket together using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, eight (8) nylon washers and four (4) 1/4" nylock nuts. Then, attach the foot platform support to the assembled foot platform using two (2) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig. 1)

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## FIGURE 2



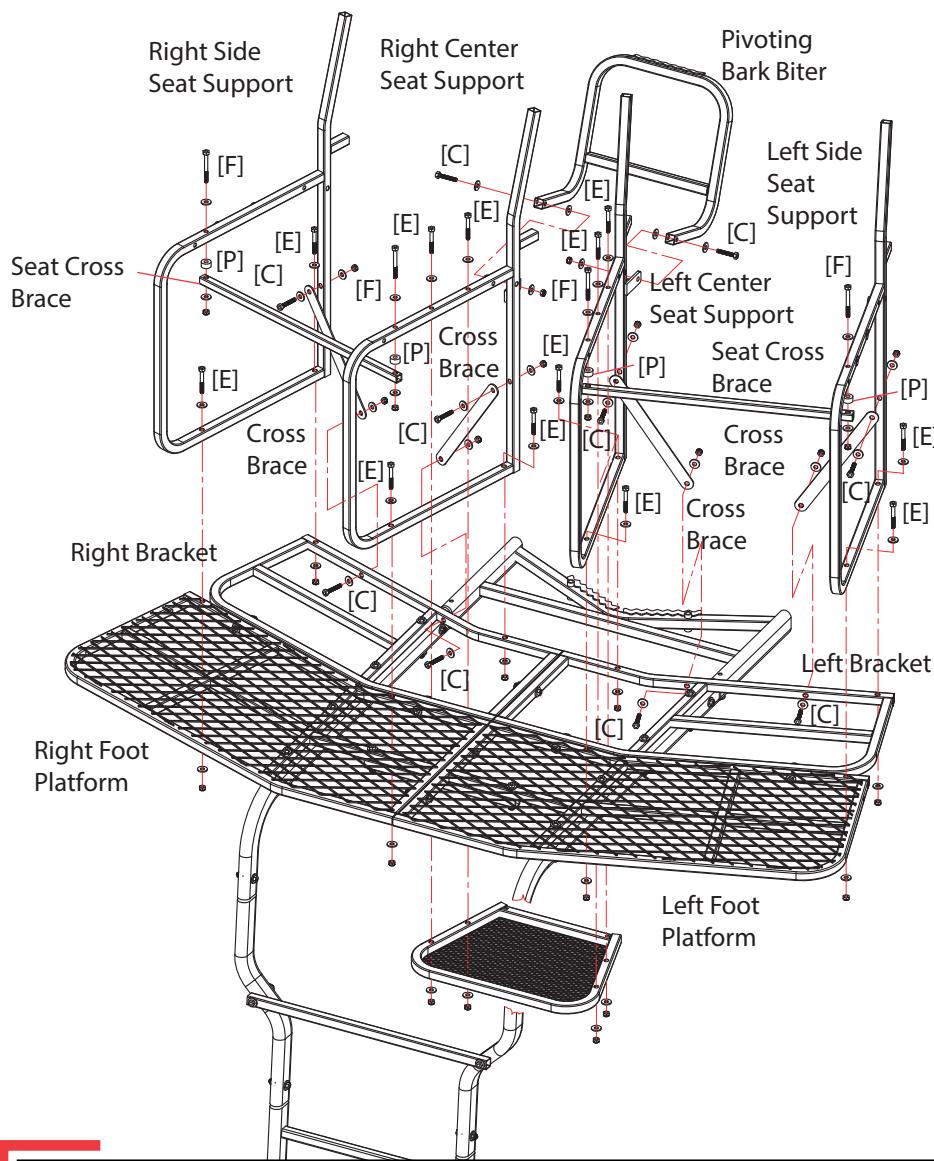
**STEP 3.** Attach the top ladder extensions to the ladder section A using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {C}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts.

**NOTE:** When attaching top ladder extensions be sure the bends are facing out. Then, attach the mainframes to the top ladder extensions using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {C}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Next, attach the top step to the top ladder extensions using two (2) 1/4" x 3 1/4" hex bolts {H}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock (Fig. 2)

**STEP 4.** Insert the rear frame support into the mainframes using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {C}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig. 2)

**STEP 5.** Attach the assembled foot platform and brackets to the mainframes using eight (8) 1/4" x 3 1/4" hex bolts {H}, sixteen (16) nylon washers and eight (8) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig. 2)

# FIGURE 3



**STEP 6.** Attach the left side seat support and the left center seat support to the assembled left foot platform and the assembled left bracket using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, eight (8) nylon washers and four (4) 1/4" nylock nuts. Then, attach one (1) seat cross brace to the left side seat support and left center seat support using two (2) 1/4" x 2 1/2" hex bolts {F}, four (4) nylon washers, two (2) 3/8" nylon spacers {P} and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Repeat this process for right side seat support, right center seat support and remaining seat cross brace. (Fig. 3)

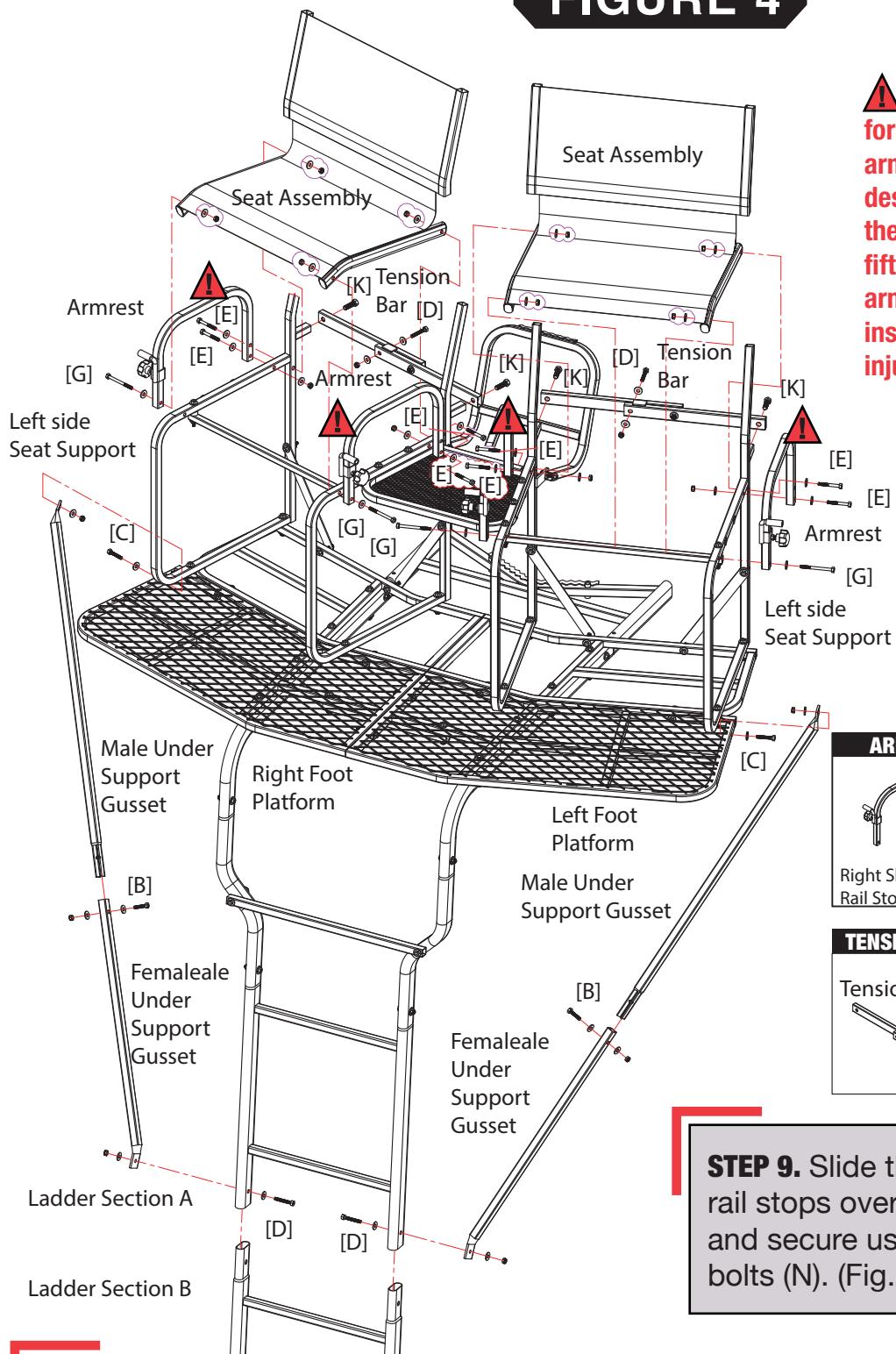
**STEP 7.** Attach one (1) cross brace to the inside of left side seat support aligning the hole on the left side seat support to the cross brace and the second hole to the outside of the left brace and secure using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {C}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Repeat on the remaining three (3) cross braces. (Fig. 3)

**STEP 8.** Attach the commodity shelf to the under of left and right center seat support using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, eight (8) nylon washers and four (4) 1/4" nylock nuts. Then, attach the pivoting bark bitter to the outside of the brackets on the left and right center seat support using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {C}, six (6) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig. 3)

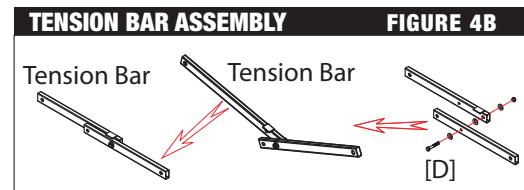
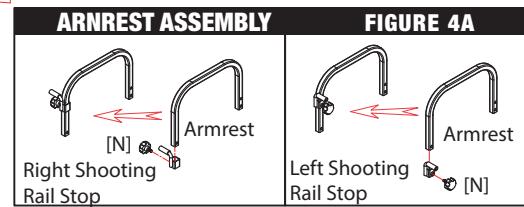
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## FIGURE 4



**WARNING!** Armrests are provided for comfort and should be used as armrests only. The armrests are not designed to carry the full weight of the user. Never place more than fifteen (15) lbs of force on the armrests. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

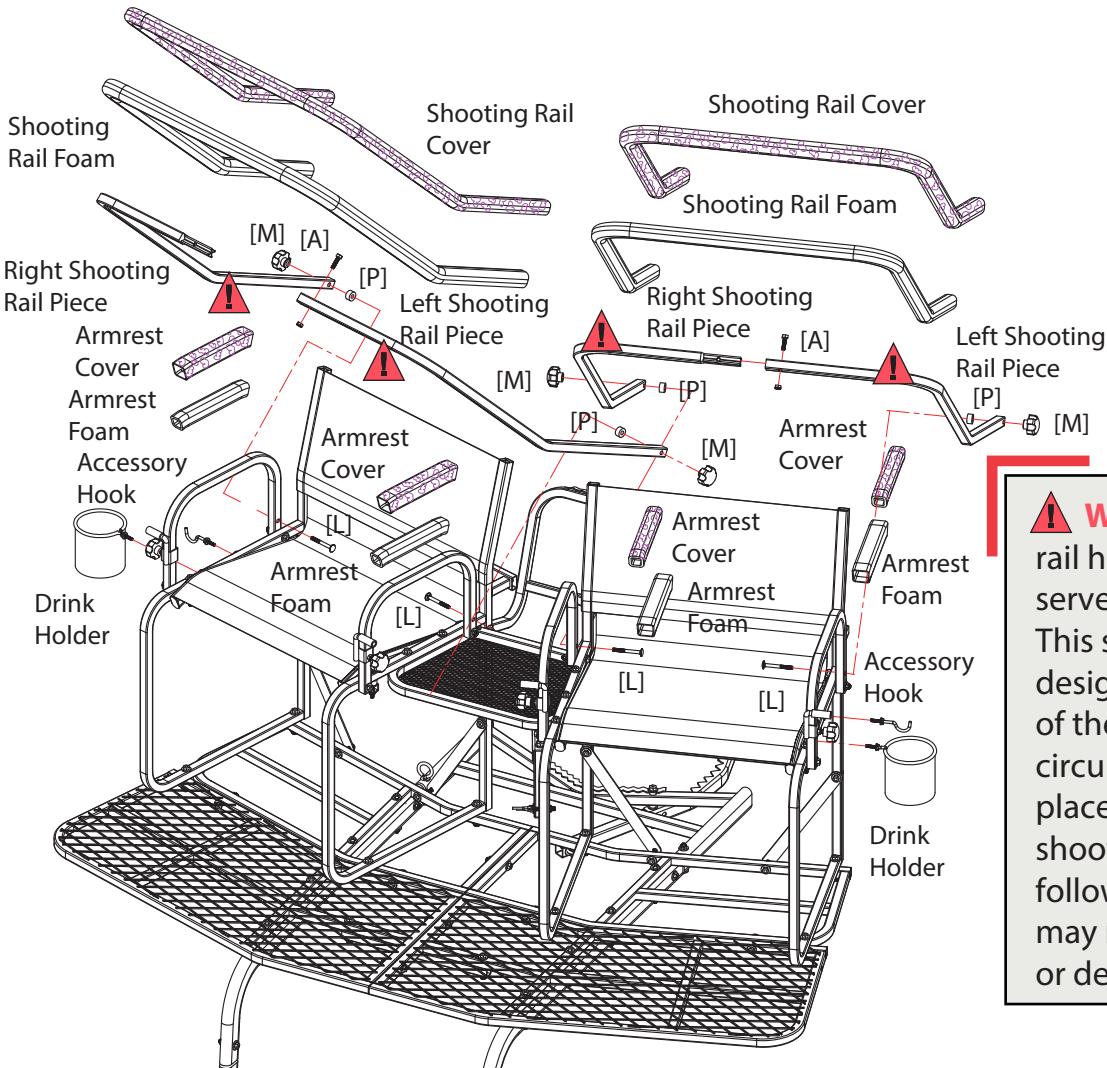


**STEP 9.** Slide the left and right shooting rail stops over the front of the armrests and secure using four (4) 1/4" delta bolts (N). (Fig. 4A)

**STEP 10.** Attach one (1) rear of the left assembled armrest to the left side seat support and one (1) rear of the right assembled armrest to the left center seat support using two (2) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolts {E}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Next, sleeve one (1) seat assembly to the left side seat support and left center seat support. Then, attach the front of the seat assembly and the left & right assembled armrest to the left side seat support & left center seat support using two (2) 1/4" x 3" hex bolt {G}, four (4)

nylon washers and two (2) nylock nuts. Attach the rear of the seat assembly to the left side seat support & left center seat support using two (2) 1/4" x 2 1/4" hex bolt {E}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4"nylock nuts. Attach one (1) tension bar to the left side seat support and left center seat support using two (2) 3/8" x 1 1/4" hex bolts (K). Ease the tension bar a straight position and secure using one (1) 1/4" x 1 3/4" hex bolt (D), two (2) nylon washers and one (1) 1/4" nylock nut. Repeat this process for the right side seat support, right center seat support, remaining seat assembly and tension bar. (Fig. 4)

**STEP 11.** Insert the male under support gussets into the female under support gussets and secure using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/4" hex bolts {B}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Next, attach the assembled under support gussets to the outside of the left and right foot platform using two (2) 1/4" x 1 1/2" hex bolts {E}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4"nylock nuts. Then insert the ladder section B into the ladder section A and aligning the holes. Attach the assembled under support gussets to the outside of the ladder section A&B using two (2) 1/4" x 1 3/4" hex bolts {D}, four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig. 4)



**FIGURE 5**

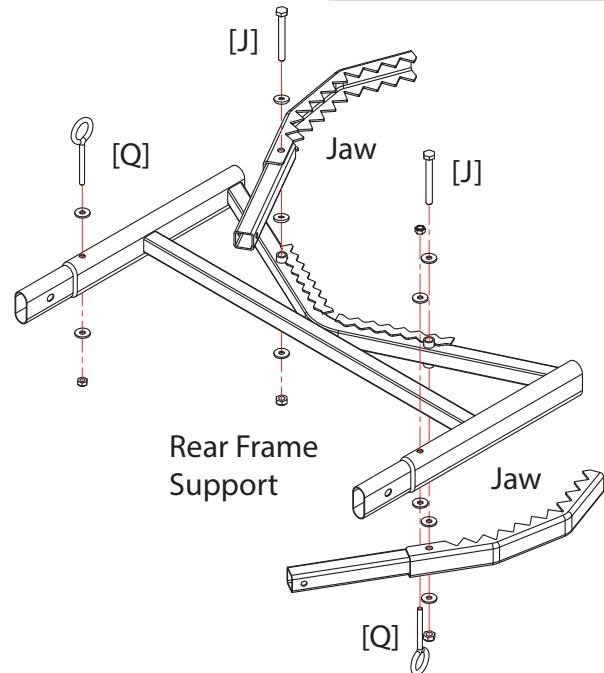
**WARNING!** A shooting rail has been provided to serve as a weapon support. This shooting rail is not designed to carry the weight of the user. Under no circumstances should you place your weight on this shooting rail. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**STEP 12.** Slide the right shooting rail pieces into the left shooting rail pieces and secure using two (2) 1/4" x 1" hex bolts {A} and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. Next, attach the assembled shooting rails to the outside of the left and right armrests using four (4) 1/4" x 2 1/4" carriage bolts {L}, four (4) 3/8" nylon spacers {P} and four (4) 1/4" delta nuts {M}. (Fig. 5)

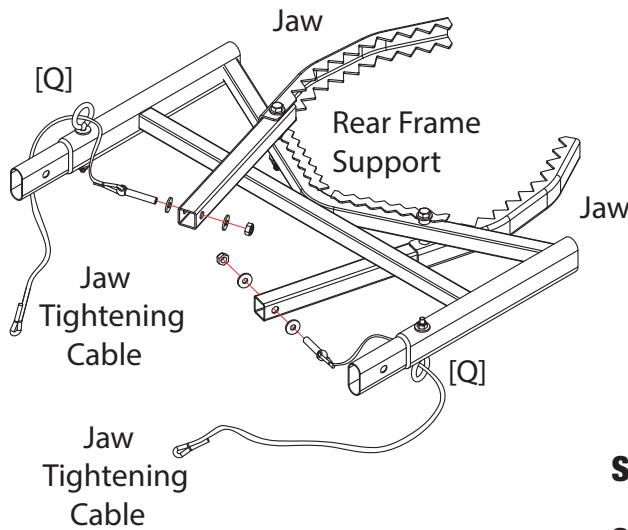
**STEP 13.** Attach foam to shooting rail and arm rests. Install covers by laying them over foam and securing velcro. Attach the commodity shelf cover to the commodity shelf with velcro. (Fig. 5)

**STEP 14.** Attach Jaws to rear frame support installing one Jaw on top of rear frame support and one Jaw to the bottom of the rear frame support using two (2) 5/16" x 3 1/2" hex bolts {J}, six (6) nylon washers and two (2) 5/16" nylock nuts. Next, attach the two (2) 1/4" x 4 1/4" eye bolts {Q} to rear frame support. One eye bolt on top matching top Jaw and one eye bolt on bottom matching bottom Jaw using four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 1/4" nylock nuts. (Fig 6A)

**FIGURE 6A**



**FIGURE 6B**



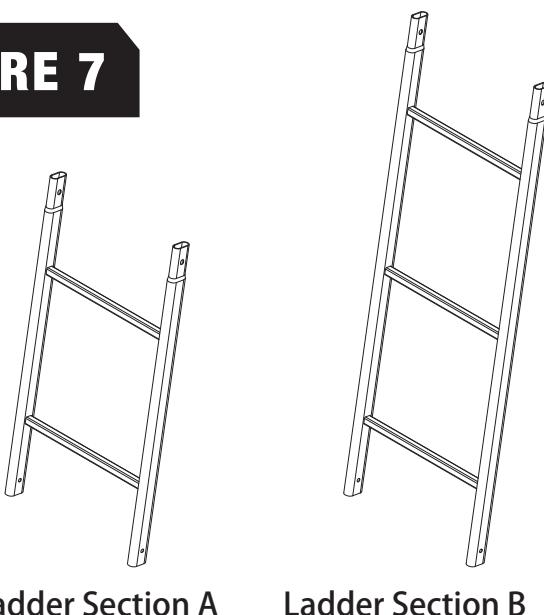
**STEP 15.** String one cable with eyelet bolt loop end first through 1/4" eyelet bolt {Q}. Attach eye bolt end of cable to top Jaw and repeat for bottom Jaw using four (4) nylon washers and two (2) 5/16" nylock nuts. (Fig 6B)

**STEP 16.** Securely tighten every nut and bolt at this time.

**STEP 17.** Install accessory hooks and drink holders in desired locations. (Fig. 5)

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

**FIGURE 7**



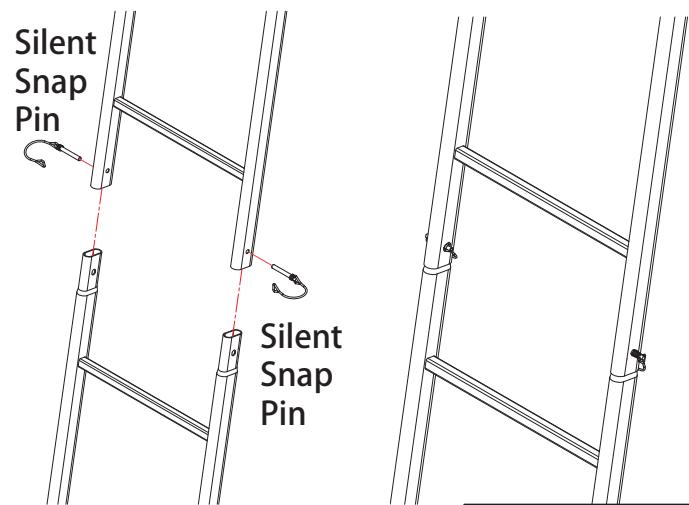
Ladder Section A

Ladder Section B

Ladder Section C

Ladder Section D

**⚠ WARNING!** **DO NOT** attempt to install this product on a tree that is not straight, healthy, and devoid of dead branches, limbs, vines, or anything that might interfere with the 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 (23 cm) at treestand height (i.e. seating platform height) or exceeds the maximum installation diameter of twenty (20) inches (51 cm) at treestand height (i.e. seating platform height). Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or death!



**FIGURE 8**

Install the snap pins from the outside in.

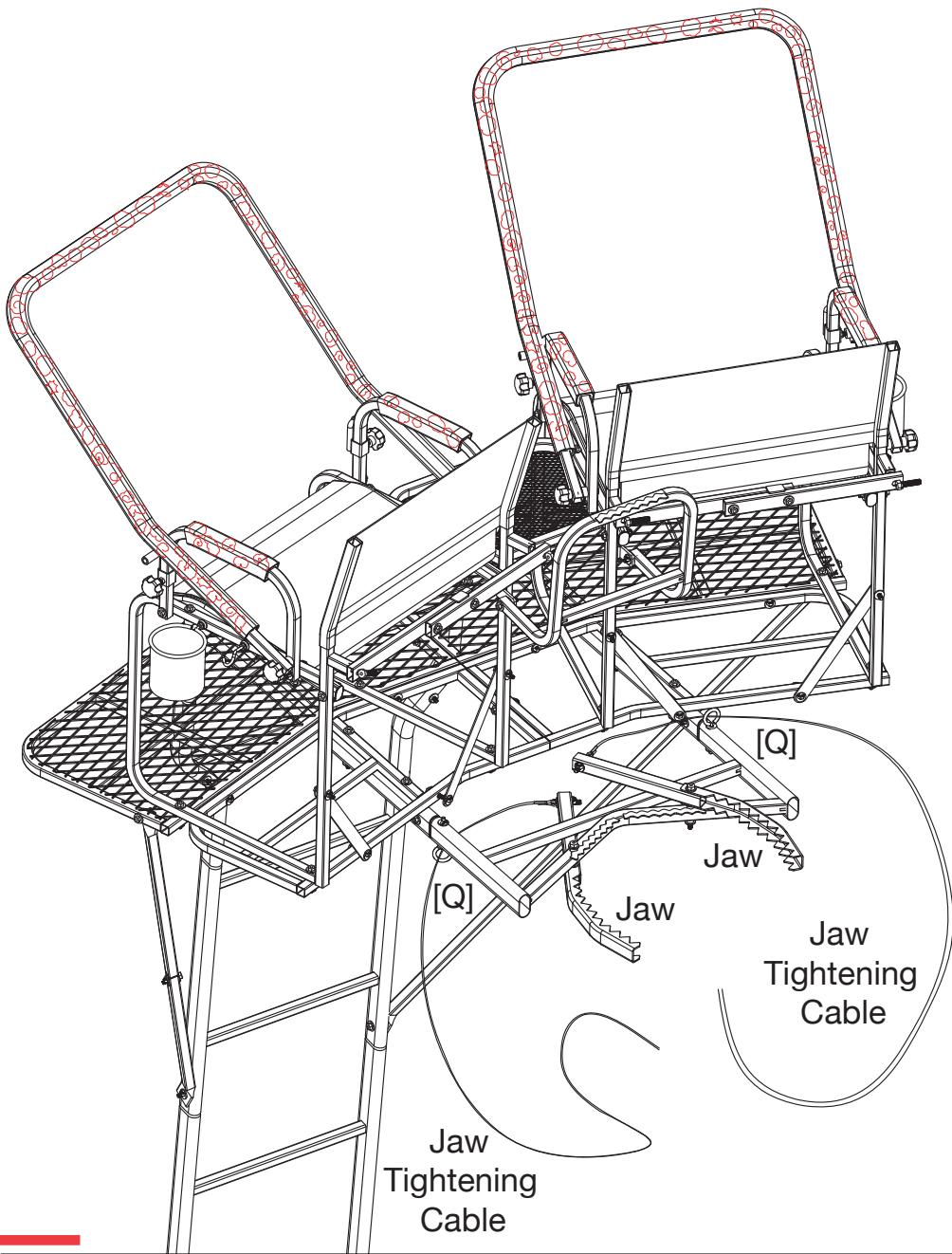
**STEP 2.** Assemble ladder sections to the main section. Each ladder section has slight design differences and need to be assembled in the proper order for correct installation. The ladder sections are labeled ladder section A, ladder section B, ladder section C and ladder section D (Fig. 7). After assembling the ladder, insert snap pins in every joint, wrapping the closure around back of tubing and securing over end of pin. (Fig. 8)

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## FIGURE 9

**NOTE:** Confirm the two (2) Jaws are in the fully open position and the Jaw tightening cables are run properly through the cable guide eye bolts. The extra cable length should be lying on the ground next to the ladderstand, and free from tangles or knots.

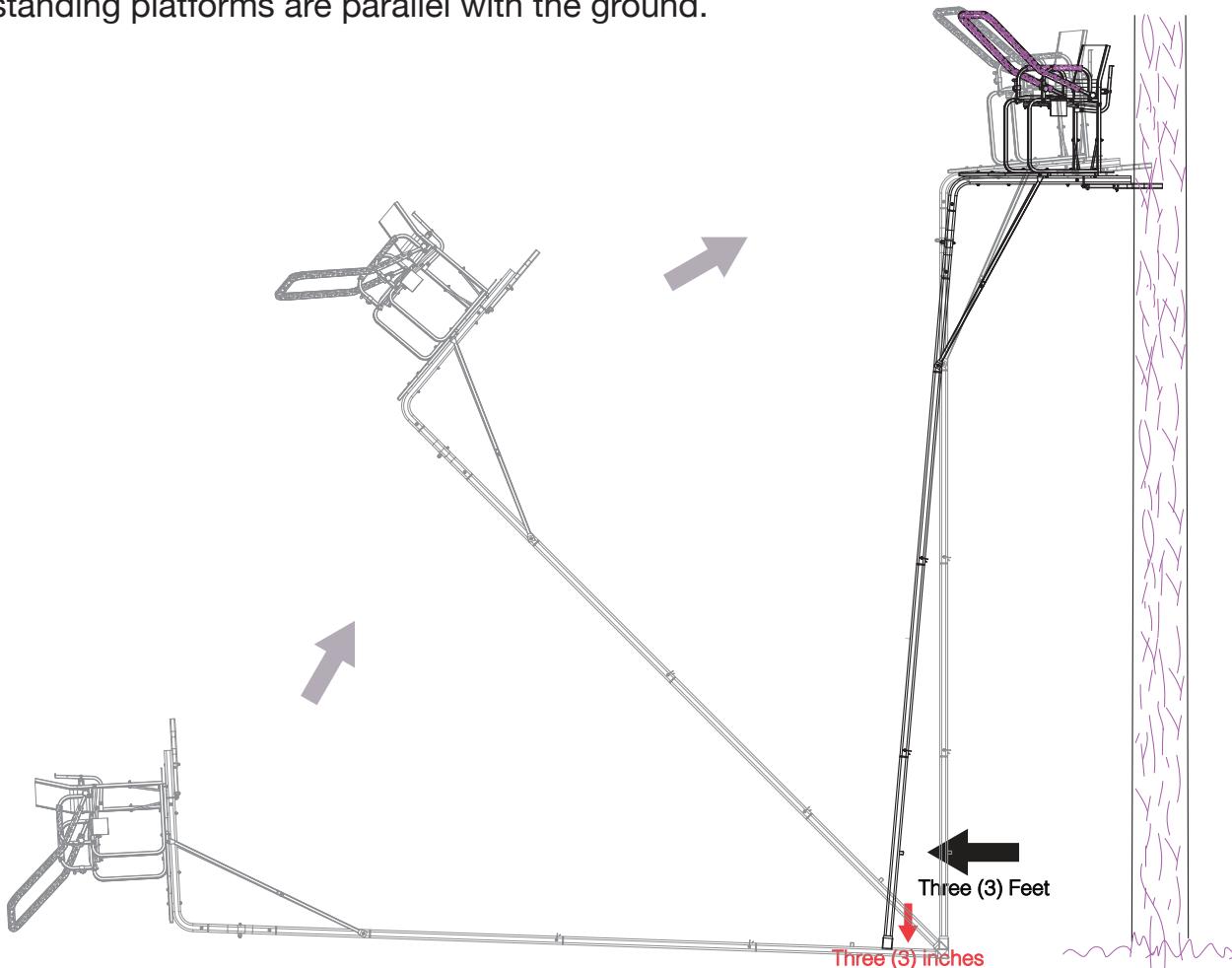


**STEP 3.** Confirm that the two (2) Jaw tightening cables are attached to each Jaw and run through the cable guide eye bolts properly (Fig. 9).

**STEP 4.** Place the ladderstand flat on the ground in front of the tree with the bottom ladder section (D) approximately three (3) feet away from the base of the trunk (Fig. 10).

## FIGURE 10

**NOTE:** The bottom ladder section is specially designed to allow the bottom to drive into the ground. This is part of normal installation. Check again to ensure seating and standing platforms are parallel with the ground.



**STEP 5.** With at least three (3) adults, gently raise the ladderstand to a vertical position allowing the bark biters on the rear frame support to come in direct contact with the tree.

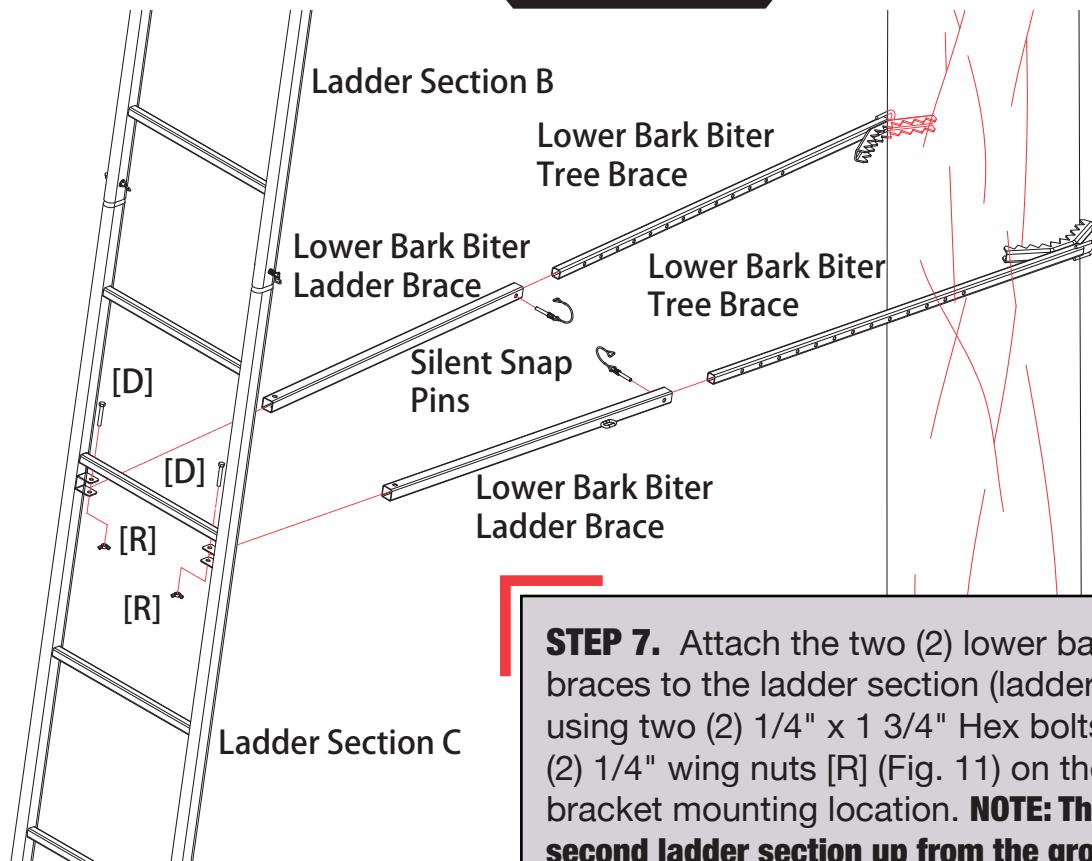
**STEP 6.** Once elevated completely, carefully pull the base away from the tree until the seating and standing platforms are parallel to the ground. (Fig. 10) Bounce on the bottom ladder section rung to set the ladder into the ground at least three (3) inches deep.

**NOTE:** Repeat Step 6 if the treestand needs additional adjustment to make the seating and standing platforms parallel with the ground.

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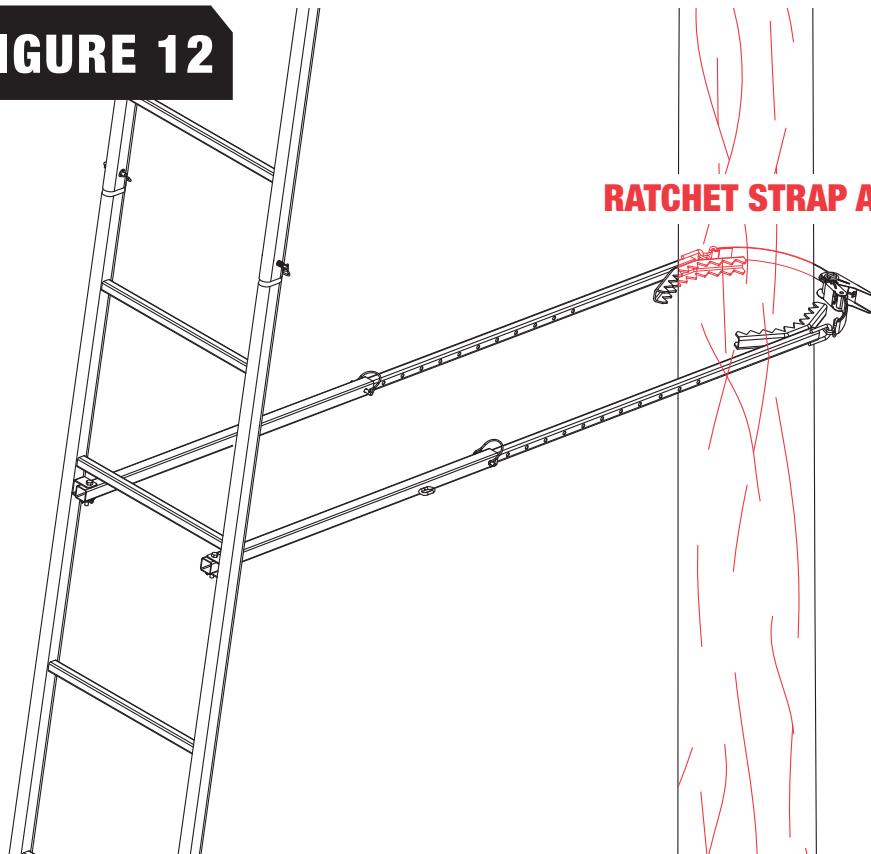
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## FIGURE 11



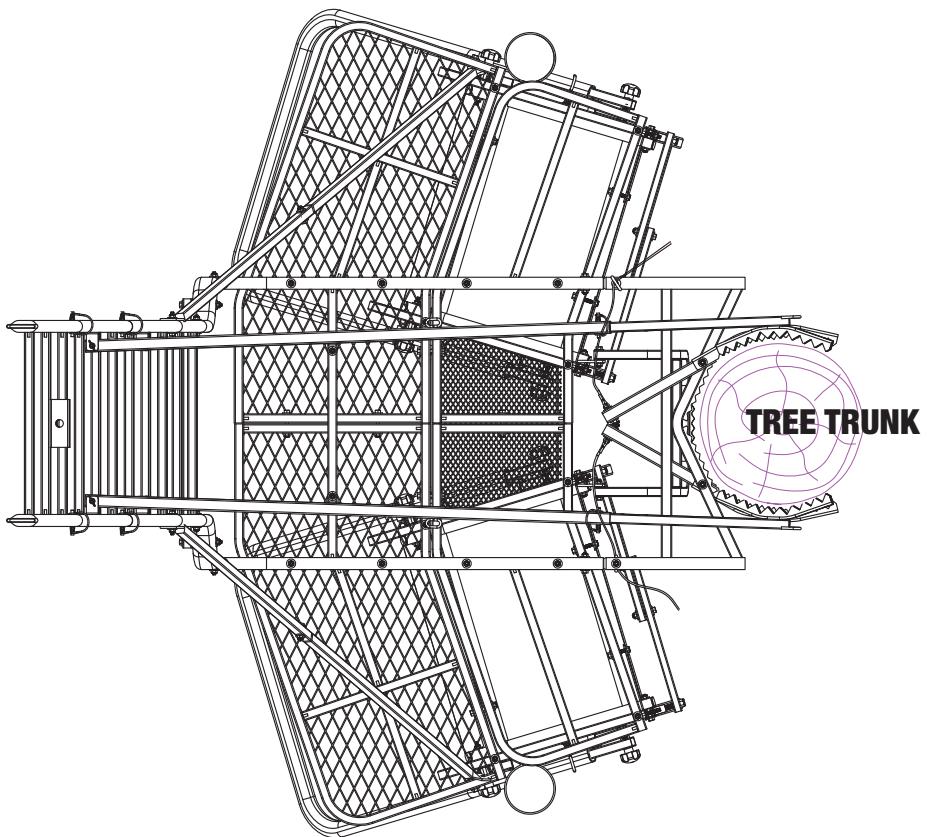
**STEP 7.** Attach the two (2) lower bark biter ladder braces to the ladder section (ladder section C) using two (2) 1/4" x 1 3/4" Hex bolts [D] and two (2) 1/4" wing nuts [R] (Fig. 11) on the dedicated bracket mounting location. **NOTE: This is on the second ladder section up from the ground.**

## FIGURE 12



Next, slide the two (2) lower bark biter tree braces into the two (2) lower bark biter ladder braces. Adjust the length so the bark biter teeth are hitting the tree evenly and install the snap pins to secure (Fig. 11). Then, attach the ratchet strap to the lower bark biter. This ratchet strap will be labeled (Ratchet Strap A). Ratchets are attached to the dedicated contact points on each lower bark biter. (Fig. 12) Carefully tighten the ratchet strap securely.

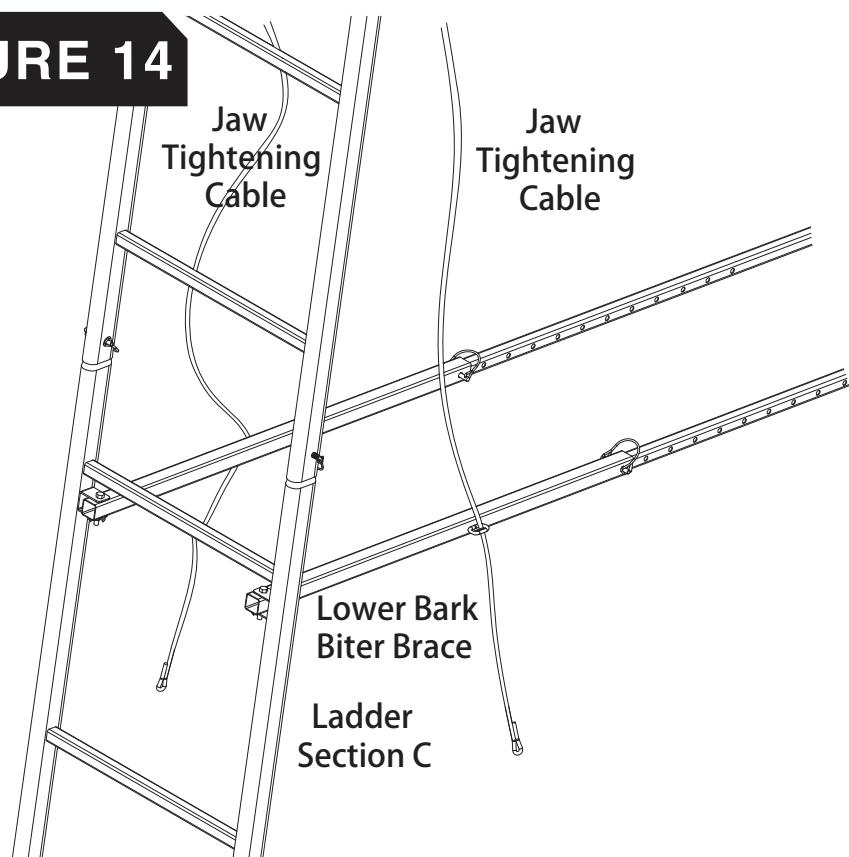
## FIGURE 13



**STEP 8a.** When the lower bark biters are secured using the ratchet strap (ratchet strap A) and the lower bark biter is assembled properly (Fig. 13), grab the Jaw tightening cables. Holding one (1) cable in each hand, stand behind the tree and pull down on each cable.

**NOTE:** While doing Step 8 you will be able to visibly see the Jaws moving to the point the Jaw bark biters touch the tree. (Fig 14).

## FIGURE 14



**NOTE:** Make sure the Jaws contact the tree evenly and are not obstructed by knots, branches, etc.

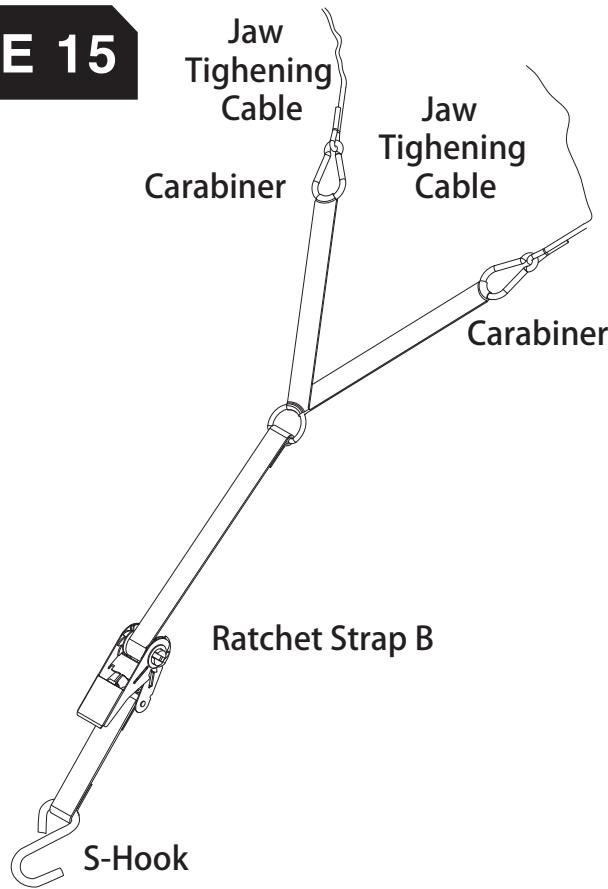
**STEP 8b.** Criss-cross the cables behind the tree trunk pulling snug. (Fig. 16) Then run each Jaw tightening cable through the eyelets that are welded to the lower bark biter ladder braces. (Fig. 14).

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**NOTE:** Your lower bark biters should be firmly gripping the tree at this time, and the Jaws should be firmly gripping the tree. Shake the bottom ladder section of your ladderstand to confirm the treestand is solid and connected to the tree firmly. Make sure all straps are tight before each use.

**FIGURE 15**



**STEP 9.** Once the Jaw tightening cables are criss-crossed around the back of the tree and run through the eyelets on the lower bark biter ladder pieces, then attach the two (2) Jaw tightening cables to the two (2) carabiners on ratchet strap B assembly (Fig. 15). Next, attach the S-hook on the opposite end of the ratchet strap to the dedicated location on the bottom ladder section (Fig. 16). Carefully tighten the ratchet strap (ratchet strap B) until stand is secure.

## VITAL RATCHET INSTRUCTIONS

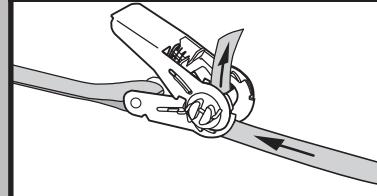
**STEP 1.** Thread strap through slot in the center of the ratchet reel. (see fig. 1) Remove slack from strap by pulling loose end as tightly as possible. (see fig. 2)

**STEP 2.** Then ratchet handle back and forth to tighten straps, a minimum of two (2) wraps around the ratchet reel is required. (see fig. 3)

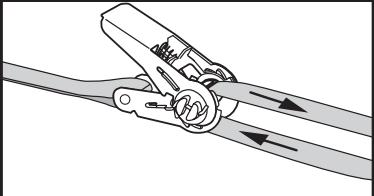
**STEP 3.** After strap is tight, close handle to the lock position.

**STEP 4.** To remove tension, pull spring loaded retaining lock and open ratchet completely, then manually pull strap to loosen. (see fig. 4)

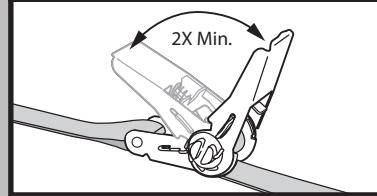
**FIGURE 1**



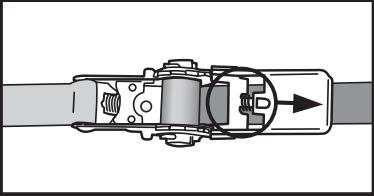
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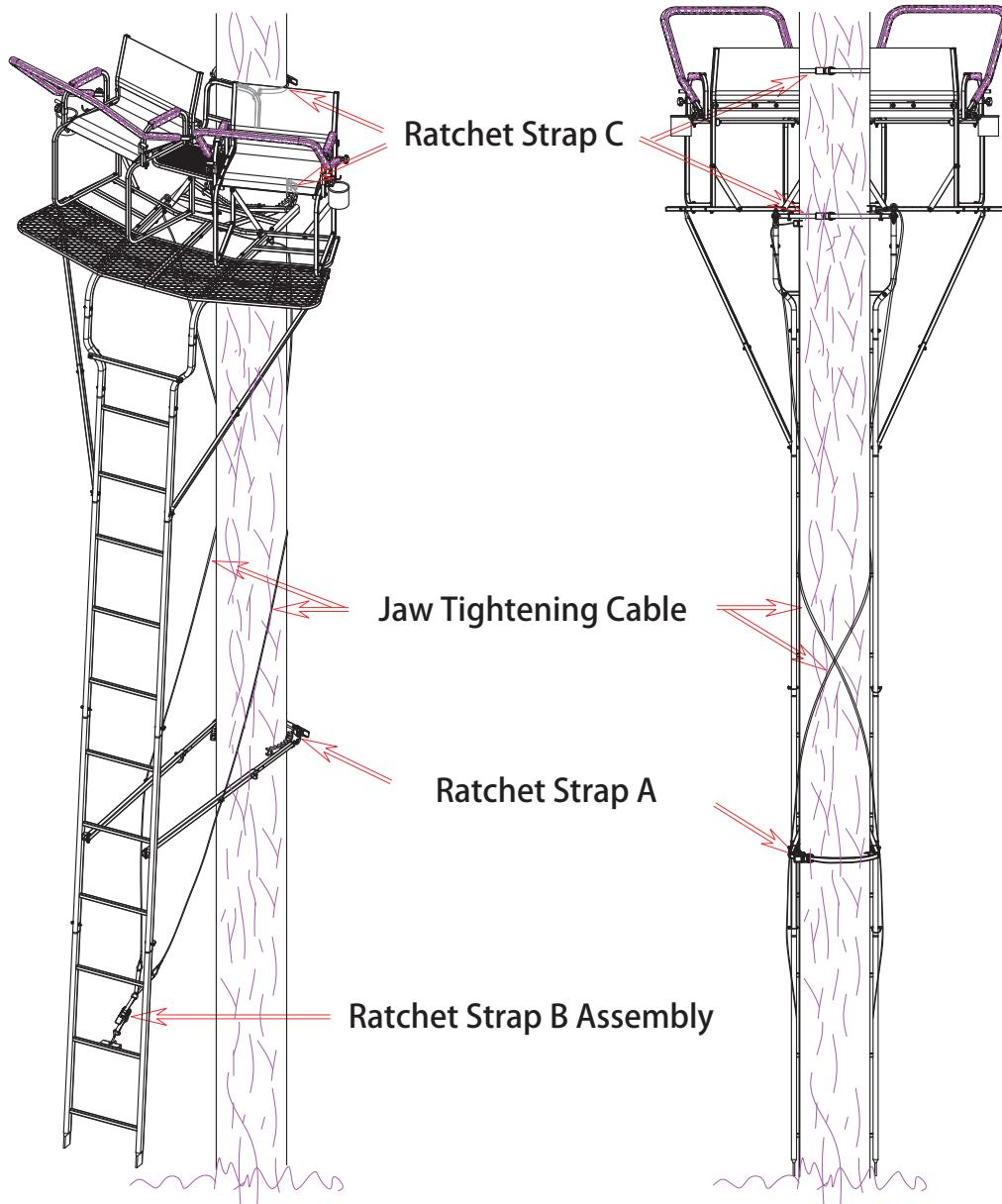
**FIGURE 3**



**FIGURE 4**



## FIGURE 16



**STEP 10.** After the lower bark biters are secured by the ratchet strap (ratchet strap A), the lower bark biter is assembled properly, and the Jaws are tightened using the ratchet strap (B) assembly, it is now time to attach the two ratchet straps (C) to the top section of your ladder stand. Ratchet straps are attached at the two contact points from the stand to the tree (Fig. 16). Once at platform level hook one end of one ratchet strap (C) to the treestand location shown in (Fig. 16), wrap the strap around the tree trunk, and connect to opposite side of the stand (Fig. 16). Repeat for second ratchet strap (C). Carefully tighten both ratchet straps (C) securely.

**STEP 11: You are now ready to use your ladder stand!**

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