



# Summit Climbing Treestands

## Sentry / Explorer

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- READ, FOLLOW AND UNDERSTAND **ALL** WRITTEN AND VIDEO WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE. INSPECT ALL EXPIRATION TAGS PRIOR TO EACH USE. IF YOU DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND SAFE AND PROPER USE OF THE **FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM (FBFAHS)** OR TREESTAND, HUNT FROM THE GROUND! FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS LISTED COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! **IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU WATCH AND UNDERSTAND THE DVD SUPPLIED WITH THIS PRODUCT & THOSE SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS POSTED AT: [www.summitstands.com/safety-videos](http://www.summitstands.com/safety-videos)**
- WHEN HUNTING FROM A TREESTAND, FALLS CAN OCCUR ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND! ANY FALL CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! THE USE OF A FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM (FBFAHS) IS REQUIRED WHEN USING ANY TREESTAND. IF FBFAHS IS NOT PRESENT, HUNT FROM GROUND LEVEL!
- THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT REQUIRES THE USE OF A FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM (FBFAHS). THE FBFAHS MUST BE USED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE PRIOR TO GAINING ENTRY UPON THE TREESTAND PLATFORM, AND SHOULD BE WORN AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE AT ALL TIMES WHILE USING THE TREESTAND UNTIL SAFELY BACK AT GROUND LEVEL. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS THAT WERE PROVIDED WITH YOUR FBFAHS.
- DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND SAFE AND PROPER USE. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO EACH USE!
- ALWAYS INSPECT THE TREESTAND, ALL WEBBING AND THE FBFAHS FOR ANY SIGN OF DAMAGE OR WEAR PRIOR TO EACH USE! IF ANY SIGN OF DAMAGE OR WEAR IS PRESENT OR A TAG HAS EXPIRED FROM THE DATE STATED, DISCONTINUE USE IMMEDIATELY AND HUNT FROM THE GROUND.
- ALWAYS WEAR A FBFAHS THAT MEETS STRINGENT, INDUSTRY STANDARDS RECOGNIZED BY THE TMA. WEAR A FBFAHS EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE THE GROUND, INCLUDING ASCENDING OR DESCENDING. SINGLE BELT STRAPS AND CHEST HARNESES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED AND SHALL NOT BE USED! FAILURE TO USE A FBFAHS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!
- THE LENGTH OF THE HARNESS TETHER SHALL BE MINIMIZED AT ALL TIMES. IT SHALL BE ADJUSTED SO THAT IT IS ABOVE THE HEAD WITH NO SLACK (OR SNUG) IN THE SEATED POSITION AND YOU SHALL HAVE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SLACK POSSIBLE WHEN CLIMBING. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO RECOVER TO YOUR TREESTAND. BE AWARE OF HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH HANGING SUSPENDED IN A FBFAHS AND THE FACT THAT PROLONGED SUSPENSION IN A HARNESS MAY BE FATAL.
- ALWAYS NOTIFY SOMEONE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. IF OTHERS ARE NOT AWARE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION AND COMMUNICATION EFFORTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST HAVE A PERSONAL PLAN FOR RECOVERY/ESCAPE BEFORE YOU ASCEND THE TREE - PROLONGED SUSPENSION IN A 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. HUNTERS WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PHYSICAL FITNESS MAY REQUIRE DIFFERENT PLANS TO RECOVER/ESCAPE IN ORDER TO AVOID EFFECTS OF PROLONGED SUSPENSION. HAVE A PERSONAL PLAN AND PRACTICE IT IN THE PRESENCE OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUND. NO ESCAPE/RECOVERY PLAN WILL WORK FOR EVERY HUNTER ON EVERY TREE IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE THE BEST RECOVERY/ESCAPE PLAN FOR YOUR HUNTING SITUATION AND YOU MUST HAVE A RECOVERY/ESCAPE PLAN FOR YOUR SITUATION BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUND. HUNT FROM GROUND WHEN SELF-RECOVERY/ESCAPE ABILITY IS ABSENT.
- IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS WITH INSTRUCTIONS, WARNINGS, OR PROPER USE **"STOP"** AND CONTACT THE MANUFACTURER. DO NOT USE UNLESS YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND SAFE AND PROPER USE. MAINTAIN ALL WARNINGS, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DVD(S) FOR LATER REVIEW AS NEEDED, FOR INSTRUCTION USAGE TO ANYONE BORROWING YOUR STAND/FBFAHS OR TO PASS ON WHEN SELLING THESE ITEMS. USE ALL SAFETY DEVICES PROVIDED WITH YOUR TREESTAND AND FBFAHS.
- NEVER USE THE FBFAHS OR TREESTAND WHILE FEELING ILL, NAUSEOUS OR DIZZY, OR IF YOU HAVE PRIOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT COULD CAUSE A PROBLEM, THAT IS, HEART CONDITION, JOINTS THAT LOCK-UP, SPINAL FUSIONS, ETC OR IF YOU ARE NOT WELL RESTED.
- NEVER USE THIS PRODUCT OR FBFAHS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION. THIS INCLUDES MANY TYPES OF COLD & FLU MEDICATIONS PURCHASED OVER THE COUNTER AT THE PHARMACY. ALWAYS CONSULT WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN ABOUT PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AND YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITY WHILE USING ANY TYPE OF MEDICATIONS PRIOR TO USING THIS PRODUCT.
- DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT UNLESS YOU ARE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION WITHOUT ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS AND HAVE BEEN FULLY RESTED THE NIGHT BEFORE. ALWAYS CONSULT WITH A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT TO ENSURE SAFE AND ABLE USE OF THIS PRODUCT.
- DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF YOU HAVE ANY HISTORY OF A HEART CONDITION OR PULMONARY ISSUES WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR SAFE AND PROPER USE OF THIS PRODUCT.
- NEVER USE TREESTAND OR FBFAHS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER SUCH AS RAIN, LIGHTNING, WINDSTORMS, SNOW, HAIL, SLEET OR ICY CONDITIONS. IF ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT, SAFELY CLIMB DOWN AND END YOUR HUNT. IF ANY SIGN OF BAD WEATHER IS MOVING INTO YOUR LOCATION, SAFELY CLIMB DOWN OR DO NOT CLIMB UP INTO ANY TREESTAND.
- NEVER HURRY WHEN INSTALLING, USING, OR REMOVING THIS PRODUCT. HURRYING CAUSES ACCIDENTS WHICH MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!

- NEVER USE A TREESTAND ON A DEAD, LEANING, DISEASED, LOOSE BARKED TREE, ON A UTILITY POLE OR ON TREES THAT HAVE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS (SUCH AS KNOTS OR LIMBS) THAT MAY LIMIT TREESTAND USE OR STABILITY! NEVER RELY ON A TREE BRANCH FOR SUPPORT OR AS A STEP! NEVER USE ON ANY TYPE OF TREE THAT HAS OBSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY LIMIT TREESTAND USE OR CAUSE INSTABILITY OF THE TREESTAND.
- NEVER BOUNCE OR JUMP ON THE FOOT PLATFORM OR SEAT PLATFORM IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE STAND TO THE TREE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. DOING THIS CAN DAMAGE THE TREESTAND CAUSING THE PRODUCT TO BE OVER-LOADED WHICH COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!
- ALWAYS PULL UP A BOW, BACKPACK, FIREARM OR OTHER EQUIPMENT BY MEANS OF A ROPE OR HOIST SYSTEM AND ONLY AFTER BEING SECURED IN THE TREESTAND. FIREARMS MUST BE PULLED UP UNLOADED, CHAMBER OPEN AND MUZZLE DOWN TOWARDS THE GROUND!
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD YOU EVER RELEASE THE CABLE FROM THE FOOT PLATFORM OR SEAT PLATFORM TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ONCE YOU ARE ABOVE GROUND LEVEL!!! ALL ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE MADE AT GROUND LEVEL.
- NEVER MODIFY YOUR STAND IN ANY WAY BY MAKING REPAIRS, REPLACING PARTS, ALTERING, ADDING OR ATTACHING ANYTHING TO IT EXCEPT IF EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE MANUFACTURER!
- PRACTICE INSTALLING, ADJUSTING AND USING YOUR TREESTAND AT GROUND LEVEL PRIOR TO USING IT AT ELEVATED POSITIONS!
- NEVER LEAN OUT FROM OR OVER THE SIDE OF YOUR TREESTAND FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME.
- DO NOT SLEEP WHILE IN YOUR TREESTAND. SLEEP MAY CAUSE YOU TO FALL OUT OF YOUR TREESTAND WHICH COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!
- DO NOT TRIM ANY TREE BRANCHES OR BREAK-OFF ANY BRANCHES WHILE IN OR ON YOUR TREESTAND AT AN ELEVATED POSITION ABOVE GROUND LEVEL. ALL TRIMMING/PRUNING MUST BE DONE AT GROUND LEVEL!! A FBFABS IS REQUIRED TO BE USED ANY-TIME FOR ANY REASON WHILE USING ANY TREESTAND ABOVE GROUND LEVEL!!
- DO NOT LEAVE THIS PRODUCT IN THE TREE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) WEEKS AT A TIME. WEATHER, ANIMALS, TREE GROWTH, VANDALS AND/OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS MAY DAMAGE THE PRODUCT AND ITS INTEGRITY. **NEVER USE A TREESTAND THAT HAS BEEN LEFT IN A TREE FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.** IF USING SOMEONE ELSE'S TREESTAND, KNOW HOW LONG THE TREESTAND HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THE TREE BEFORE USE. IF THIS INFORMATION IS UNKNOWN, HUNT FROM THE GROUND!!
- BEFORE EACH USE OF YOUR SUMMIT TREESTAND, ALWAYS INSPECT THE TREESTAND, COMPONENTS AND HARNESS FOR: CRACKS, TEARS, CABLE WEAR, ABRASION, CORROSION, FRACTURES, DENTS OR OTHER DAMAGE THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN TRANSPORTING, STORING OR USING YOUR TREESTAND. DO NOT USE IF ANY DAMAGE IS PRESENT! CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE APPROPRIATE REPAIR / REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE!
- ALL WRITTEN AND VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS, STRAPS, AND FULL BODY FALL ARREST SYSTEM MUST BE STORED IN A SAFE, COOL, AND DRY LOCATION. ALL VIDEO AND WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS MUST BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TREESTAND OWNER TO FURNISH ALL WARNING AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY PERSON THAT IS BORROWING OR PURCHASING THE TREESTAND. NO TREESTAND IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED WITHOUT A FBFABS ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.
- LEAVING YOUR TREESTAND OUTSIDE MAY ALLOW THE TUBES TO FILL WITH WATER, FREEZE AND CAUSE THEM TO RUPTURE OR BURST. INSPECTION OF TREESTAND IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO EACH USE!! ANY PART OF THE OF THE TREESTAND THAT HAS TUBES THAT HAVE DEFORMED SHAPE OR BURST DUE TO FREEZING IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY AND ITS USE SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY! FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!! REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS ARE SUPPLIED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.
- CHECK ALL HARDWARE PRIOR TO EACH USE TO ENSURE ALL BOLTS AND LOCKNUTS ARE TIGHTENED SECURELY.
- ON SENTRY MODELS, ENSURE THE SEAT FRAME IS SECURED IN THE "UP" POSITION WHEN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING THE TREE.
- ON EXPLORER MODELS, THE SAFETY PIN MUST ENGAGE FULLY INTO THE LATCH PIN PRIOR TO SECURING THE STAND TO THE TREE.
- ON EXPLORER MODELS, INSPECT THE LATCH PIN THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO EACH USE. IF THE PIN DOES NOT FREELY INSERT INTO THE V-BRACE HOLE, STOP USING IMMEDIATELY AND CONTACT SUMMIT TREESTANDS.

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## TREE SIZE / WEIGHT LIMIT

**Stand Minimum and Maximum Tree Size: 8-20" Diameter (ALL MODELS)**

**Weight Limits: (includes hunter's weight PLUS weight of all gear carried into the treestand)**

**DO NOT EXCEED THESE WEIGHT LIMITS!**

### 300 lb Rated Stands:

SU81134 - Explorer Closed Front

SU81132 - Sentry Closed Front

SU81133 - Explorer Open Front

SU81531 - Sentry Open Front

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## STAND / COMPONENT WARNING LABELS (FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

### ⚠ WARNING

**DO NOT REMOVE ANY WARNING LABELS FROM THE PRODUCT!**

### SEAT WARNING LABEL

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**⚠ WARNING FAILURE TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL INCLUDED MANUFACTURER'S WRITTEN AND VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO USE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**

MANDATORY TREESTAND CHECKLIST REVIEW EACH ITEM BEFORE EACH USE!

- ✓ Read, watch, follow ALL instructions and warnings prior to each use.
- ✓ Check treestand and any webbing prior to every use. Check treestand for undue wear, deformity, corrosion or other damage, and all webbing for fraying, rips, tears, cuts, undue wear or any other type of damage. Discontinue use IMMEDIATELY if any of this damage is present.
- ✓ Inspect tree for suitability and tree size limitations.
- ✓ ENSURE THE TOP AND BOTTOM PLATFORMS ARE TETHERED TOGETHER!
- ✓ The use of a full body fall arrest harness system (FBFAHS) is required at all times when using this product. The harness must be properly attached to the tree as noted in the instructions from the point you leave the ground until you return to the ground. If any part of the FBFAHS is not present or not being properly used, HUNT FROM THE GROUND! Failure to properly use the FBFAHS at all times after leaving the ground may result in serious injury or death.
- ✓ DO NOT use this product until you understand safe and proper use. Use extreme caution using this product. A fall can occur any time after leaving the ground. Consult with your physician before use.
- ✓ OBEY MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS (SEE TABLE)
- ✓ This product is for single person use.
- ✓ Insure that all climbing stirrups are properly located as specified in the instructions so that both feet are firmly over the platform slats. Avoid placing weight too close to the tree as that may lessen the ability of the treestand to hold onto the tree and cause a fall event.

#### 300 LBS.

- RAZOR\*
- BUSHMASTER\*
- MINI VIPER\*
- VIPER\*
- OPENSHOT\*
- COBRA\*
- EXPLORER\*
- RAPTOR\*
- SENTRY\*

WEIGHT LIMITS LISTED BELOW ARE MAXIMUM LIMITS. THIS INCLUDES USER AND ALL GEAR TAKEN INTO THE STAND.

Replace the seat cushion or mesh seat fabric every two (2) years or sooner if any fading, frays, rips, tears, cuts or other damage is present.

#### 350 LBS.

- TITAN\*
- GOLIATH\*
- 180 MAX\*

\* INCLUDES ALL MODELS

WEIGHT LIMIT TABLE

**MANUFACTURED DATE: 2016**

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### GREEN TOURNIQUET STRAP

- \* Always inspect this strap for fraying, rips, tears, cuts, corrosion, wear or any other type of damage prior to each use!! DO NOT USE if ANY of this damage is present!
- \* This strap is used on specific Summit Treestands set forth in the instruction manual ONLY! DO NOT use for any other purpose.
- \* A Full Body Fall Arrest Harness System (FBFAHS) is required when installing, removing or using this strap in conjunction with a Summit treestand. Read and follow the manufacturer's instruction regarding safe use. DO NOT LEAVE THIS PRODUCT OUTDOORS FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AT A TIME. WEATHER, ANIMALS, TREE GROWTH, VANDALS AND/OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS MAY DAMAGE THE PRODUCT AND ITS INTEGRITY. NEVER USE A STAND THAT HAS BEEN LEFT OUTDOORS FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS. ALWAYS INSPECT THE STAND AND ITS COMPONENTS THOROUGHLY BEFORE EACH USE. STORE INSIDE IN A DRY ENVIRONMENT.

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### ⚠ WARNING

FAILURE TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL INCLUDED MANUFACTURER'S WRITTEN AND VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO USE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!

- \* This product must be discarded after one (1) year of the manufacture date shown. Failure to discard this Strap as directed could result in serious injury or death. Replacement Straps may be purchased at www.summitstands.com.

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# 3 PARTS LIST

## BOX CONTENTS (ALL MODELS)

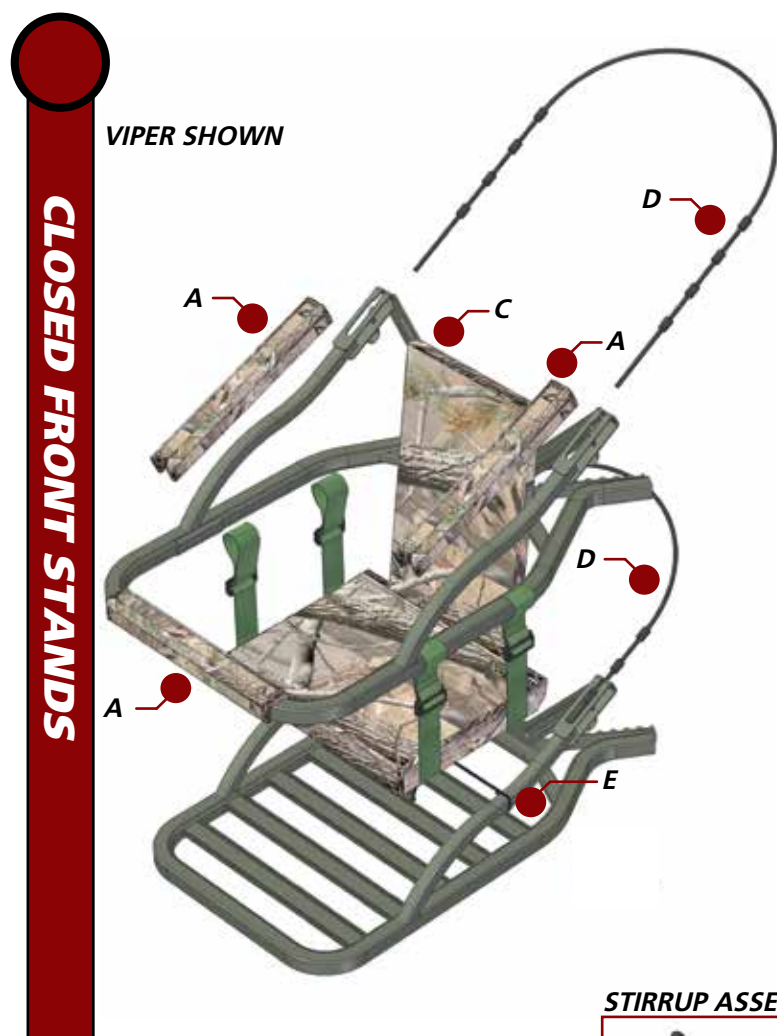
### YOUR BOX WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- FULLY ASSEMBLED PLATFORM -  
INCLUDES RAPIDCLIMB STIRRUPS, BACKPACK STRAPS, UMBILICAL CORD
- ASSEMBLED SEAT PLATFORM -  
INCLUDES ARM PADS, GREEN TOURNIQUET STRAP
- FOAM SEAT (EXPLORER ONLY)  
STYLE AND CAMO MAY VARY
- MESH SEAT (SENTRY ONLY - ASSEMBLY REQUIRED)
- CLIMBING CABLES (PAIR)
- ACCESSORY PACKET

## ACCESSORY PACKET

PN	DESCRIPTION	QTY
SU18195-A	FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM (FBFAHS)	1
SU10915	SUMMIT DECAL	1
SU18192-16	WRITTEN HARNESS INSTRUCTIONS	1
SU18191-16	SAFETY DVD	1
	SEAT HARDWARE PACKET (SENTRY ONLY)	1

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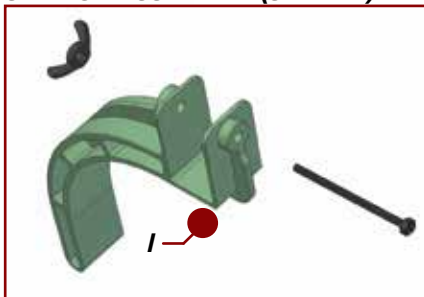
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PN	DESCRIPTION	QTY
SU10996	A. 16" CAMO ARM PADS	3
VARIES	C. CAMO SEAT (EXPLORER ONLY)	1
SU30700	D. CLIMBING CABLE	2
SU30341	E. STIRRUP BUNGEE WITH HOOK	1
SU22556	F. BACKPACK STRAP ASSEMBLY	1
SU20557	G. STAND UMBILICAL CORD	1
SU30285	H. GREEN TOURNIQUET STRAP	1
	I. RAPIDCLIMB STIRRUP SENTRY - INCLUDES BOLTS AND WING NUTS	2
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### BACKPACK STRAP ASSEMBLY



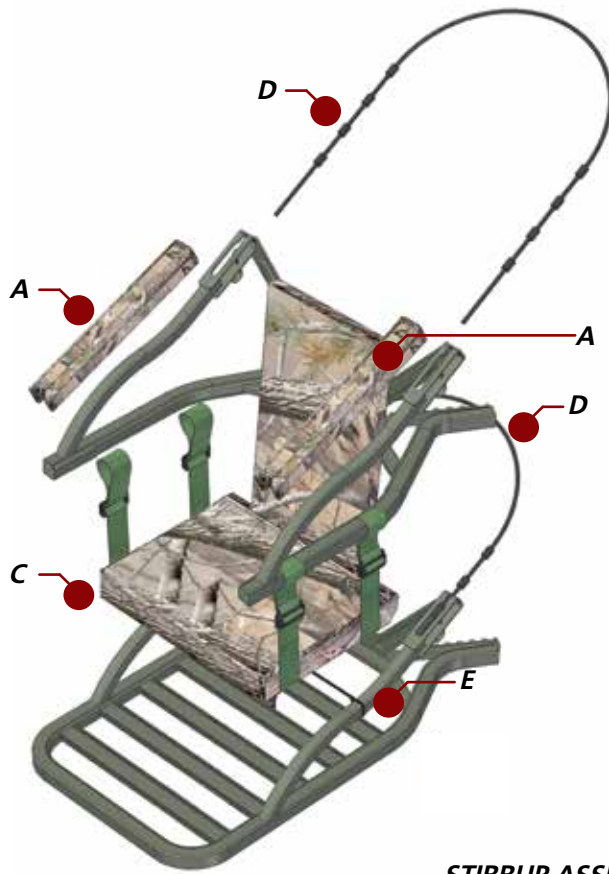
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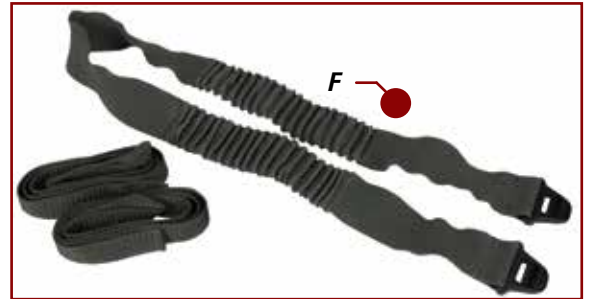
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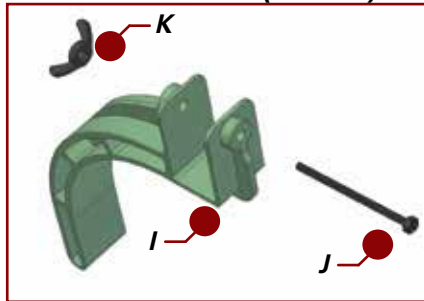
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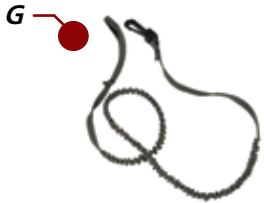
**BACKPACK STRAP ASSEMBLY**



**STIRRUP ASSEMBLY (SENTRY)**



**STIRRUP ASSEMBLY (EXPLORER)**



## 4 ASSEMBLY (SENTRY ONLY)

The Seat Back must be assembled on the Sentry Models before use.

1. Insert (1) Short Shank Bushing on the OUTSIDE of the welded bracket on the Seat Platform. *See figure 1.* Insert another Short Shank Bushing on the OUTSIDE of the welded bracket on the Seat Back. *See figure 2.*
2. Position the Seat Back between the two welded brackets on the Seat Platform as shown in *figure 3.*
3. Secure each side using (1) 3/4" bolt with lock nut. Do not overtighten as this connection is designed to pivot. The completed seat back should look like *figure 4.*

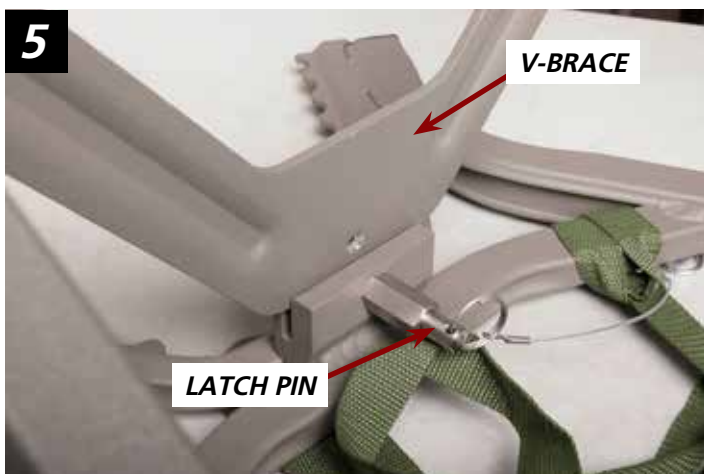
**Part Stack:** Short Shank Bushing, Seat Platform Bracket, Short Shank Bushing, Seat Back Bracket, Locknut



## 5 FRAME FOLDING (EXPLORER ONLY)

The foot platform and seat on the Explorer line of treestands is designed to fold flat for packing. Before climbing both platforms must be unfolded and the V-brace must be locked into place.

1. Pivot the V-brace up and out and line it up with the slot. *See figure 5.*
2. Remove the safety pin. Pull the spring loaded latch pin toward the front of the Platform and press the V-Brace into the slot until it completely bottoms out. *See figure 6 and figure 7.*



3. Release the latch pin so that it goes completely through the hole in the V-brace and through the back of the welded bracket as shown in **figure 7**.

4. Insert the safety pin into the hole in the latch pin. **See figure 8**.

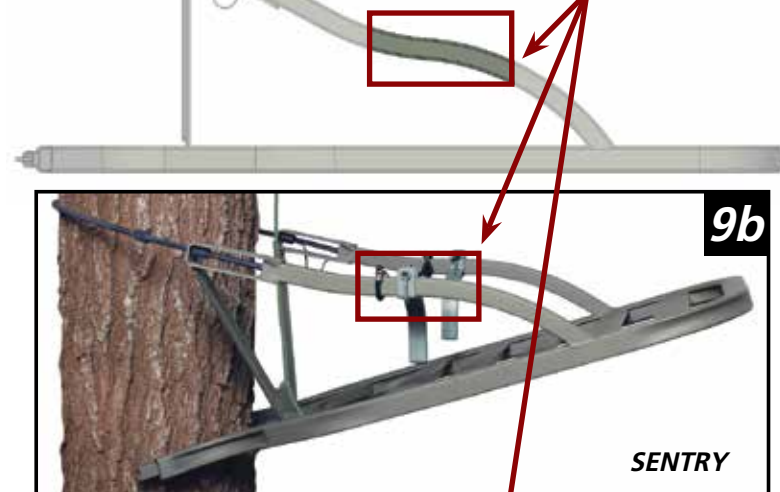


**⚠ WARNING**  
DO NOT use the Explorer if the latch pin is not completely inserted through the hole in the V-Brace as shown in **figure 7** and if the safety pin has not been fully inserted as shown in **figure 8**.

## **6** SETUP

### RAPIDCLIMB STIRRUPS

Adjust the stirrups to fit your footwear at ground level. This is done by loosening the wing-nut and sliding the stirrup up or down the tube. Re-tighten the wing-nut once desired fit is achieved. NEVER remove the wing-nut or stirrups. NEVER slide the stirrup outside of the acceptable adjustment range showed in **figure 9** and **9b**.



**⚠ WARNING**  
Moving your foot placement closer to the tree changes the leverage needed to adhere the platform to the tree. Attaching the stirrups or placing your feet too close to the tree may cause the platform to slide down the tree which could cause serious injury or death. See figure 9 and 9b for proper foot location.

The stirrups on the Explorer Folding Treestand models pivot up when not in use or when packing the stand together. **See figure 10**.



## FOAM SEAT (EXPLORER ONLY)

Your foam seat must be attached to the climber platform before use. The straps and buckles are attached and buckled on the bottom of the seat from the factory. Please unbuckle before proceeding.

1. Place your seat platform on a flat surface with the rear "V" brace facing up.
2. Position the seat inside of the seat platform frame.
3. Wrap the seat strap webbing over the frame from the inside out as shown in **figure 11**.
4. Turn the three bar slide slightly sideways and push it through the metal D buckle that is sewn onto the end of the strap (**figure 12**).



### NOTICE

The seat included with these treestands is removable for storage. **DO NOT** leave your stand outdoors when it is not being used.

### ⚠ WARNING

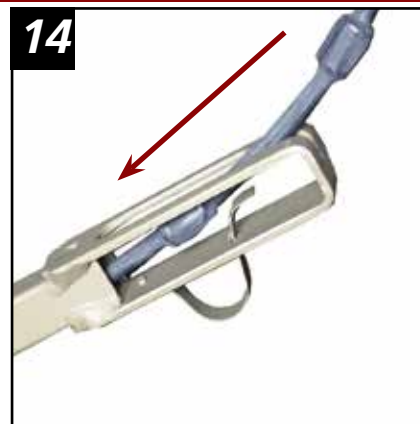
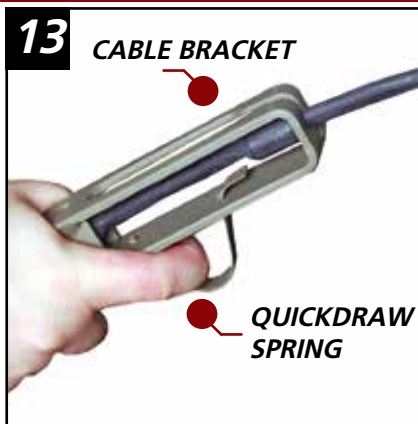
Replace all seat cushions and fabric every two (2) years or sooner if damage or wear is present.

## ATTACHMENT TO THE TREE

### ⚠ WARNING

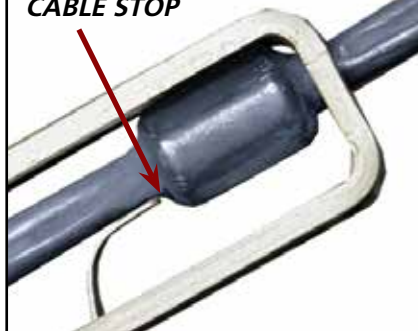
Read, understand and follow ALL warnings and instructions for the Full Body Fall Arrest Harness System (FBFAHS) before leaving the ground!!

1. Attach the foot platform to the tree first. To do this, pull down and hold the QuickDraw cable spring as shown in **figure 13**. This will release the locking tab from the cable, allowing the cable to be pushed past the locking tab. Once the cable has been pushed past the locking tab, you can release the trigger.
2. Push the cable into the stand tubing until the cable stop can be lifted out of the bracket. The cable should be loose at this point. You can now pull the cable out of the stand.
3. Take one end of the cable around the tree and begin to slide it down into the tubing as shown in **figure 14**. Once the cable slides easily into the tubing (it helps to bend the cable upward while pushing down on it as it is inserted), you are ready to place it in its final position.
4. Pull the cable towards the back of the tree and "seat" the cable stop against the back of the bracket, as shown in **figure 15**. The QuickDraw cable spring will "lock" into place behind one of the cable stops. You do not have to hold the QuickDraw trigger to lock the cable in place.
5. Your cable bracket should now look like **figure 16**.
6. If necessary, go to the other side of the tree and position the other end of the cable by repeating the steps of pulling the QuickDraw cable spring, sliding the cable into the tubing, and assuring that the QuickDraw cable spring has locked into position.



SPRING FULLY SEATED BEHIND CABLE STOP

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### ⚠ WARNING

If the QuickDraw cable spring does not lock into place behind the cable stop as shown in **figure 17**, **DO NOT USE THE TREESTAND** since the cable is not secured and may result in a user to fall which could cause serious injury or death!!

Contact Summit to obtain the proper corrective action.

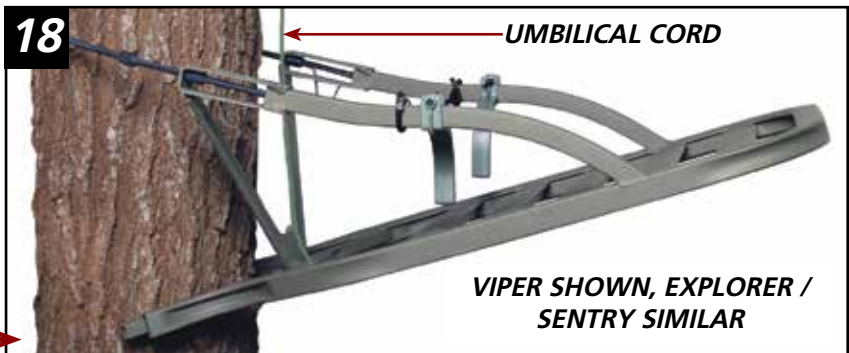
### ⚠ WARNING

It is VERY IMPORTANT to inspect all cables to ensure that there is no sign of corroded, frayed, damaged or broken strands. **DO NOT USE IF THE CABLES HAVE BROKEN OR DAMAGED METAL STRANDS!** Call immediately to order a replacement if this should occur.



To ensure that your treestand is level at the height at which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between the base of the tree and the final treestand height. It is very important to adjust the treestand foot platform and seat at the base of the tree such that the treestand foot platform will be level at the height you hunt. Trees commonly found in swamp or marsh areas have a tendency to swell at their base, and these may require a greater starting angle in order for your treestand to be level - as compared to a normally tapered tree.

7. Repeat Steps 1-6 for the Seat Platform portion of the Treestand.



**⚠ WARNING**  
**NEVER ADJUST CABLES ON SEAT OR FOOT PLATFORM ABOVE GROUND LEVEL! ALL ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE DONE AT GROUND LEVEL!!**

**NOTICE**  
 Based on usual taper - in order to ensure the platforms are level at hunting height, the front edge of the treestand (the edge away from the tree) should be 4-6 inches higher than the edge against the tree (*see figure 18*). The treestand seat platform attaches above the foot platform and should also have the same basic angle as the foot platform before you start to climb.

**UMBILICAL CORD**

**⚠ WARNING**  
 It is required that the seat and foot platforms **MUST BE** attached to each other with the umbilical cord, as shown in *figure 19 and figure 20* before climbing.

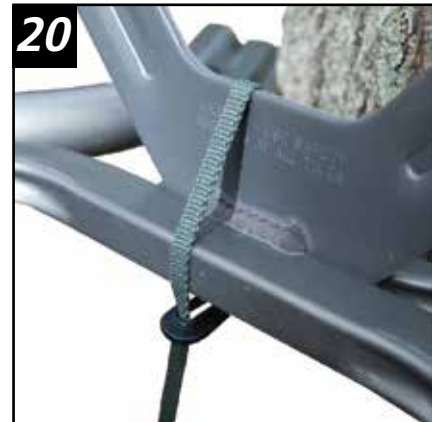
The included umbilical cord attaches the seat platform to the foot platform. In the event that control of the platforms are lost, the platforms will only fall the length of the umbilical cord. This should allow you to retrieve the platforms and re-seat them onto the tree.

1. Loop the umbilical cord around the foot platform yoke and push the free end through to make a cinch knot as shown in *figure 19*.

2. Bring the cord up and loop it around the seat platform yoke. Attach the clip back to the cord as shown in *figure 20*.

3. The foot platform should now be connected to the seat platform.

Once you are at ground level, for easier backpacking, un-clip the cord and wrap it around the foot platform yoke.



**⚠ CAUTION**  
**DO NOT** attempt to climb without the matching set of foot and seat platform assemblies. The Seat Platform assembly is designed to aid you in correct operation of the treestand. It is designed to support the rated weight limit of the user and gear as you climb. **NEVER** exceed the rated weight limit of your treestand.

**⚠ WARNING**  
**NEVER BOUNCE OR JUMP ON THE FOOT PLATFORM OR SEAT PLATFORM IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE STAND TO THE TREE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. DOING THIS CAN DAMAGE THE TREESTAND CAUSING THE PRODUCT TO BE OVER-LOADED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE TREESTAND, AND COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**

**⚠ WARNING**  
**DO NOT TIP YOUR WEIGHT ONTO YOUR TOES** unless you are ready to move the foot platform. This will tend to disengage the foot platform from the tree. **TAKE YOUR TIME!** Use short controlled movements.

# 7 CLIMBING UP / USE / CLIMBING DOWN (CLOSED FRONT STANDS)

## CLIMBING UP WITH YOUR NEW STAND

### ⚠️ WARNING

At this point IT IS MANDATORY AND REQUIRED that you attach your FBFAHS to the tree and remain connected at all times after leaving the ground.

ALWAYS refer to the written FBFAHS instructions and videos for proper and safe use of your FBFAHS before climbing.

### ⚠️ WARNING

DO NOT use the Explorer if the latch pin is not completely inserted through the hole in the V-Brace and if the safety pin has not been fully inserted as shown in *figure 8*.

1. Following the FBFAHS Instructions, attach the harness tether to the tether strap. Loop the strap around the tree to secure it. See *figure 21*.
2. Your RapidClimb stirrups and bungee heel cord should be already attached to your treestand. To use, back your heel into the bungee heel cord (*figure 22*) then simply slide your boot under the RapidClimb stirrup. Make sure that your boot is secure under the stirrup as shown in *figure 23*.
3. On the Explorer, hook the black elastic bungee cord around the seat as shown in *figure 24* to keep it secure while you climb. On the Sentry, pivot the seat up against the V-Brace and using the green tourniquet strap, secure the seat in the up position.
4. To begin climbing, raise your seat platform up to just below waist height and grasp the upright arms very firmly as shown in *figure 25*.



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**CLIMBING UP WITH YOUR NEW STAND (continued)**

5. With all of your weight back on the padded bar, disengage the foot platform by lifting as shown in **figure 26**. Pulling up and slightly out on the foot platform while pointing your toes down should disconnect the foot platform from the tree.
6. Bring the foot platform up by bending your knees and raising your legs straight up. **Take care not to snag the cable on tree bark or limbs. Take your time! Use short controlled movements.**



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7. To re-engage the foot platform, rotate the foot platform down until the teeth make contact with front of the tree and then rotate the foot platform down until the cable makes contact with the back of the tree as shown in **figure 27**.

The RapidClimb stirrups are located in such a position that equal distribution of weight will secure the foot platform to the tree while climbing.

8. Now ease your weight back onto the foot platform (to ensure that you have not placed it on an unseen knot or limb on the backside of the tree). Once the foot platform is secure, stand and slide your safety harness tether up the tree.
  9. Once the foot platform is fully supporting your weight you can disengage the seat platform and raise it back up to just below waist height as shown again in **figure 25**. **Repeat steps 4-9** until you are at your hunting height.
- NOTE: It is unnecessary and unadvisable to be higher than 15 feet (4.57 meters) from ground level.**



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## PRODUCT USE

### ⚠️ WARNING

**NEVER DISCONNECT FROM YOUR FBFAHS OR SAFETY LINE ONCE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND!!**

### ⚠️ WARNING

**ALWAYS position the FBFAHS to minimize the amount of slack in the safety line or tree strap.**

1. When you get to your hunting height (**do not climb higher than 15 feet; it is unnecessary and inadvisable**) and you have assured that your treestand is level, position your seat platform slightly below waist level. Slightly lower will be more comfortable but higher makes for less movement when you stand. Make sure your stand and cables are not placed upon any limbs or knots and that the treestand is securely attached to the tree.
2. With your FBFAHS attached to the tree above the climber, pull your feet, one at a time, from their secured position under the RapidClimb stirrups.
3. Wrap the supplied green tourniquet buckle strap (1" green strap with spring loaded buckle) around the tree and through the seat frame as shown in **figure 28**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched teeth area from losing contact with the tree.
4. On the Explorer, unhook the bungee cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing. Position the seat back rest by wrapping each end of the bungee cord around the climbing cable and hooking the two hooks together as shown in **figure 29** or by wrapping it around the tree. The bungee cord will prevent the seat backrest from falling forward if you stand up. On the Sentry, pivot the seat down to sit or leave it against the V-Brace to stand.
5. The treestand seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. The seat height can be easily raised (for bow hunting) or lowered (for gun hunting) by adjusting the two piece buckles up or down the webbing. **ALL ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE DONE AT GROUND LEVEL!!**

Both seat sides must be adjusted evenly so the seat is level side to side. Sliding the webbing straps forward or backward on the frame provides additional comfort.

### ⚠️ WARNING

**Seat strap adjustments must be made at ground level.**

### ⚠️ WARNING

**NEVER** jump or bounce on the foot or seat platform to seat the teeth into the tree bark. Doing this may over-load the components or cause the treestand to slip which may cause serious injury or death.



### ⚠️ WARNING

**Replace utility strap EVERY year or sooner if damage is present.**

## CLIMBING DOWN

### ⚠ WARNING

**NEVER DISCONNECT FROM YOUR FBFAHS OR SAFETY LINE ONCE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND!!**

1. Reattach your foot platform to your feet. Back your heel into the bungee heel cord (**figure 30**) then slide your boot under the RapidClimb stirrup. Make sure that your boot is secure under the stirrup as shown in **figure 31**.
2. Disconnect the elastic cord that has been holding the foam seat in place and fold the seat up. On the Explorer, secure the backrest and seat as shown in **figure 32**. Disconnect and store the strap that has held the seat frame to the tree (**figure 33**).
3. Place the seat platform at about knee level, sit on the padded bar and grasp the upright arms as you did when climbing (see **figure 34**).
4. While firmly grasping the seat platform upright arms, disengage the foot platform by lifting up and tipping the edge closest to the tree downward. Once the foot platform has been dislodged, you can lower it down (see **figure 35**). Make slow, even movements of 10 inches or less at a time.
5. To re-engage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the foot platform.
6. Once the foot platform is secure, stand and slide your FBFAHS tether strap down to about chest height and **repeat steps 3-6** until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

**NOTE:** On the Sentry models, use the green tourniquet strap to secure the seat frame in the up position.



### ⚠ WARNING

Use short controlled movements when ascending or descending the tree. **NEVER GET IN A HURRY!** The FBFAHS must be used from the time you leave the ground until safely returning to the ground.



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## CLIMBING UP WITH YOUR NEW STAND

**⚠ WARNING**

At this point IT IS MANDATORY AND REQUIRED that you attach your FBFAHS to the tree and remain connected at all times after leaving the ground.

**ALWAYS** refer to the written FBFAHS instructions and videos for proper and safe use of your FBFAHS before climbing.

**⚠ WARNING**

DO NOT use the Explorer if the latch pin is not completely inserted through the hole in the V-Brace and if the safety pin has not been fully inserted as shown in *figure 8*.

1. Following the FBFAHS Instructions, attach the harness tether to the tether strap. Loop the strap around the tree to secure it. See *figure 36*.
2. Your RapidClimb stirrups and bungee heel cord should be already attached to your treestand. To use, back your heel into the bungee heel cord (*figure 37*) then simply slide your boot under the RapidClimb stirrup. Make sure that your boot is secure under the stirrup as shown in *figure 38*.
3. On the Explorer, hook the seat back elastic bungee cord around the seat as shown in *figure 39* to keep it secure while you climb. On the Sentry, pivot the seat down to sit or leave it against the V-Brace to stand.
4. To begin climbing, raise your seat climber up to just below waist height and grasp the upright arms very firmly as shown in *figure 40*.

**NOTE:** On the Sentry models, use the green tourniquet strap to secure the seat frame in the up position.



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## CLIMBING UP WITH YOUR NEW STAND (continued)

5. Rest your weight on your forearms. Disengage the foot platform by lifting as shown in **figure 41**. Pulling up and slightly out on the platform while pointing your toes down should disconnect the foot platform from the tree.
6. Bring the foot platform up by raising your legs straight up. **Take care not to snag the cable on tree bark or limbs. Take your time! User short controlled movements.**
7. To re-engage the foot platform, simply rotate the edge back against the tree upwards, as shown in **figure 42**.

The RapidClimb stirrups are located in such a position that equal distribution of weight will secure the platform to the tree while climbing.

8. Now ease your weight back onto the foot platform (to ensure that you have not placed it on an unseen knot or limb on the backside of the tree). Once the foot platform is secure, stand and slide your safety harness tether up the tree.
9. Once the foot platform is fully supporting your weight you can disengage the seat platform and raise it back up to just below waist height as shown again in **figure 40**.  
**Repeat steps 4-9** until you are at your hunting height.

**NOTE: It is unnecessary and inadvisable to be higher than 15 feet (4.57 meters) from ground level.**

**NOTE: On the Sentry models, use the green tourniquet strap to secure the seat frame in the up position.**



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### **⚠ WARNING**

Use short controlled movements when ascending or descending the tree. **NEVER GET IN A HURRY!** The FBFAHS must be used from the time you leave the ground until safely returning to the ground.

### **⚠ WARNING**

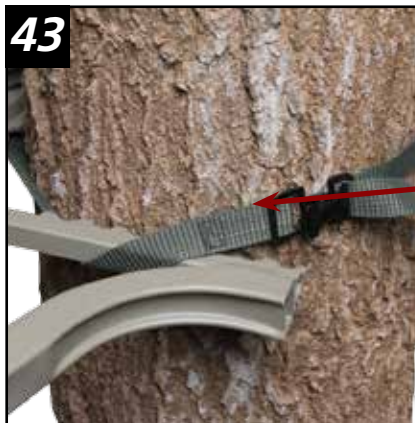
**NEVER** jump or bounce on the foot or seat platform to seat the teeth into the tree bark. Doing this may over-load the components or cause the treestand to slip which may cause serious injury or death.

## PRODUCT USE

### ⚠️ WARNING

**NEVER DISCONNECT FROM YOUR FBFAHS OR SAFETY LINE ONCE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND!!**

1. When you get to your hunting height (**do not climb higher than 15 feet; it is unnecessary and inadvisable**) and you have assured that your treestand is level, position your seat climber slightly below waist level. Slightly lower will be more comfortable but higher makes for less movement when you stand. Make sure your stand and cables are not placed upon any limbs or knots and that the treestand is securely attached to the tree.
2. With your FBFAHS attached to the tree above the climber, pull your feet, one at a time, from their secured position under the RapidClimb stirrups.
3. Wrap the supplied green tourniquet buckle strap (1" green strap with spring loaded buckle) around the tree and through the seat frame as shown in **figure 43**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched teeth area
4. On the Explorer, unhook the bungee cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing. Position the seat back rest by wrapping each end of the bungee cord around the climbing cable and hooking the two hooks together as shown in **figure 44** or by wrapping it around the tree. The bungee cord will prevent the seat backrest from falling forwards if you stand up.
5. The treestand seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. The seat height on the Cobra can be easily raised (for bow hunting) or lowered (for gun hunting) by adjusting the two piece buckles up or down the webbing. **ALL ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE DONE AT GROUND LEVEL!!** Both seat sides must be adjusted evenly so the seat is level side to side. Sliding the webbing straps forward or backward on the frame provides additional comfort.



### ⚠️ WARNING

Replace utility strap **EVERY** year or sooner if damage is present.



### ⚠️ WARNING

**ALWAYS** position the safety harness to minimize the amount of slack in the safety line or tree strap.

### ⚠️ WARNING

Seat strap adjustments must be made at ground level.

## CLIMBING DOWN

### ⚠️ WARNING

**NEVER DISCONNECT FROM YOUR FBFAHS OR SAFETY LINE ONCE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND!!**

1. Reattach your foot platform to your feet. Refer to **Step 2 under Climbing With Your New Stand on Page 14**.
2. On the Explorer disconnect the elastic cord that has been holding the foam seat in place and fold the seat up. Secure the backrest and seat as shown on **page 14, figure 39**. Disconnect and store the strap that has held the seat frame to the tree (**figure 43**).
3. Place the seat platform at about knee level and grasp the upright arms as you did when climbing (**see figure 40**.)
4. While firmly grasping the seat platform upright arms, disengage the foot platform by lifting up and tipping the edge closest to the tree downward. Once the foot platform has been dislodged, you can lower it down (**see figure 45**). Make slow, even movements of 10 inches or less at a time.
5. To re-engage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the platform.
6. Once the foot platform is secure, slide your safety harness tether strap down to about chest height and repeat **steps 3-6** until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

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**NOTE:** On the Sentry models, use the green tourniquet strap to secure the seat frame in the up position.



**CLOSED OR OPEN FRONT - SENTRY**

Your treestand is designed to “nest” together as one unit making it easy to transport.

1. Untie the umbilical cord from the seat climber and wrap it around the platform yolk several times to secure it.
2. Start with the seat climber portion of the stand. Set it flat on the ground and fold the seat up. **See figure 46.**
3. Take the platform and slide it into the seat climber so that its upright braces and cable bracket are next to the same areas on the seat climber as shown in **figure 47.**
4. Secure the top and platform together with the 1” wide green strap with the spring loaded tourniquet buckle as shown in **figure 48.** This will prevent the seat and the platform from making noise as you hike to your hunting location.
5. Use the backpack straps to carry the unit on your back, tree teeth down. Pull the loose end of the straps to tighten and pull up on the buckle to release.

**SENTRY - ALTERNATE METHOD**

1. Place the Platform down first as shown in **figure 49.**
2. Invert the Seat Platform and place it on top of the platform as shown in **figure 50.**
3. Secure the top and platform together with the 1” wide green strap with the spring loaded tourniquet buckle as shown in **figure 51.**

This method creates a shorter package at the expense of being more top heavy.



Your treestand is designed to "nest" together as one unit making it easy to transport. Viper Model shown, others similar.

1. Untie the umbilical cord from the seat climber and wrap it around the platform yolk several times to secure it.
2. Start with the seat climber portion of the stand, setting it on its end as shown in **figure 52**.
3. Take the platform and slide it into the seat climber so that its upright braces and cable bracket are next to the same areas on the seat climber as shown in **figure 53**.
4. The teeth area on the platform should come into contact with the "V" brace on the seat climber. From this position, pull the seat backrest through the large gap in the platform as shown in **figure 54**.
5. Secure the seat to the stand by running the seat bungee around the frame and clipping it off. (**figure 55**)
6. The backpack straps will most likely be wedged in behind the seat at this point. Pull them out and around the seat webbing and push the seat as far down in the frame as possible (**see figure 56**).
7. Secure the top and platform together with the 1" wide green strap with the spring loaded tourniquet buckle as shown in **figure 57**. This will prevent the seat and the platform from making noise as you hike to your hunting location.
8. Use the backpack straps to carry the unit on your back, tree teeth down, as shown in **figure 58**. Pull the loose end of the straps to tighten and pull up on the buckle to release.

There are numerous ways to route the seat and backpack straps when packing - this is only one example! Your backpack straps are adjustable. Pull down on the free end to tighten and lift up on the buckle to loosen.



## 10 SUMMIT TIPS

Sometimes on a cold, dry, hard bark tree a rubbing noise can be produced at the scalloped edge that engages the tree. This comes from friction forces. It can be eliminated a couple of ways. First, simply re-positioning your platform slightly will in most cases eliminate the noise. Second, a liquid or candle/bowstring wax can be applied at the intersection of the tree and the scalloped edge to reduce the friction.

Changing your sitting position can relieve muscle stress and reduce fatigue. This will allow a longer hunt and perhaps an opportunity for a shot. Although it must be done slowly and quietly, repositioning and changing the height of your seat by raising or lowering the seat frame just a couple of inches could make a difference. This changes the hip to knee angle. Being comfortable will result in no movement and reduce being detected by game either from sight or from sound.

## 11 MAINTENANCE AND CARE

### ⚠ CAUTION

Before each use, look for nicks, gouges, cuts, cracks, bends, corrosion or other damage that can be the result of improper use or accidental damage. For instance, this could occur if someone else used the treestand without knowledge of its proper use, or if the treestand were dropped, hit by a motor vehicle or subject to corrosive conditions, etc.

- The seat on this treestand is removable. It is mandatory that it be removed and stored in a dry place when not in use. Replace every two (2) years or sooner if damage or wear is present or if it appears faded.
- When not in use, store your treestand in a dry place - **tree teeth pointing down** - to keep water from pooling inside the stand tubing. Water that is allowed to fill the stand tubing and freeze will rupture the tubing.
- The powdercoat finish applied at the factory is very durable and should only need touch ups in areas of heavy wear or accidental impact. Use a high quality, outdoor spray paint to cover any bare metal areas that might develop.
- The sole purpose of the plastic coating on the cable is to eliminate noise. After some use you may notice some abrasions, peeling or possibly cuts in the coating. This coating does not affect the performance or safety of your treestand. It is there to eliminate unnecessary noise when sliding the cable down into the tubing. Replacement tubes can be purchased at [www.summitstands.com](http://www.summitstands.com)
- When transporting your Summit Treestand be sure it is securely tied down and be sure no other objects can slide into or hit the treestand possibly causing damage.
- NEVER use your climbing treestand for anything other than what it was designed for. This is a climbing treestand to be used on a tree for the purpose of hunting only.

Should you damage any part of your Summit Treestand, contact your nearest authorized Summit dealer or the factory to obtain the proper corrective action procedure and/or replacement parts for the treestand.

Summit Treestands have the highest structural integrity by design, material selection and manufacturing techniques, but as its owner, only your continued care will assure trouble free performance. When the above-mentioned guidelines are followed, your Summit Treestand will provide years of successful hunting.

## 12 HARNESS SUSPENSION

It is necessary and very important that someone knows your hunting location and time of return. It is also very important that you carry (on your person) emergency communication devices such as a cell phone, two-way radio, whistle, signal flare or preferably a PLD (Personal Locator Device - FCC approved July, '03). When triggered, a PLD will transmit an emergency signal to local rescue teams identifying your location via satellite GPS coordinates. PLD's may be purchased at Wilderness outfitters or on the internet.

Suspension trauma or blood pooling can occur when suspended motionless in a harness for periods of time. This can lead to unconsciousness and death. A suspension relief strap is furnished with your harness. Read your harness instructions to assure that you know how to use it.

### **⚠ WARNING**

If you have to hang in the tree before help arrives, you need to exercise your legs by pushing off from the tree or by using the enclosed suspension relief strap. See the treestand harness instructions and the enclosed instructions for more information.

Self extraction may be necessary in the unfortunate situation that (A) no one knows your location, (B) your communication efforts are exhausted, (C) you are confident that you have the strength, dexterity and ability to perform self-extraction and (D) you decide this is your "absolute last resort". It is recommended to carry a device to assist with this self-extraction. Simple devices such as screw-in steps or a rope "Tree Descender" (available from Summit) will allow you to remove the weight from your harness. This may enable you to return to the treestand/ladder/climbing steps or slowly descend the tree.

Several optional products / systems are available that offer self-recovery or self extraction from a fall when suspended in a harness. Returning to the ground obviously also relieves suspension trauma and some systems automatically descend the user while others allow user control. If one of these products/systems is selected for use as an additional safety precaution against prolonged suspension, be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions for safe use. Always practice with your treestand and FBFAHS at ground level until you fully understand safe and proper use.

## 13 LIMITED WARRANTY

### (A) Warranty

Summit Treestands, LLC (Summit) warrants to the original retail purchaser that all products manufactured by it are free from defects in material and manufacture at the time of shipment for sixty (60) months from the date of purchase. Summit will replace any part found defective if the unit claimed to be defective shall be returned to Summit, postage prepaid, within the warranty period.

This warranty shall not apply to any product which has been subjected to misuse; misapplication; neglect (including but not limited to improper maintenance); accident; improper installation; modification (including but not limited to use of unauthorized parts or attachments); adjustment or repair. THE FOREGOING IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED (INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS OF ANY PRODUCT FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE), AND OF ANY OTHER OBLIGATION OF LIABILITY ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY.

### (B) Limitation of Liability

It is expressly understood that Summit's liability for its products, whether due to breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise, is limited to the repair of the product, as stated above, and Summit will not be liable for any other injury, loss, damage, or expense, whether direct or consequential, including but not limited to loss of use, income, profit, or damage to material, arising in connection with the sale, installation, use of, inability to use, or the repair or replacement of Summit's products.

Summit reserves the right to make alterations or modifications in its products at any time, which in its opinion, may improve the performance and efficiency of the product. It shall not be obligated to make such alterations or modifications to products already in service.

**Please take the time to fill out the warranty card online at <http://www.summitstands.com/warranty>**