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# THE OL' MAN SWING, LOCK & LOAD (MODEL COMC01) INSTRUCTION MANUAL



THE OL' MAN SWING, LOCK & LOAD

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**WARNING! THIS PRODUCT CARRIES STRICT WEIGHT LIMITATIONS. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF YOU EXCEED THIS TOTAL WEIGHT LIMITATIONS. PLEASE NOTE THIS WEIGHT LIMIT INCLUDES THE USER AND EQUIPMENT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!**

Model Number #COMC01

Maximum Weight Capacity - 300 pounds (136kg) (User and Equipment)

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Should you have any questions about the installation and/or use of this product, or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s) do not hesitate to call one of our customer service representatives toll free at 888-656-2606. Our service representatives will answer any questions you may have about any of the complete line of Ol' Man Treestands products.

THE FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS INCLUDED WITH YOUR NEW OL' MAN TREESTANDS TREESTAND HAS A SERVICE LIFE OF THREE (3) YEARS PAST ITS DATE OF MANUFACTURE. THIS DATE OF MANUFACTURE CAN BE FOUND ON THE SEWN ON LABEL OF EACH COMPONENT OF THE FALL ARREST SYSTEM. REPLACE THIS HARNESS IF THE SERVICE LIFE HAS EXPIRED. SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL WHILE WEARING YOUR FULL BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS RETURN IT TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR FREE REPLACEMENT. YOU MUST READ THE SCOUT, INC. FULL-BODY FALL ARREST SYSTEM (FAS) INSTRUCTION MANUAL IN IT'S ENTIRETY PRIOR TO ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS OL' MAN TREESTANDS PRODUCT(S) IN ANY MANNER.

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 **WARNING!** THE SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF THIS PRODUCT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER. IT IS ALSO THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO PROVIDE ANY PERSON(S) WHO BORROW OR PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT FROM THEM WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE AFORE MENTIONED SAFE TREESTAND HUNTING VIDEO. TECHNIQUES THAT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE" DVD. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY SUBJECT YOU TO PERSONAL LIABILITY PENALTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

 **WARNING!** Prior to each hunt, make sure that you have a signaling device (e.g., mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare, Personal Locator Device [PLD], etc.) in your possession and on your person 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!



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PLEASE NOTE THAT "WARNING!" Statements have been placed throughout this Instruction Manual. These statements point-out important safety information and instructions, which, if not followed could endanger the personal safety and/or property of the operator. It is imperative that the operator of this product, or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s) read and understand all the instructions and warnings contained in this Instruction Manual prior to attempting to use this product(s), or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s). Failure to comply with these instructions and/or warnings may result in serious injury or death! When you see a "WARNING!" Statement- BE SURE TO HEED THE MESSAGE!



**WARNING!** Thoroughly inspect this or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s) prior to each use for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type or defect. DO NOT expose this product or your treestand to extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperatures. Do not use your treestand or this or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s) if they show 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 remove, modify and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this Ol' Man Treestands product(s) or its assemblies in any manner. Modification, misuse and/or part substitution shall immediately void your factory warranty and may result serious injury or death! If you suspect that a part(s) is missing and/or defective, immediately contact Ol' Man Treestands at 888-656-2606 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 Ol' Man Treestands. ALWAYS USE GENUINE FACTORY AUTHORIZED OL' MAN TREESTANDS REPLACEMENT PARTS. USE OF ANY REPLACEMENT PARTS OTHER THAN GENUINE OL' MAN TREESTANDS PARTS VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY AND MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!



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



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WARNING! When hunting from a treestand falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death. Always wear your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest system (FAS) comprising a full-body harness at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using climbing and hang-on treestands. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should never be used as they put the user at serious risk of injury or death. If you are not wearing your full-body harness properly attached to the tree that is protecting you from a fall, do not leave the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Never rely on a tree branch for support while climbing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must always inform someone of your hunting location, where the treestand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Inspect all safety devices each time before each use. DO NOT use these devices if it (they) shows signs of wear, damage, deterioration, or vandalism. Factors such as tree growth, vandals, weather and animals may affect the performance of an unattended tree stand. Do not store these devices outdoors when not in use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Practice the use your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness 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! The length of the full-body fall-arrest lanyard must be minimized at all times. It should be adjusted so that it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position and you should have the minimum amount of slack possible when climbing. 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 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 and you must have a self-recovery/escape plan for your individual 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 harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." You must only hunt from the ground when self-recovery/escape ability is absent. 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 your full-body fall-arrest harness. This device will allow you to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in your harness and help maintain circulation in the legs and prevent suspension trauma (blood pooling). Be sure to follow the SCOUT, Inc. directions for use of this suspension relief device. Failure to follow these instructions 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!



WARNING! NEVER allow the harness lanyard 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! Never attempt to climb up or climb 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 down. Use this same method when raising or lowering all other gear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT attempt to use this and/or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s) when ice, snow and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any portion of the tree you intend to climb. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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



WARNING! DO NOT modify, fix/repair, alter, bend, cut, weld, or heat this product in any way. Failure to follow these instructions will void warranty and may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT lean out from a tree stand for any reason. Never use your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness to help you lean out of your stand to make a difficult shot. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT use this or any other O' Man Treestands 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 O' Man Treestands product(s) if you are currently taking any medication (including prescription) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use this O' Man Treestands 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 use this or any other O' Man Treestands product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles. Do not attempt to use this or any other O' Man Treestands product(s) when any other adverse weather condition presents itself. These include weather conditions which have the potential for producing winds, lighting, rain, snow, sleet and/or any other atmospheric condition which may limit the user's ability to operate this O' Man Treestands product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Should inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this O' Man Treestands product(s), return to the ground immediately. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury and 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 pole. 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 jump or bounce on a treestand to seat it to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-CLIMBING (HANG-ON OR LOCK-ON) TREESTAND USAGE



WARNING! You must use the Scout, Inc. lineman belt when installing hang-on or lock-on treestands to stabilize yourself. Refer to the Scout, Inc. Instruction Manual for specific instruction. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Correct tightening and adjustments of chains, cables, straps, etc. are critical to stable hang-on or lock-on treestand installation. All treestand contact points must be in contact with the tree before you step onto your stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Practice the attachment of hang-on or lock-on treestands at ground level before using in a hunting environment. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Never leave a treestand in a tree for more than two (2) weeks as weather and/or animals could cause damage. Tree growth can also stress and damage straps, chains and buckles. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Climbing aids (e.g., stick ladders, sectional ladders, steps, etc.) must extend above the treestand standing platform (at least 24-inches [61 cm]) to allow the user to step down onto the platform. Never step up to your stand from a climbing aid. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Use a hoist rope to raise and lower the treestand. Never climb with anything on your back. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! ALWAYS have a second adult present or at least accessible by cell phone or other means when installing/removing or using a tree stand. The ability to get help quickly may save your life in the event of a fall. A good nonslip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that bootlaces do not get hooked on the tree stand or climbing aids (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). 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 the webbing 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 belts every three years and when not in use store in a dry, cool, safe place- away from sunlight. To purchase parts contact O' Man Treestands at 888-656-2606. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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### SCOUT, INC. FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS SYSTEM (FAS)

We are very serious about your personal safety. A Scout full-body fall arrest harness has been included with this product for your use. The Scout full-body fall arrest harness has been designed to keep you from experiencing a fall. Remember, the most important part of your hunt is returning home to your family safe and sound.

**READ THE SCOUT FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MANUAL CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS! YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS IS DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 POUNDS (136 Kg). ADDITIONALLY - YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER THREE (3) YEARS OF SERVICE! RETURN YOUR HARNESS TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR FREE REPLACEMENT SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL.**



**WARNING!** Use only the TMA compliant full-body fall arrest harness that was provided with this product. **NOTE:** You must store your full-body 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!

### OL' MAN SWING, LOCK & LOAD COMBO ASSEMBLY

Prior to installing and using your Ol' Man Treestands treestand you must perform some minor assembly.

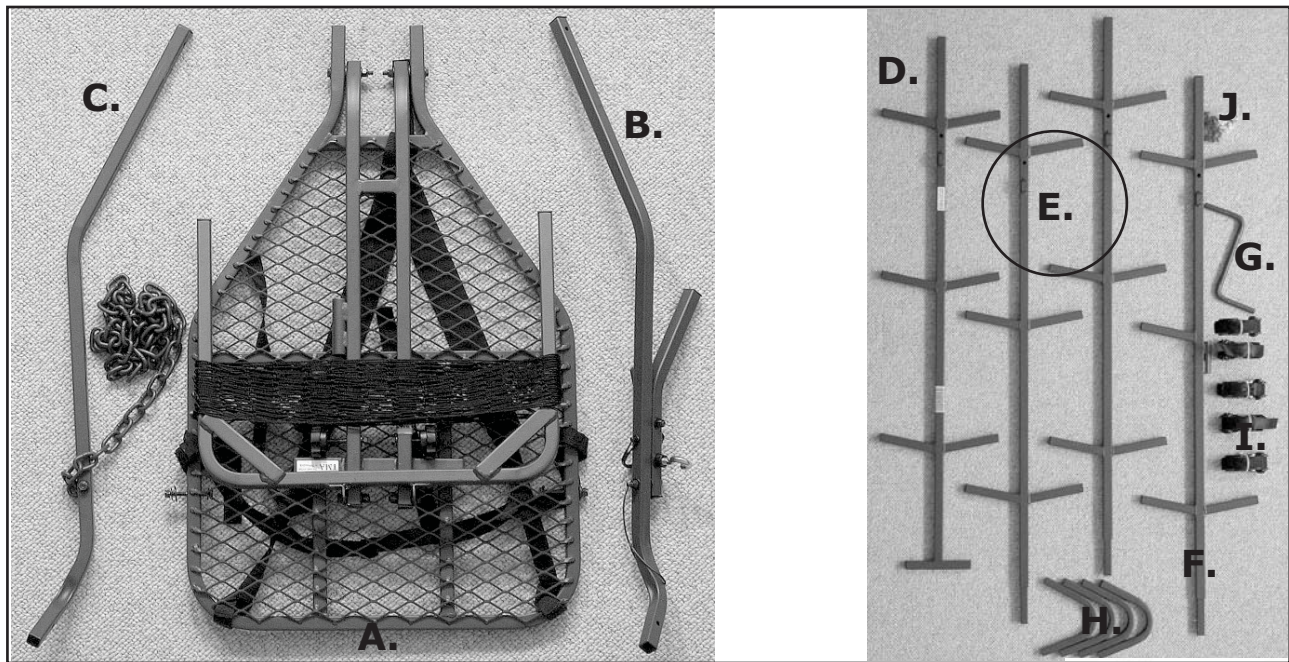


FIGURE 1  
COMPONENTS OF OL' MAN TREESTANDS SWING, LOCK & LOAD

- A. STANDING PLATFORM ASSEMBLY
- B. LEFT SUPPORT ARM (W/BINDER)
- C. RIGHT SUPPORT ARM (W/CHAIN)
- D. BOTTOM LADDER (W/ T-FOOT)
- E. MIDDLE LADDER SECTIONS (2)
- F. TOP LADDER SECTION (W/Z-BAR RECEIVER)
- G. Z-BAR
- H. LADDER V-BARS (4)
- I. RATCHET STRAPS (5)
- J. BOLTS/WING NUTS
- K. SCOUT, INC. FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS



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OL' MAN TREESTANDS SWING, LOCK & LOAD STAND ASSEMBLY



FIGURE 2  
POSITION SEAT UPRIGHT



FIGURE 3  
INSTALL LEFT SUPPORT ARM

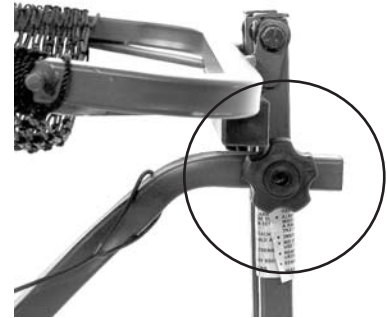


FIGURE 4  
ATTACH UPPER PORTION  
OF LEFT SUPPORT ARM

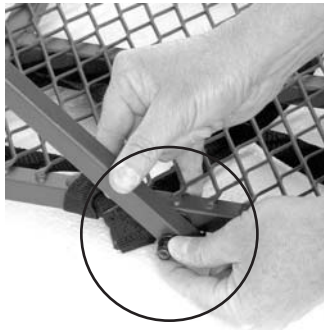


FIGURE 5  
INSTALL LOWER  
END OF LEFT  
SUPPORT ARM



FIGURE 6  
INSTALL RIGHT  
SUPPORT ARM

STEP 1: Refer to Figure 1 and locate the standing platform assembly (A.). Lift the seating platform into an upright position as shown in Figure 2.

STEP 2: Refer to Figure 1 and locate the left support arm (B.) and install as shown in Figure 3 by first attaching the upper portion of the left support arm (B.) to the thumb knob on the seating platform as shown in Figure 4.

STEP 3: With the upper portion of the left support arm (B.) installed to the thumb knob, install the lower end of the left support arm (B.) as shown in Figure 5. Install using two (2) 7/16" wrenches (not provided). DO NOT tighten completely at this time.

STEP 4: Refer to Figure 1 and locate the right support arm (C.). Install the right support arm (C.) in the same manner as the left support arm (B.) was previously installed. Repeat STEPS 2-3. Once both support arms have been installed, go back and tighten the knobs and bolts. Make certain all hardware is tight.

OL' MAN TREESTANDS SWING, LOCK & LOAD LADDER ASSEMBLY

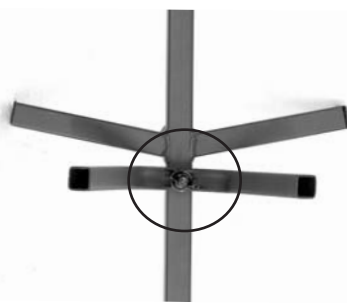


FIGURE 7  
INSTALL LADDER  
V-BAR TO LADDER SECTIONS

STEP 1: Refer to Figure 1 and locate the ladder v-bars (H.) and install all four (4) of them on each of the ladder sections as shown in Figure 7 using the 2" bolts and wing nuts (J.).

STEP 2: Be certain to install the ladder v-bars (H.) with the ratchet strap receptacles oriented to the outside of the ladder section as shown in Figure 8.



FIGURE 8  
INSTALL LADDER  
V-BAR WITH RATCHET STRAP RECEPTACLE ORIENTED TO THE OUTSIDE

STEP 3: With all four (4) ladder v-bars (H.) installed, you may now slide the ladder sections (D., E., & F.) together. Please note that there is one (1) lower ladder section (D.), two (2) middle ladder sections (E.) and one (1) top ladder section (F.). These are identified in Figure 1. It is very important to orient these section correctly in order to achieve safe operation, as well as, functional operation. As such, slide the two (2) middle sections (E.) together first. Make certain the locking snap pins engage as shown in Figure 9.

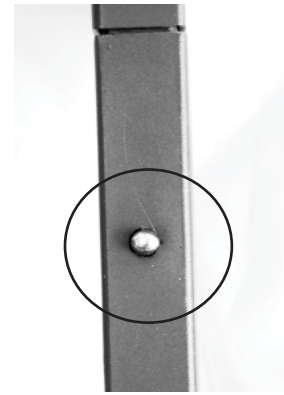


FIGURE 9  
LOCKING SNAP  
PIN ENGAGED

STEP 4: With the two (2) middle ladder sections (E.) slipped together, now install the bottom ladder section (D.) into the bottom of the two (2) previously assembled middle sections (E.). Make certain the locking snap pin engages as shown in Figure 9. Repeat this STEP for the remaining top ladder section (F.). Go back and make sure all hardware has been tightened!

INSTALLING OL' MAN TREESTANDS SWING, LOCK & LOAD



**WARNING! YOU MUST HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OF TWO (2) OTHER ADULTS TO INSTALL YOUR Ol' Man Treestands SWING, LOCK & LOAD COMBO. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious or death!**



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**WARNING! STOP NOW!!!!** Make sure that you are wearing your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness! Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 1: Select a straight healthy tree, one devoid of dead branches with a minimum diameter of 17" (43cm).

STEP 2: With the help of two (2) other adults, gently stand the assembled ladder next to the tree so the entire length of the ladder is in contact with the tree trunk tree. Your ladder should be straight and vertical. **DO NOT USE YOUR Ol' Man Treestands SWING, LOCK & LOAD COMBO ON A LEANING TREE!** With the two (2) other adults stabilizing the ladder, gently place your weight on the first ladder rung, firmly settling it onto the ground.

STEP 3: With the ladder firmly seated on flat, level ground, while standing on the ground, starting with the bottom ladder section, wrap a ratchet strap (I.) (Refer to Figure 1) around the tree trunk and thread it into the ratchet assembly as shown in Figure 10.

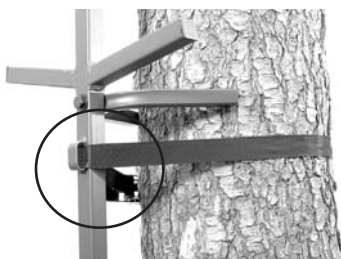


FIGURE 10  
RATCHET STRAP  
INSTALLED



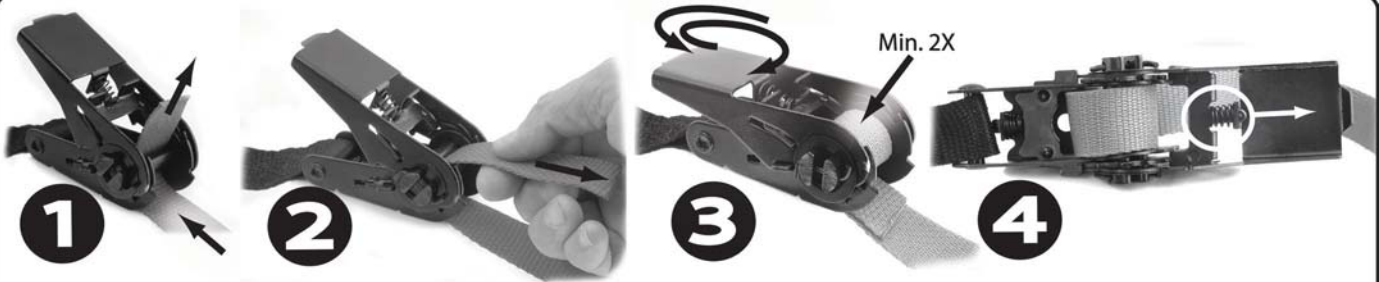
**WARNING! STOP NOW!!!!** Make sure that you are wearing your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness! To install your Swing, Lock & Load ladder you will require the use of the linemen's belt attachment. Make certain you are wearing and using it in the manner described by the Scout, Inc. Instruction Manual. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 4: With the ratchet threaded as previously described, tighten the ratchet strap. If you are unsure how to properly thread the ratchet strap (I.) refer to Figure 11. It is important to make sure that the ratchet strap pulls the ladder section tightly and squarely against the tree.

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- 1 Thread 1-inch webbing through barrel as illustrated.
- 2 Pull strap tight, then ratchet lever to secure strap.
- 3 Ratchet at least two (2) wraps around the barrel.
- 4 To release the tension, push the spring-loaded lock while simultaneously pulling the strap.

FIGURE 11  
THREADING RATCHET STRAP



**WARNING!** Never attempt to climb a tree with your treestand in hand or on your back. ALWAYS use a hoist rope or strap to pull your treestand up to the desired installation height. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 5: With the lower ladder section secured, and two (2) other adults steadying the ladder, and with your linemen's belt attached to the tree as described in the Scout, Inc. Instruction Manual, climb up until you are able to reach the ratchet strap receptacle on the next ladder section. Be certain to keep your weight on the first ladder section that has been ratcheted to the tree as previously described. Wrap the next ratchet strap around the tree trunk and tighten. It is important to make sure that the ratchet strap pulls the ladder section tightly against the tree. Repeat this STEP for the remaining ladder sections.

STEP 6: You're now ready to attach your hoist rope to your treestand.

STEP 7: Using your Scout, Inc. full-body fall-arrest lineman's belt, climb to your desired stand mounting height. With your full-body fall-arrest still attached to the tree trunk (DO NOT ATTACH YOUR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS TO YOUR LADDER) slide the z-bar (G.) (Refer to Figure 1) into the z-bar receiver tube on the top ladder section (F.) (Refer to Figure 1) as shown in Figures 12-13. Once you've installed your z-bar (G.) you are now ready to hoist your treestand up using your previously installed hoist rope.

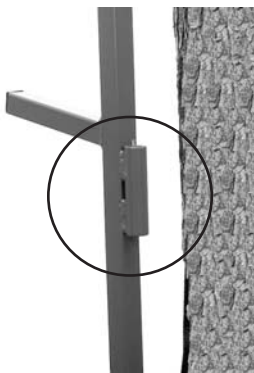


FIGURE 12  
UPPER LADDER  
SECTION Z-BAR RECEIVER



FIGURE 13  
Z-BAR INSTALLED INTO  
RECEIVER



FIGURE 14  
STAND MOUNTED ON Z-BAR

STEP 8: Using your hoist rope, gently hoist your O' Man Treestands Swing, Lock & Load stand up and gently set it onto the previously installed z-bar (G.) as shown in Figure 14.

### OPERATING THE BINDER ARM/INSTALLING PLATFORM RATCHET

Your O' Man Treestands Swing, Lock & Load Combo is equipped with a binder arm that makes installation much simpler. The following STEPS will assist you in operating your binder arm.

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FIGURE 15  
OPEN BINDER SAFETY LATCH

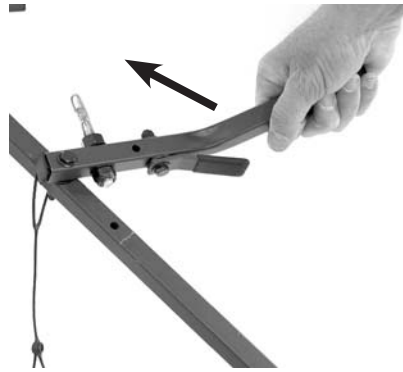


FIGURE 16  
OPEN BINDER ARM



FIGURE 17  
SLIP CHAIN OVER EYE-BOLT



FIGURE 18  
CLOSE BINDER ARM

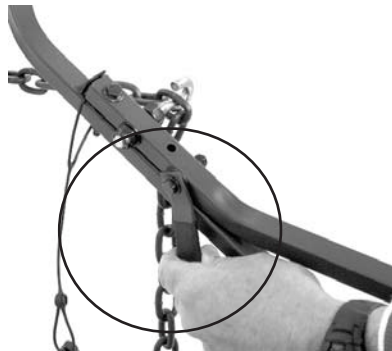


FIGURE 19  
CLOSE BINDER SAFETY LATCH



FIGURE 20  
INSERT PTO PIN



FIGURE 21  
PTO PIN INSERTED

STEP 1: To operate the binder arm open the safety latch as shown in Figure 15.

STEP 2: Open the binder arm as shown in Figure 16.

STEP 3: Wrap the chain around the tree trunk and hook it onto the binder arm eye-bolt. **MAKE CERTAIN THE CHAIN IS VERY TIGHT AT THIS POINT. IF THE CHAIN IS NOT TIGHT, THE BINDER ARM WILL NOT PULL THE STAND TIGHT TO THE TREE.**



**WARNING!** The chain must be very tight when placed onto the binder arm eye-bolt. **MAKE CERTAIN THE CHAIN IS VERY TIGHT AT THIS POINT OF THE INSTALLATION.** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 4: With the chain very tight as described in the previous STEP, close the binder arm as shown in Figure 18.

STEP 5: After closing the binder arm as described in the previous STEP, close the binder arm safety latch as shown in Figure 19. The chain should be VERY tight and the treestand should be pulled tightly against the tree trunk.

STEP 6: With the binder safety latch closed as previously described, insert the PTO pin into the binder arm assembly as shown in Figure 20. Make certain that the spring clip portion of the PTO pin is on the OUTSIDE of the binder arm assembly as shown in Figure 21.

STEP 7: You must now install the standing platform assembly (A.) ratchet strap (I.) (Refer to Figure 1). Place the ratchet around the tree trunk and around the bottom portion of the treestand as shown in Figure 22. Tighten the ratchet strap (I.) securing the treestand to the tree trunk.

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FIGURE 22  
STANDING PLATFORM RATCHET STRAP INSTALLED

STEP 8: Make final adjustment to tether and full body fall arrest harness by moving the location of tree attachment point so that there is no slack in the tether while in the sitting position. A tether with no slack will assist the user with self rescue/recovery in the unlikely event of a fall.



**WARNING!** Never attempt to hunt from an unlevel standing and/or seating platform. Additionally, NEVER attempt to level your standing and/or seating platform at heights above the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



**WARNING!** If you find that your platform(s) is unlevel, canted, angled awkwardly upward or downward - YOU MUST SELECT ANOTHER TREE TO INSTALL YOUR TREESTAND! NEVER ATTEMPT TO HUNT OUT OF AN UNLEVEL TREESTAND! Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

### STORAGE AND CARE

Your new Ol' Man Treestands treestand is factory finished with a state-of-the-art powder coating that guarantees years of trouble-free service. It is recommended that you store your treestand out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance.

#### WARRANTY APPLICATION CARD

I have read and understand the safety, assembly and operating instructions provided with my Ol' Man Treestands treestand. I fully understand the importance of using the TMA compliant full-body fall-arrest safety harness, and realize that if I choose not to use the TMA compliant full-body fall arrest safety harness I am putting myself at an increased risk of injury should an accident occur while I am utilizing this Ol' Man Treestands product(s). I have read the warranty information and know that I can call Ol' Man Treestands at 888-656-2606 with any questions or concerns that I may have about this or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s). Mail to: Ol' Man Treestands, 2830 Plant Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304

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