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THE OL' MAN TREESTANDS 16 FT. BIG BUDDY DELUXE (MODEL COMB02) INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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

Model Number #COMB02

Maximum Weight Capacity - 500 pounds (227 kg) (Users 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!** FALLS FROM A TREESTAND CAN OCCUR ANYTIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND. THESE FALLS RESULT IN EITHER SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO CAREFULLY READ THIS PRODUCT INSTRUCTION MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO ASSEMBLE, SET-UP, INSTALL AND/OR OTHERWISE USE THIS OL' MAN TREESTANDS PRODUCT. AT LEAST ANNUALLY, REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND WATCH THE SAFE TREESTAND HUNTING DVD. ADDITIONALLY, KEEP THESE INSTRUCTION FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION THAT YOU OWN THIS PRODUCT(S). FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!


 **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!


 **WARNING!** Failure to read and strictly comply with the instructions contained in this Instruction Manual may result in serious injury or death!

 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!

 **WARNING!** Prior to attempting to use this or any other Ol'Man Treestands product(s) you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly, setup and installation. You must practice installing, setting-up and using this product(s) at ground level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this Ol'Man Treestands product(s) set-up, installation and use at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights about ground-level.

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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 Ol'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 Ol'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 Ol'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 Ol'Man Treestands product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles. Do not attempt to use this or any other Ol'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 Ol'Man Treestands product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Should inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this Ol'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 LADDER TREESTAND USAGE



WARNING! You must use at least three (3) adults to install and/or take down this ladder treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must install and attach the crisscross straps and other stabilization devices as described in this Manual prior to attempting to climb this treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! When installing this ladder treestand you must bounce on the first rung to set the ladder into the ground prior to attempting to climb any higher. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must check every ladder section connection every time you use the stand before you leave the ground. If you find that the ladder sections are separating, DO NOT USE the treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must check the ground under the treestand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven surfaces (e.g., one foot on a rock) can cause your ladder to tilt or shift off the tree as you climb. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must maintain three-points of contact when climbing a ladder treestand (i.e., two feet-one hand, two hands-one foot). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must always lean forward as you climb and attach your full-body fall arrest harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the standing platform. 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. Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harnesses have 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.

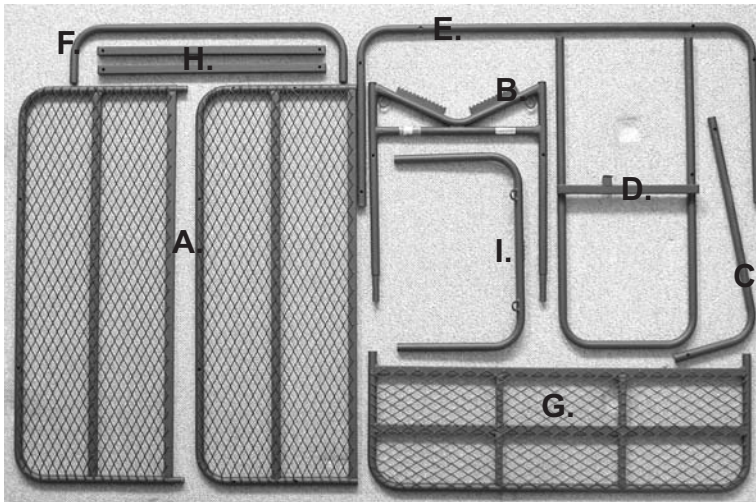
READ THE SCOUT FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MANUAL CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS! YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS IS DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 POUNDS (136kg). ADDITIONALLY - YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER THREE (3) YEARS OF SERVICE! RETURN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

Oi'Man Treestands 16 FT. BIG BUDDY DELUXE ASSEMBLY

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



- A. (2) Standing Platforms
- B. V-Bar Assembly
- C. (2) L-Leg Supports (one shown)
- D. (2) U-Bars (one shown)
- E. Backrest Support Bar
- F. Short Backrest Support Bar
- G. Seat Platform
- H. (2) Diagonal Support Braces
- I. Upright Tree Support Bar
- J. Footrest (12" x 47")
- K. Gunrest (18" x 47")
- L. Backrest Pad
- M. Seating Platform Pad
- N. (2) Long Diagonal Leg Section Supports (45 1/4") (one shown)
- O. Upper Ladder Section
- P. Middle Ladder Section
- Q. Lower Ladder Section
- R. Tree Stabilizer Bar
- S. (2) Criss-Cross Safety Ratchet Straps (one shown)
- T. 4" Ratchet Strap
- U. 3 1/4" Ratchet Strap
- V. (2) Scout Full-Body Fall Arrest Harnesses (one shown)

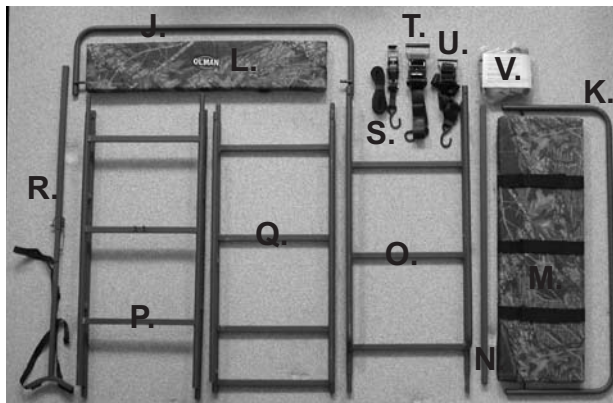


FIGURE 1

COMPONENTS OF Oi'Man Treestands 16 FT. BIG BUDDY

STEP 1: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) standing platforms (A.) (18" x 45"). With the expanded metal standing surface facing the ground as shown in Figure 2, slide the male standing platform (A.) into the female standing platform (A.) as shown in Figure 3. Using three (3) 5/16" x 2 1/2" bolts and six (6) steel washers and three (3) locking nuts, bolt the platforms together using two 13mm wrenches (not provided).

STEP 2: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the v-bar assembly (B.). With the standing platform bolted together as previously described, and the standing platform's expanded metal standing surface facing the ground as shown in Figures 2 & 3, install the v-bar assembly (B.)

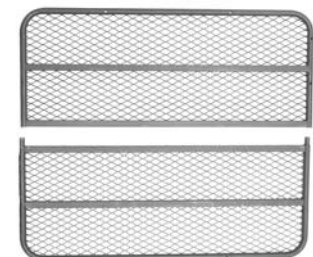


FIGURE 2
EXPANDED METAL STAND-
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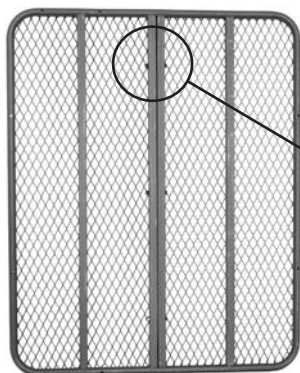


FIGURE 3
SLIDE PLATFORMS TOGETHER AND BOLT TOGETHER

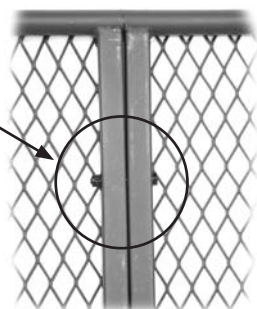


FIGURE 4
INSTALL V-BAR ASSEMBLY
ONTO STANDING PLATFORM

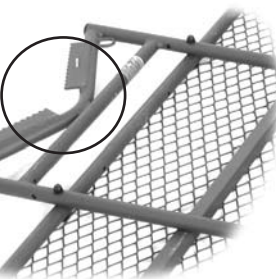


FIGURE 5
V-BAR ASSEMBLY
TEETH ORIENTATION

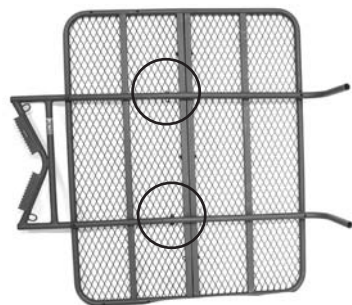


FIGURE 6
INSTALL L-LEG SUP-
PORTS

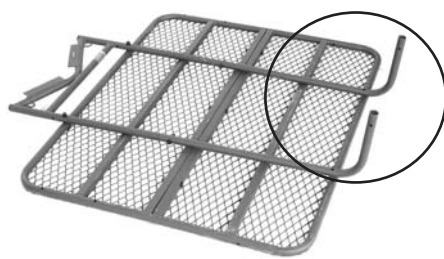


FIGURE 7
L-LEG SUPPORTS
ORIENTATION

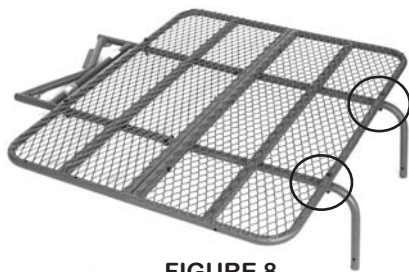


FIGURE 8
FLIP STANDING PLATFORM OVER/
BOLT L-LEG SUPPORTS TO STANDING
PLATFORM

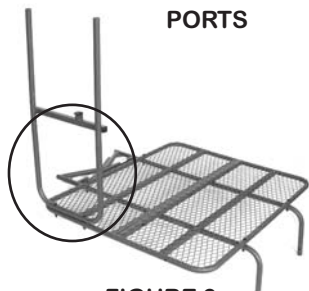


FIGURE 9
INSTALL U-BAR

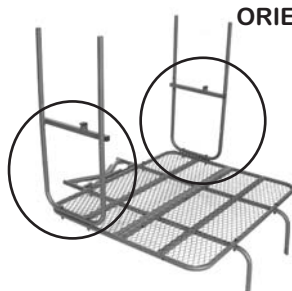


FIGURE 10
BOTH U-BARS INSTALLED



FIGURE 11
INSTALL BACKREST SUPPORT
BAR

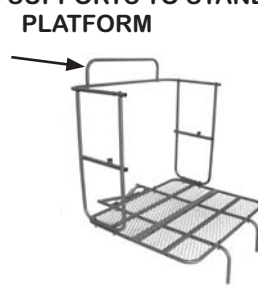


FIGURE 12
INSTALL BACKREST
SUPPORT BAR

STEP 2: (Continued) onto the standing platform (A.) as shown in Figure 4. Please note when the treestand is installed onto the tree, the teeth of the v-bar should be oriented as shown in Figure 5. Remember that Figure 5 depicts the standing platforms expanded metal surface laying on the ground. Install the v-bar assembly (B.) using two (2) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) locking nuts. NOTE: Snug the nuts, but do not tighten them fully at this point.

STEP 3: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) L-leg supports (C.). Slide the straight-ends (the ends without the bend) of the L-leg supports (C.) into the male end of the previously installed v-bar assembly (B.) as shown in Figure 6. Using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) locking nuts bolt the straight-end of the L-leg support (C.) as shown in Figure 6. Note the orientation of the L-portion of the L-leg support (C.) shown in Figure 7. NOTE: Snug the lock nuts, but do not tighten them at this point. Later on in the assembly you will install the long diagonal leg section supports (N.) to these bolts.

STEP 4: Flip the standing platform over so the L-leg supports (C.) are on the ground and the expanded metal standing surface is facing upward as shown in Figure 8. With the L-leg support (C.) installed onto the male ends of the v-bar assembly (B.), locate the two (2) bolt holes on the L-portion (bent portion) of the L-leg support (C.). Line these holes up with those of the standing platform (A.) and bolt together using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) locking nuts as shown in Figure 8. Once these bolts have been installed, go back and tighten all the previously installed bolts, washers and lock nuts from STEPS 1 through 4.

STEP 5: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) U-bars (D.). Install a U-bar (D.) onto the standing platform (A.) as shown in Figure 9 using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) lock nuts. Do not tighten the hardware completely. Repeat this STEP for the opposite U-bar (D.) installation as shown in Figure 10.

STEP 6: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the backrest support bar (E.). Install the backrest support bar (E.) using four (4) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts and four (4) steel washers as shown in Figure 11. With the backrest support bar (E.) installed, go back and tighten the hardware used to install the two (2) U-bars (D.) and the backrest support bar (E.).

STEP 7: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the short backrest support bar (F.). Install it using two (2) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts and two (2) steel washers as shown in Figure 12. Tighten the hardware. NOTE: The short backrest support bar (F.) may be installed either in an upward fashion (as shown in Figure 12) or underneath depending on your physical size and preference.



FIGURE 13
INSTALL SEATING PLATFORM



FIGURE 14
NYLON WASHER INSTALLED

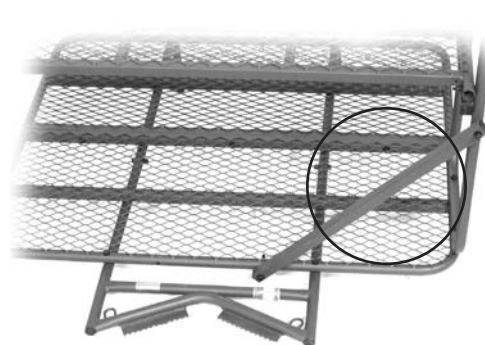


FIGURE 15
INSTALL SUPPORT BRACE

STEP 8: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the seating platform (G.). Install the seating platform (G.) as shown in Figure 13 using (2) two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers, two (2) nylon washers, and two (2) lock nuts. Be sure to place the nylon washers where friction between the moving parts might be the source of unwanted noise (Refer to Figure 14.) Note: As you tighten the hardware, the U-bars (D.) will close the gap between the seat edges and the U-bars (D.).

STEP 9: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) diagonal supports braces (H.). Install one (1) brace as shown in Figure 15 using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) lock nuts. Do not tighten completely. Repeat this STEP for the opposite side diagonal support brace (H.) as shown in Figure 16. Once both braces have been installed, you may now tighten the hardware.

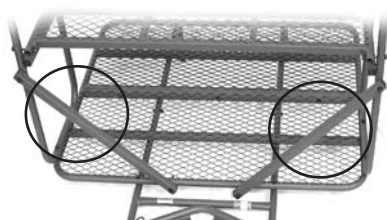


FIGURE 16
BOTH DIAGONAL SUPPORT BRACES INSTALLED

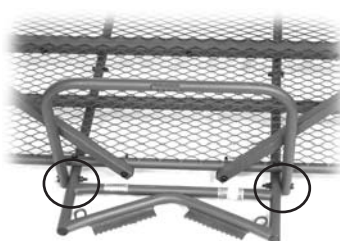


FIGURE 17
UPRIGHT TREE SUPPORT BAR INSTALLED



FIGURE 18
FOOTREST/GUN REST/SEAT PADS INSTALLED

STEP 10: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the upright tree support bar (I.). Install the upright tree support bar (I.) using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers and two (2) lock nuts as shown in Figure 17.

STEP 11: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the footrest (J.) (12" x 47"). Install it on the front of the standing platform (A.) using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers, two (2) nylon washers and two (2) lock nuts as shown in Figure 18. Be sure to place the nylon washers in between where friction between the moving parts might be the source of unwanted noise (Refer to Figure 14).

STEP 12: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the gun rest (K.) (18" x 47"). Install it on the front of the backrest support bar (E.) using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers, two (2) nylon washers and two (2) lock nuts as shown in Figure 18. Be sure to place the nylon washers in between where friction between the moving parts might be the source of unwanted noise. (Refer to Figure 14).

STEP 13: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the backrest pad (L.) and the seating platform pad (M.). Install them using the sewn-on Velcro straps as shown in Figure 18.

STEP 14: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) long diagonal leg section supports (N.) (45 1/4"). Remove the previously installed lock nut from the L-leg support (C.) underneath the standing platform. With the lock nut removed, slip one end of a long diagonal leg section support (N.) onto the outside of the bolt and replace the lock nut as shown in Figure 19. Repeat this STEP for the remaining long diagonal leg section support (N.).

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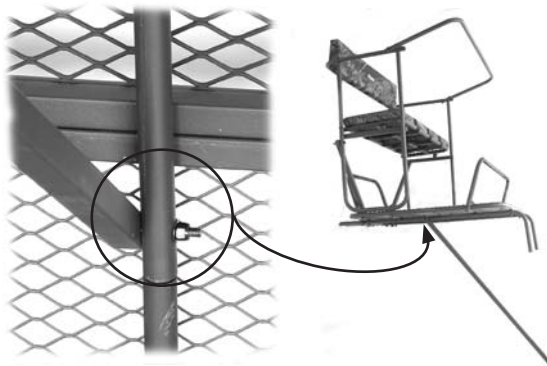


FIGURE 19
LONG DIAGONAL LEG SECTION SUP-
PORT INSTALLED ON L-LEG SUPPORT



FIGURE 20
SLIP TOP LADDER SECTION
INTO FEMALE ENDS OF L-LEG
SUPPORTS



FIGURE 21
BOLT LONG DIAGONAL
LEG SECTION SUPPORTS
TO UPPER LADDER
SECTION



FIGURE 22
SLIP TREE
STABILIZER
BAR TOGETHER



FIGURE 23
INSTALL CRISS-
CROSS SAFETY
STRAPS

STEP 15: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the upper ladder section (O.). With the long diagonal leg section supports (N.) installed onto the L-leg supports (C.) slip the male end of the upper ladder section (O.) into the female end of the L-leg supports (C.) and bolt together using two (2) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts, four (4) steel washers, and two (2) lock nuts as shown in Figure 20.

STEP 16: With the upper ladder section (O.) installed, bolt the remaining unbolted end of the long diagonal leg section supports (N.) onto the outside of the upper ladder section (O.) as shown in Figure 21 using two (2) 5/16" x 3" bolts, four (4) steel washers, and two (2) lock nuts.

STEP 17: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the middle ladder section (P.). Note that this ladder section has a bracket welded onto it for mounting the tree stabilizer bar (R.). You may want to roll the stand over on its side or back at this point. Slip the male end of the middle ladder section (P.) into the female end of the upper ladder section (O.) and secure using two (2) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts, four (4) steel washers, and two (2) lock nuts. Make sure the welded bracket is on the tree side (inside).

STEP 18: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the lower ladder section (Q.). Note: The lower ladder section (Q.) is the ladder section with one set of mounting holes on the male mating surface. The bottom section of the rungs does not have mounting holes. With the lower ladder section (Q.) located, slip the male end of the lower ladder section (Q.) into the female end of the middle ladder section (P.) and secure using two (2) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolts, four (4) steel washers, and two (2) lock nuts. Go back now and tighten all the previously installed ladder hardware.

STEP 19: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the tree stabilizer bar (R.). Please note that there are two (2) pieces that must be mated together. One section is the bar shaped like a "Y" with numerous holes drilled into the assembly. The second section, is a 27 3/4" square tube that slips over the "Y" bar. Slip these sections together and secure using the clevis pin shown in Figure 22. Install the assembled tree stabilizer bar (R.) onto the welded bracket on the middle ladder section using one (1) 5/16" x 1 3/4" bolt two (2) nylon washers, two (2) steel washers and one (1) lock nut.

STEP 20: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the two (2) criss-cross safety ratchet straps (S.). Notice that one end has a sewn-in loop. Slip this loop-end around the v-bar (B.). Insert the end of the strap that does not have a loop into the loop and pull tight as shown in Figure 23.

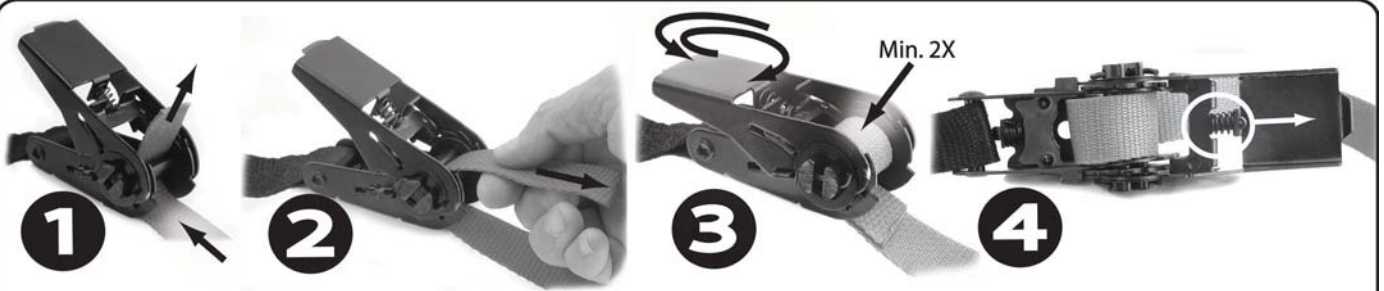
INSTALLING Ol'Man Treestands 16 FT. BIG BUDDY DELUXE



WARNING! You must have at least three (3) adults to install and/or remove this ladder treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Prior to attempting to use this or any other Ol'Man Treestands product(s) you must take a moment and become familiar with it's setup and installation at ground level. You must practice installing, setting-up and using this product(s) at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this Ol'Man Treestands product(s) setup, installation and use at ground-level - you're now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



- 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 24
THREADING RATCHET STRAPS

(Representational ratchet strap pictured. Handle configurations and webbing widths may vary.)



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 between 8- to 20-inches in diameter.

STEP 2: With the assistance of two (2) other adults (three adults total), place the base of the ladder approximately four-feet (48") from the base of the tree.



WARNING! You must check the ground under the treestand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven surfaces (e.g., one foot on a rock) can cause your ladder to tilt or shift off the tree as you climb. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT use this, or any other Ol'Man Treestands product(s) to climb utility poles, telephone poles, structural columns or any other man-made structures. Never use this or any other Ol'Man Treestands product(s) around power generation (e.g., transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!

STEP 3: With the assistance of two (2) other adults, gently stand the ladder up while the third person stands on the bottom rung, (so it does not slip) and helps lift and guide the ladder into an erect position against the tree trunk.

STEP 4: Once the ladder is leaning against the tree, step back and check the standing and seating platforms to make sure they are level. To adjust the level of these platforms, move the ladder sections either closer or further away from the tree trunk depending on the direction the platforms have to be adjusted.

STEP 5: With the standing and seating platforms now level, place your weight on the bottom rung of the lower ladder section (Q.) to firmly seat the ladder. Step back once again and check to make sure the standing platform and seating platforms are still level. If not, readjust until these platforms are level.

STEP 6: Locate the previously installed criss-cross safety ratchet straps (S.). Make sure the ratchet portion of the straps have been installed as shown in Figure 24. With the ratchets installed properly, cross the straps around the tree trunk and shown in Figure 25. Place the hook portion of the criss-cross safety ratchet strap (S.) on the fourth ladder rung up from the bottom on the lower ladder section (Q.) as shown in Figure 26. **DO NOT** tighten these ratchets yet.

STEP 7: With the standing and seating platforms level, raise and engage the tree stabilizer bar (R.) by removing the clevis pin and adjusting the tree stabilizer bars (R.) length so the "Y" portion with its teeth contact the tree trunk firmly as shown in Figure 27. Engage the 1" cam-buckle strap around the tree trunk and firmly tighten as shown in Figure 27..

STEP 8: With the tree stabilizer bar (R.) installed and tightened, ratchet the criss-cross safety ratchet straps (S.) tight. Tighten these straps until the ladder stand assembly becomes rigidly attached to the tree. **DO NOT** overtighten. Make certain the straps are straight without any twists in them.



WARNING! Prior to climbing, make sure that all the ladder sections are firmly connected and the ladder assembly is solidly secured to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Prior to attempting to climb a ladder stand for the first time, make certain the feet of the bottom rung ladder section are firmly planted on solid, level ground. If they are not firmly planted on level ground, **DO NOT** climb the ladder. With the help of three (3) adults, lower the stand and find a suitable location to safely install the ladder stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



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



FIGURE 25
INSTALL CRISS-CROSS SAFETY STRAPS



FIGURE 26
PLACE HOOKS ON LADDER RUNG



FIGURE 27
CAM BUCKLE STRAP INSTALLED

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WARNING! When climbing, always maintain three points of contact as you ascend (climb up) and while descending (climb down). Failure to maintain three points of contact puts the user at serious risk of bodily injury. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! As you approach the top of the ladder, attach your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness tether to the tree trunk as soon as possible. After your tether has been attached to the tree, attach the ratchet straps to secure the top of the stand to the tree. Do not sit or stand on the standing platform until the ratchet straps have been securely fastened. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!

STEP 9: Refer to Figure 1. Locate the 4" ratchet strap (T.) and the 3 1/4" Ratchet Strap (U.). Thread these ratchets in accordance with Figure 24.

STEP 10: With the help of two (2) other adults at the base of the ladder stand holding it steady, climb to a height that allows you to safely attach your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness tether to the tree trunk as soon as possible. After your tether has been attached to the tree trunk securing your position, attach the ratchet straps to secure the top of the stand to the tree. To install the ratchet straps, simply wrap the strap around the tree trunk and attach back to the welded receivers as shown in Figure 28. (Refer to Figure 24 for threading instructions). The larger 4" ratchet strap (T.) must be installed on the v-bar (B.) and the 3 1/4" ratchet strap must be installed on the upright tree support bar (I.). Make sure these ratchet straps are very tight. Once the ratchet straps have been installed, your treestand is now ready to use.



**FIGURE 28
RATCHET STRAPS
INSTALLED
(Criss-Cross Safety
Ratchet Straps Re-
moved for Clarity)**

TREESTAND REMOVAL



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!



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



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STEP 1: With the help of two (2) other adults at the base of the ladder stand holding it steady, climb to a height that allows you to safely attach your Scout, Inc. full-body fall arrest harness tether to the tree trunk as soon as possible. After your tether has been attached to the tree trunk, disconnect the 4" ratchet strap (T.) and the 3 1/4" ratchet strap (U.). We recommend you disconnect one side only and allow the ratchets straps to hang down.

STEP 2: Disconnect your tether and climb back down to the ground. Remove the criss-cross safety ratchet straps (S.) and disconnect the tree stabilizer bar (R.). With the help of two (2) other adults, gently lower the treestand to the ground.

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.



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