Instruction and Safety Manual

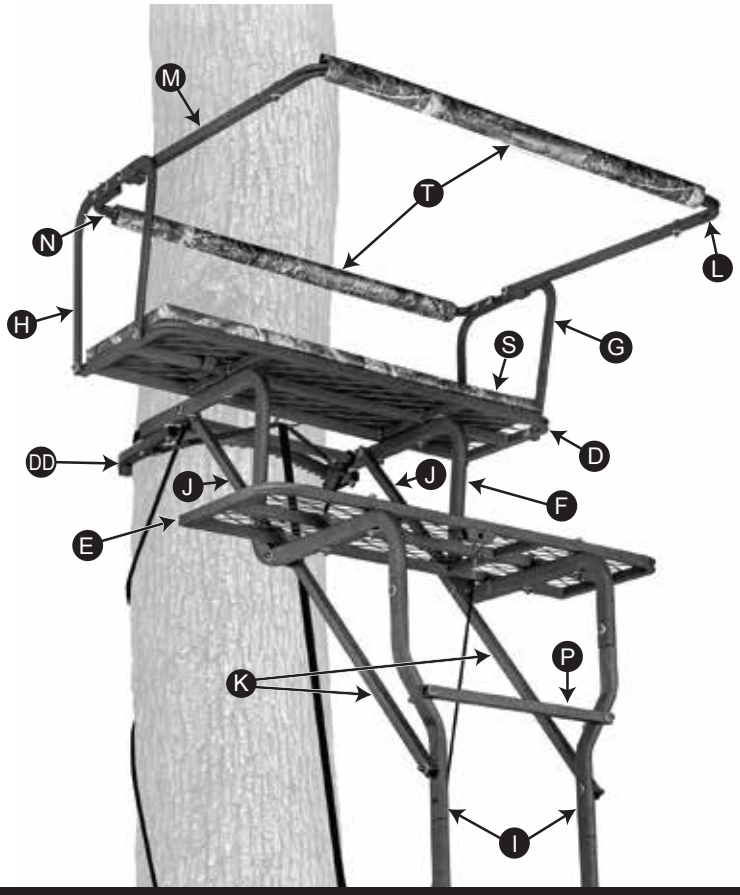
15’ Bloodhound Two-Person Jaw & Truss Ladder Stand

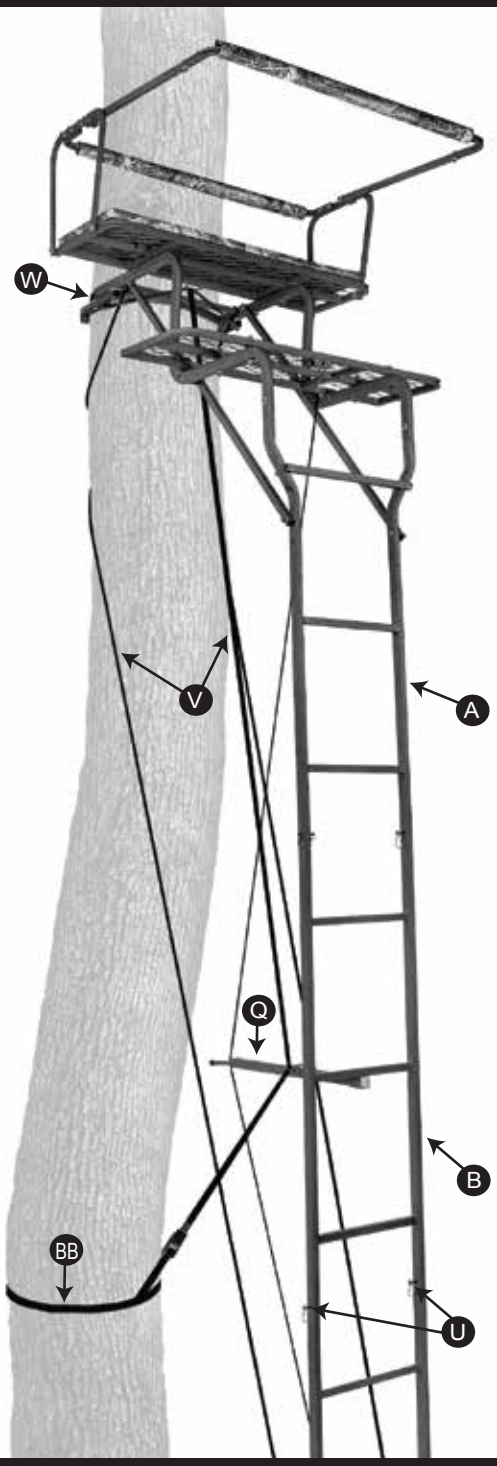
MODEL: OT-400

- **Always Wear a Safety Harness with this Product**
- **Practice Using at Ground Level**
- **Weight Limit: 500 lbs. Two Persons, 300 lbs. Single Person**
- **Tree Size: 9”-18” diameter**

Thank you very much for choosing

We appreciate your business!





⚠ WARNING SAFETY MUST BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY WITH THIS PRODUCT

Every year serious injury or death can occur from hunting related accidents. To ensure your safety, please **COMPLETELY** read and follow this safety manual and **ALL WARNING** labels BEFORE assembling, installing or utilizing this product.

DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT BEFORE FULLY UNDERSTANDING ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS. If you have questions, are unsure about any information or need additional information concerning your product, contact our customer service department at (601) 932-5832 or visit **www.olmanoutdoors.com.**

Keep and maintain this safety and instruction manual in a safe location for future reference.

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Treestand Safety Warnings

Please read the following instruction manual and warnings labels completely before utilizing this product. Failure to understand and execute the instructions and warnings may result in serious injury or death. In the event of an accident, have a plan for rescue, including the use of devices that may be easily reached while suspended.

When hunting from, installing, or removing a treestand, tripod or tower, falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death

ALWAYS read and understand all warnings and instructions. Watch the Safety Video through the QR Code located on the product and packaging in its entirety before doing anything with this product including assembly, installation etc. before each use of this product. Failure to read and understand all warnings and instructions and QR Code material may result in serious injury or death. Contact a Customer Service Representative with any questions you may have.

NEVER exceed the total weight limit of **500 lbs**. **DO NOT** use if your combined weight with all of your individual hunting gear and any accessories exceeds **500 lbs.** Use of tree stand over the weight limit may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER use, install, or remove a treestand, tripod or tower while using drugs (even prescription drugs) or alcohol. Use of tree stand while under the influence of any of these substances may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER use, install or remove a treestand, tripod or tower during inclement weather such as rain, lightning, windstorms or icy conditions and end your hunt and return to the ground if inclement conditions arise. **DO NOT** use tree stand during thunderstorms, snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes or any other weather conditions that include (but not limited to) lightning, icy conditions, or high winds that could create slippery or dangerous situations. End your hunt and return to the ground if inclement weather conditions arise.

NEVER use, install or remove a treestand, tripod or tower when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem. i.e., heart condition, joints that lock - up, spinal fusions, etc. or if you are not well rested. i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up spinal fusions, etc., or if you are not well rested and alert. Physical ailments can reduce your ability to safely install, utilize, and remove your treestand. Please consult a physician prior to use.

NEVER use this tree stand if you have a history of health problems such as (but not limited to) heart problems, back problems, high blood pressure, impaired vision, equilibrium impairments, are afraid of heights, have been advised by a doctor or physician not to climb, if you are not physically fit, well rested, and alert, or if you have any other physical or mental condition that would impair your ability to properly use this treestand.

NEVER use, install or remove a treestand on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree or on a utility pole as the tree may fall, break, or uproot and may result in serious injury or death. **NEVER** rely on a branch for support.

NEVER jump or bounce on the treestand's platform or ladder sections to seat it to the tree. Instead, step firmly on the first rung of the bottom ladder section to set the ladder into the ground before proceeding to climb the ladder.

NEVER transport any of your equipment with yourself while ascending or descending the tree. You will need to have two hands free during ascending and descending for safety. Use a haul line to pull up your firearm (unloaded, chamber opened with safety lock engaged, barrel facing towards the ground), bows, arrows, knives or any other equipment to your tree stand once you have reached your desired hunting height. **ONLY** pull up hunting equipment after the tree stand has been secured to the tree and after you and your harness have been secured to the tree. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree from which you are climbing. Make sure that the unloaded firearm's safety lock is engaged and the gun barrel is pointing towards the ground.

ALWAYS hunt with a plan and a buddy. Before you leave home, let others know your exact location, when you plan to return and who is with you.

ALWAYS carry emergency signal devices such as a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, signal flare, PLD (personal location device) and flashlight with you at all times and within reach even while you are suspended in your harness. Watch for changing weather conditions. In the event of an accident, remain calm and seek help immediately.

ALWAYS inspect the tree stand and the **F**all **A**rrest **S**ystem (FAS) (Harness) for signs of wear or damage **BEFORE** each use. Also inspect to ensure that nuts and bolts are secure. Pay special attention to the harness and straps, guaranteeing that nothing has been frayed or severed. Destroy all products that cannot be repaired by the manufacturer. Contact a Customer Service Representative for replacement parts. The Fall Arrest System **MUST** be discarded and replaced after a fall has occurred.

DO NOT ATTACH YOUR FULL BODY HARNESS TO YOUR TREESTAND.

NEVER modify your treestand, tripod, or tower in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer. Improper installation or adjustment may cause serious injury or death. Remove all contents from box. Inspect for any damaged or missing parts. If any parts are missing or damaged, you must only use certified replacement parts. Using any other replacement parts will void product warranty. **THERE ARE NO EXTRA PARTS**. All parts **MUST** be used to ensure the safety of you and your stand. If you think parts are missing or damaged, **STOP IMMEDIATELY** and contact our Customer Service Department. Using the tree stand with missing or damaged parts may result in serious injury or death. **DO NOT** return this product to the retailer. Contact a Customer Service Representative if you have any missing, damaged or extra parts.

ALWAYS keep instructions in a safe place and review before each use. It is the responsibility of the treestand, tripod or tower owner to furnish the complete instructions to any person that who borrows or purchases the treestand, tripod, or tower. The QR Code located on your product and packaging is linked to a treestand hunting video. View it in it's entirety prior to using this product.

NEVER use this treestand for any use other than hunting. Our treestands are designed for hunters to wear a Full Body Harness. If you are not completely comfortable and confident with your ability to safely install, ascend, hunt and descend using a Full Body Safety Harness and this treestand, **DO NOT PROCEED.**

- **NEVER** use this treestand for trimming trees.
- **NEVER** fall asleep in your stand as you may fall out resulting in serious injury or death.
- **ALWAYS** be sure to re-tighten all bolts **BEFORE** each new use of treestand.
- **ALWAYS** have a minimum of three people present when installing or removing this treestand.

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Treestand Safety Warnings

PRACTICE installing, adjusting, removing and using your treestand at ground level prior to using it at elevated positions.

ALWAYS Inspect the treestand, tripod or tower and all safety devices each time before use and do not store a treestand outdoors.

ALWAYS check the ground below the tree stand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven terrain (one side of a rock or root) can cause your tree stand to tilt or shift.

ALWAYS maintain three points of contact when climbing the tree stand. (Two feet and one hand ***or*** one foot and two hands.)

ALWAYS lean forward as you climb and attach your harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform.

NEVER leave a treestand in a tree for more than two weeks since weather or animals may cause damage. Tree growth can also cause stress and damage straps and buckles that may not be visible or obvious to the ordinary eye.

NEVER wear jewelry or loose fitting clothing, which can cause hazardous conditions. Clothing may be caught in your equipment and cause you to fall. You must always wear non-slip or rubber boots. Shoelaces must be tucked into your boots. Rings and necklaces **MUST NOT** be worn.

NEVER use this treestand with a second person. The treestand is designed for use by **ONE** person.

NEVER let children use this treestand without adult supervision. This treestand is not a toy. No one under the age of 18 should attempt to use this product without direct adult supervision.

DO NOT use tree stand if any nuts or bolts or parts are loose, bent, or crooked.

ALWAYS know your physical limitations. Don't take chances. If you start thinking about how high you are, don't go any higher. Instead, choose a minimum height that will allow for safe, effective and comfortable hunting.

ALWAYS lean ***forward towards the tree*** as you climb and attach your harness to the tree **BEFORE** securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. **NEVER** lean out from the treestand for any reason.

ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) (Harness) consisting of a full body safety harness when using, installing, or removing a treestand. A Full Body Harness that meets the requirements of ASTM Test Method F2337 MUST always be connected to yourself and the tree during ascending, hunting and descending. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using climbing treestands, and while using, installing, or removing hang - on treestands. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should NEVER be used. If you are not wearing a Full Body Harness properly attached to the tree when using, installing, or removing a treestand, that is protecting you from a fall, DO NOT leave the ground. Failure to wear your Full Body Harness may result in serious injury or death. Be aware that falls can occur at anytime after leaving the ground.

ALWAYS read and understand the manufacturer's Warnings, expiration date (if applicable) and instructions on how to use and how to properly adjust the harness. Practice the use of a full body safety 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 harness instructions may result in not being able to return to the stand and being suspended in a harness after a fall, or serious injury or possibly death. If the hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you **MUST** have a personal plan for rescue/escape because prolonged suspension in a harness may 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 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 recovery/escape plan for your situation before leaving the ground.

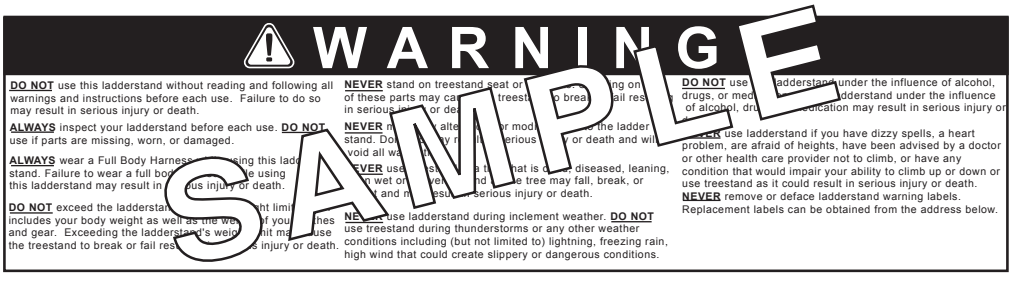
ALWAYS have a suspension relief device on your person and readily accessible while using a harness. These devices allow the user to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a harness and help maintain circulation in the legs, mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling) or allow descent to the ground. Several optional products/systems are available that offer self-recovery or self-extraction from a fall when suspended in a harness. Some systems automatically descend the user while others allow user control. One of these products/systems can be considered for use as an additional safety precaution against prolonged suspension and suspension trauma. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' instructions on the safe use of these products/systems.

Hunt from the ground when self-recovery escape is absent. 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."** Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan.

NEVER allow the tether strap to get under your chin or around your neck. The length of the harness tether **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.

NEVER remove any safety warning stickers from this product.

Safety must be your first priority during the use of this product.



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Choosing A Safe Tree

- **ALWAYS** thoroughly inspect the tree before installing your product. **DO NOT** install your **TREE/LADDER STAND** onto any dead or unsafe tree, telephone or utility pole, structural column, or man-made structure. Doing so may result in serious injury or death.

- **ALWAYS** select the proper tree for use with your **TREE/LADDER STAND**. Select a live straight tree that fits within size limits recommended (minimum tree diameter must be no less than 9 inches and maximum of 18 inches.). **DO NOT** rely on a branch for support.

- **DO NOT** select a tree in the dark or choose a tree in close proximity to a fence. You must not have any stumps or rocks beneath your tree.

- **NEVER** use **TREE/LADDER STAND** on a tree that is dead, diseased , leaning or on wet and uneven ground as the tree may fall, break or uproot.

- Your tree must not be wet, icy or slippery or on wet, swampy, or loose ground that allows the tree to be unstable. Check the ground under **TREE/LADDER STAND** to ensure it is firm and level.

- Be sure you have a level stand platform. Your tree must not lean or have any irregular shape.

- Tree must not have any loose or scaly bark or excessive vines, nails, screws, or any other sharp objects protruding that may sever webbing on product. Any surrounding trees must not lean or have dead limbs that may fall onto you or your product.

- **NEVER HURRY!! HURRYING CAUSES ACCIDENTS!!** While climbing a **TREE/LADDER STAND**, make slow, even movements no more than ten to twelve inches at a time. Make sure you have proper contact with tree and/or **TREE/LADDER STAND** every time you move. On ladder tree stand, **ALWAYS** maintain three points of contact with each step up the ladder and **ALWAYS** lean forward as you climb.

Several treestands are equipped with a footrest, armrests and/or shooting rail. Neither the footrest, armrests nor the shooting rail have been designed to support a user's weight. Under **NO** circumstances should you place more than fifteen (15) pounds of weight on these structures. Doing so will put the user in serious risk of injury or death.

Proper Care And Maintenance:

- Inspection for defects (damage, rot, corrosion, cracks, freezing, excessive heat, etc.) before every use is required. Do not use if damage is detected or suspected.

- We recommend replacing all hardware/cables/nuts/bolts/clips on your tree stand every two (2) years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary. Use only Ol' Man Treestands approved replacement straps and parts. Use of any other straps or parts, will be viewed as a modification to the product. Any modification will void the warranties and relieve Ol' Man Treestands from all liabilities. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- **DO NOT** overtighten the hardware. **DO NOT** use a socket wrench. This can lead to structural damage and may negatively affect the performance of your stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- All photos are taken from the front view unless otherwise noted.

- In most cases, bolts come with two nylon washers. One washer will be placed against the bolt head the other washer will be placed against the nut.

ATTENTION

YOU MUST READ ALL WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND WATCH THIS SAFETY VIDEO BEFORE USING!

WATCH THIS SAFETY VIDEO BEFORE USING!

Scan

or Visit **www.standsafety.com/mn4**

Scan the QR code with your smart phone, tablet or similar device.

OR

Type the website address into your web browser to view an important safety video before using this product.

JAW LADDER STAND SAFETY

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OL'MAN TREESTANDS

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- Practice Using at Ground Level
- Weight Limit: 500 lbs.
- Tree Size: 9"-18" diameter

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MODEL: OT-400

PARTS LIST

A	1	Top Ladder Section	Part # OTTL-400
B	1	Middle Ladder Section	Part # OTML-400
C	1	Bottom Ladder Section	Part # OTBL-400
D	1	Seat Platform	Part # OTSP-400
E	1	Foot Platform	Part # OTFP-400
F	2	Handle Rail	Part # OTHR-400
G	1	Right Armrest	Part # OTRA-400
H	1	Left Armrest	Part # OTLA-400
I	2	Ladder Yoke	Part # OTLY-400
J	2	Upper Platform Support	Part # OTUPS-400
K	2	Lower Platform Support	Part # OTLPS-400
L	1	Shooting Rail	Part # OTSR-400
M	2	Shooting Rail Extender	Part # OTSRX-400
N	1	Backrest	Part # OTBR-400
O	1	Tree Brace	Part # OTTB-400
P	1	Top Step	Part # OTTS-400
Q	1	Truss Bar	Part # OTTA-100
S	1	Seat Cushion	Part # OTSC-400
T	2	Shooting Rail Cover	Part # OTSRC-400
Z	1	Truss Cable	Part # OTTC-400
DD	1	Left Ladder Jaw	Part # OTLLJ-202
EE	1	Right Ladder Jaw	Part # OTRLJ-202
[NP]	2	Harness	Part # 2025

HARDWARE BOX P/N 400H

U	4	M6 Quickclip	Part # OTQC-1615
V	2	Installation Strap	Part # OTIS-100
W	1	Ratchet Strap	Part # OTRS-100
Y	1	Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap	Part # OTHJS-202
AA	1	Jaw Assembly Vertical Strap	Part # OTVJS-400
BB	1	Jaw Assembly Tree Buckle	Part # OTTB-202
CC	1	Jaw Assembly Ratchet Strap	Part # OTRS-200
90	2	M8x90mm Bolt w/3 washers	Part # 1291
85	4	M8x85mm Bolt	Part # 1285
75	10	M8x75mm Bolt	Part # 1275
55	4	M8x55mm Bolt	Part # 1255
45	3	M8x45mm Bolt	Part # 1245
45	8	M6x45mm Bolt	Part # 1045
46	2	M6x45mm Bolt w/ 3 washers	Part # 1048
30	4	M6x30mm Bolt	Part # 1030
25	2	M6x25mm Bolt	Part # 1025

[NP] = *NOT PICTURED IN THIS MANUAL*

A Top Ladder Section (1)

B Middle Ladder Section (1)

C Bottom Ladder Section (1)

D Seat Platform (1)

E Foot Platform (1)

J Upper Platform Support (2) 23 1/4"

F Handle Rails (2)

G-H Left and Right Armrest (1)

M Shooting Rail Extender (2)

O Tree Connection Brace (1)

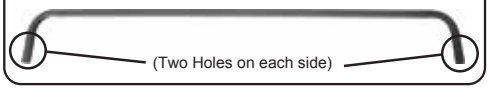
I Ladder Yoke (2)

K Lower Platform Support (2) 31"

L Shooting Rail (1)

P Step (1)

N Backrest (1)



Q Truss Bar (1)

S Seat Cushion (1)

DD Left Ladder Jaw (1)

AA Jaw Assembly Vertical Strap (1)

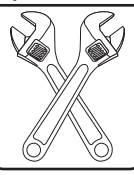
BB Jaw Assembly Tree Buckle (1)

CC Jaw Assembly Ratchet Strap (1)

EE Right Ladder Jaw (1)

T Rail Cover (2)

Tools Required
Adjustable Wrench



U M6 Quickclip (4)

V Installation Straps (2)

W Ratchet Strap (1)

Y Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap (1)

Z Truss Cable (1)

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Remove all contents from packaging and make sure all parts are present before attempting to assemble.

Tighten all bolt connections by hand first and then when fully assembled, go back and tighten with a wrench.

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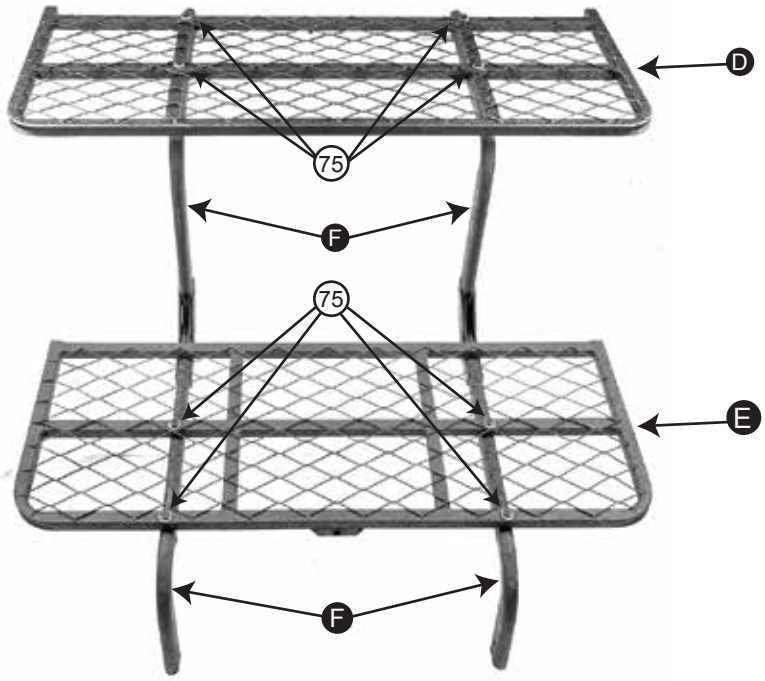

1 Attach Foot Platform Ⓔ to lower portion of Handle Rails Ⓕ using ***4 - M8x75mm bolts*** (75).
Attach Seat Platform Ⓓ to upper portion of Handle Rails Ⓕ using ***4 - M8x75mm bolts*** (75).

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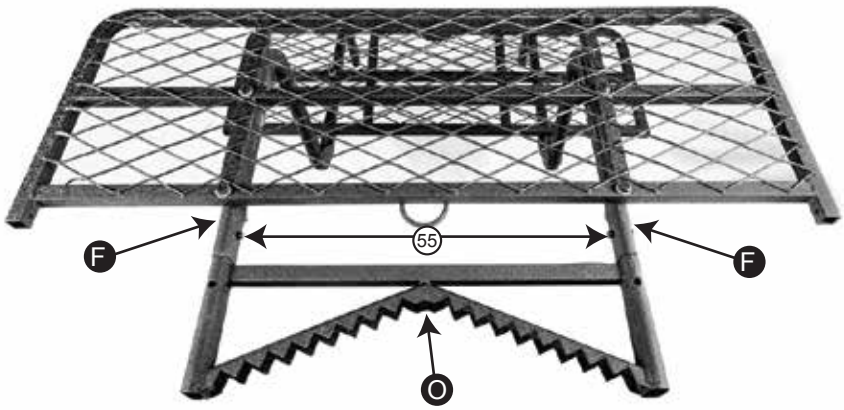

2 Attach Tree Connection Brace Ⓞ to the top of each Handle Rail Ⓕ at the rear most hole using ***2 - M8x55mm bolts*** (55)**. Do Not Tighten Bolts**

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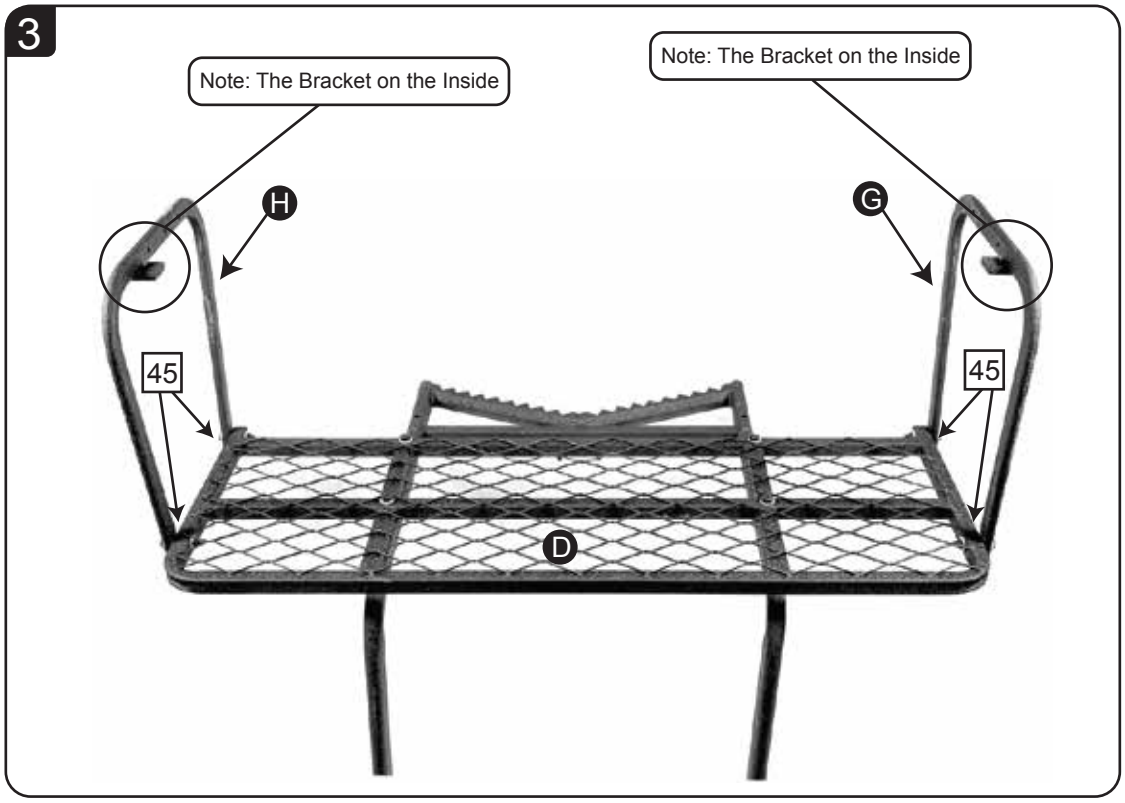
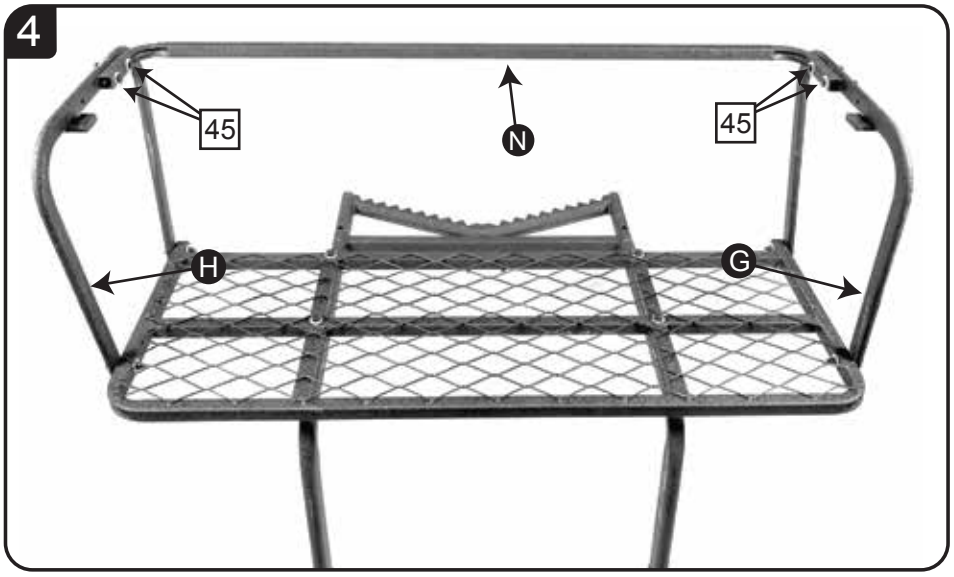


3 Attach Left Armrest Ⓖ to the outside of Seat Platform Ⓓ using ***2 - M6x45mm bolts*** 45.
Attach Right Armrest Ⓗ to the outside of Seat Platform Ⓓ using ***2 - M6x45mm bolts*** 45.
NOTE: The Bracket on each Armrest MUST be on the INSIDE of the frame.



4 There are **THREE** holes on top of the Armrest. Attach Backrest Ⓝ to **REARMOST** holes of Armrests Ⓖ and Ⓗ using ***2 - M6x45mm bolts*** 45 on each side.
DO NOT ATTACH TO THE FRONT HOLE. THIS HOLE IS WHERE THE SHOOTING RAIL WILL ATTACH.

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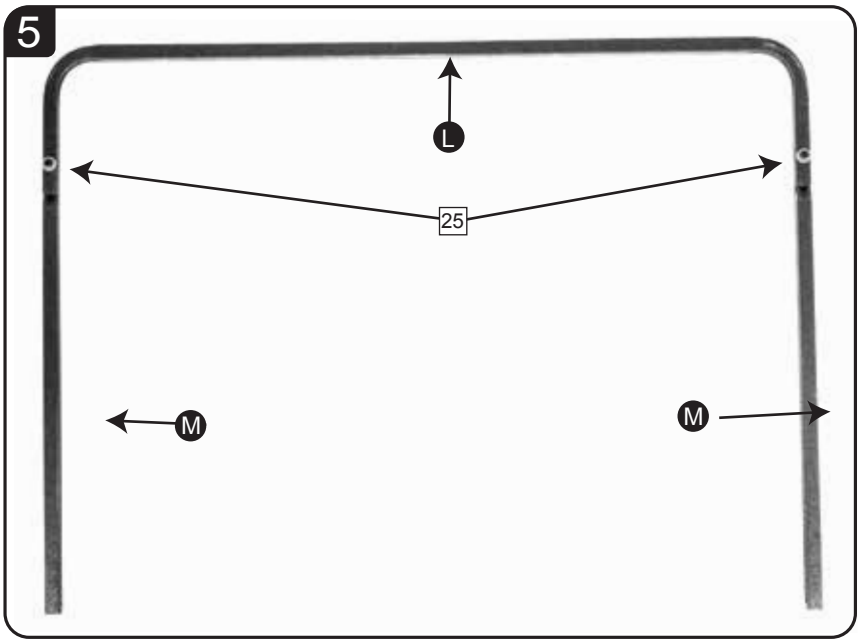
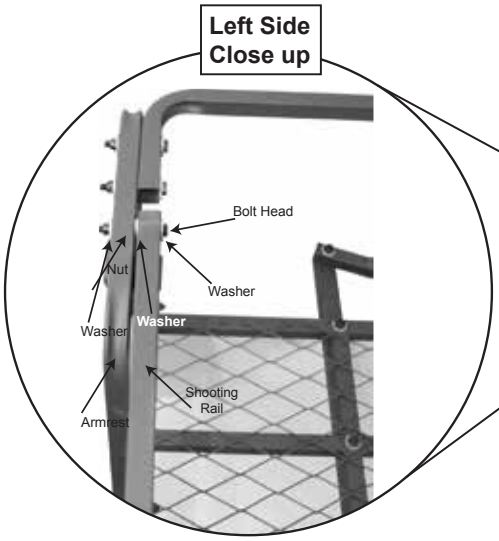
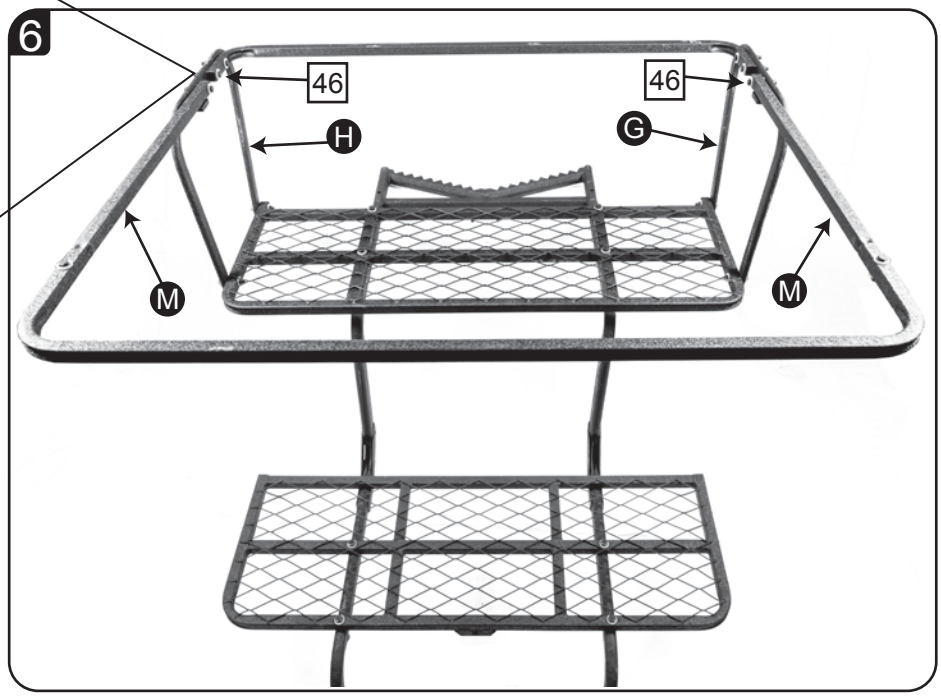


5 Insert each Shooting Rail Extender (M) into Shooting Rail (L) and secure with ***1-M6x25mm bolt*** [25] on each side.





6 Attach Shooting Rail Extenders (M) to the front hole on each Armrest (G) and (H) using ***1-M6x45mm bolt w/3 washers*** [46] on each side.

(See adjacent photo for proper installation order).

A washer will be placed against the bolt head, between the front vertical support, the shooting rail, and the nut.

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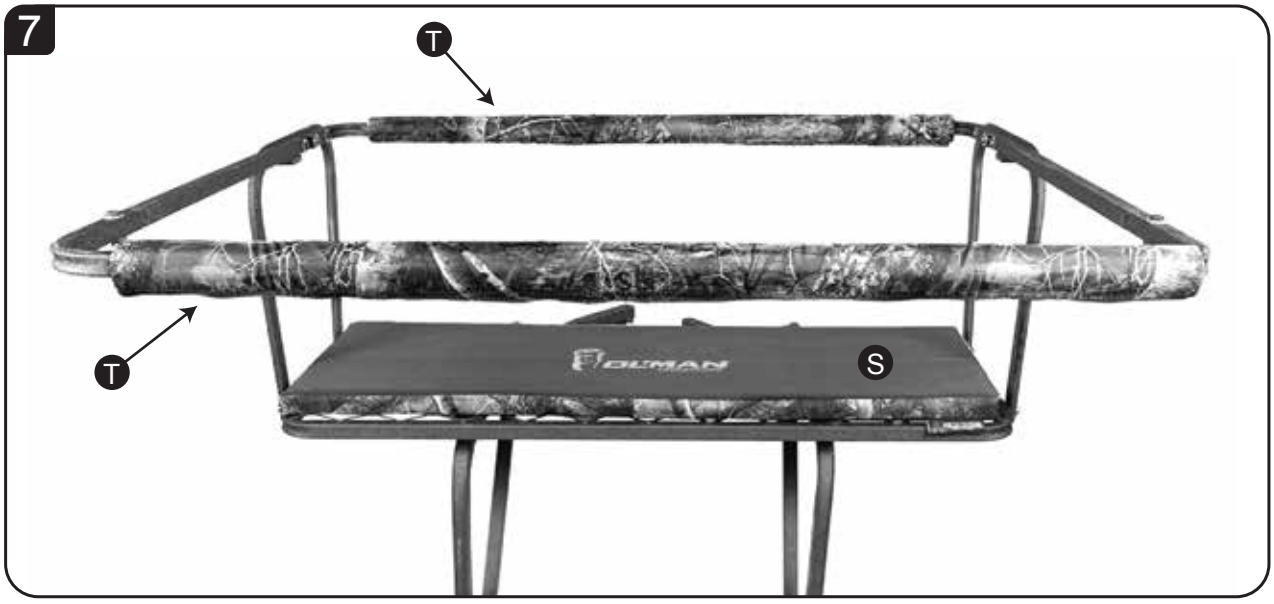
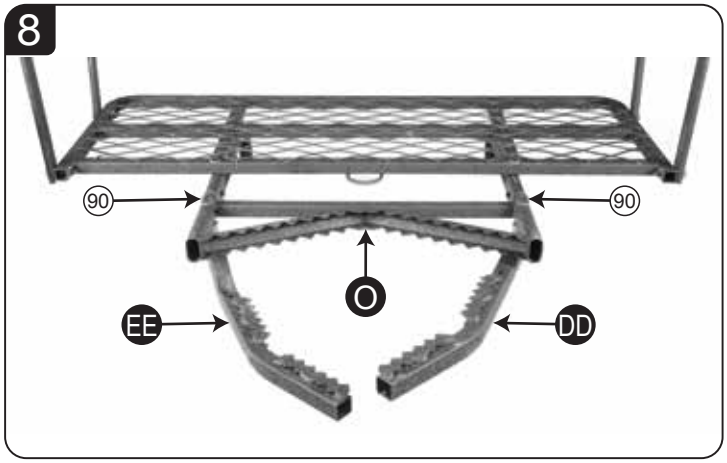
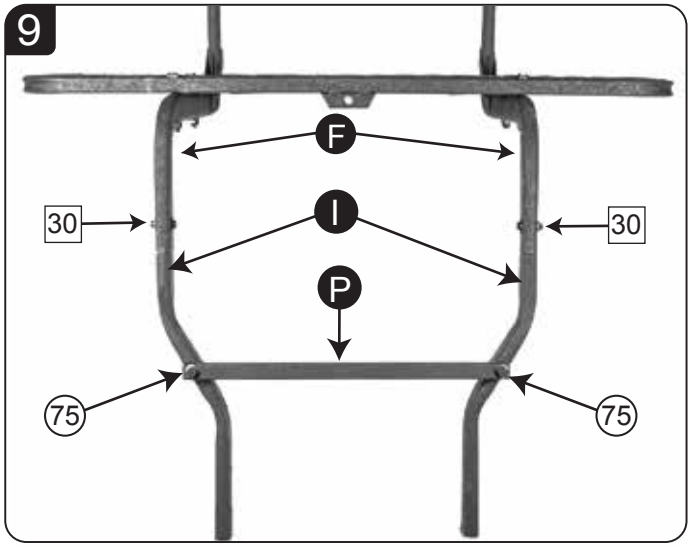


7 Attach Rail Covers (T) to Backrest (N) and Shooting Rail (L).
Attach Seat Cushion (S) to Seat Platform (D).



8 Attach Left Ladder Jaw (DD) and Right Ladder Jaw (EE) to the Tree Connection Brace (O) using ***2-M8x90mm bolts with spacers*** (90) on each side.
Note: Spacers fit in between Ladder Jaw and Tree Connection Brace.



9 Attach Step (P) to both Ladder Yoke (I) and secure with ***1-M8x75mm bolt*** (75) on each side.
Insert Ladder Yoke (I) into Handle Rails (F) and secure with ***1-M6x30mm bolt*** [30] on each side.

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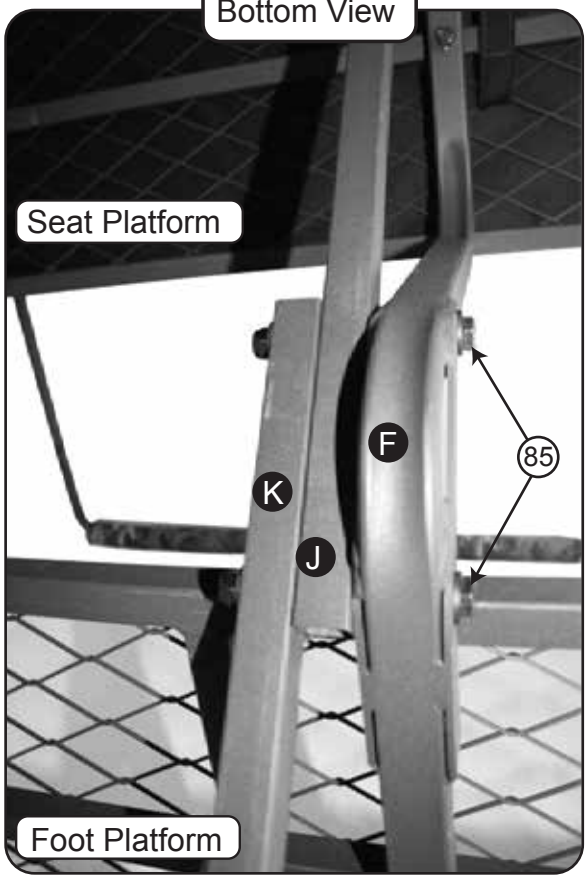
Side View



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Attach the single holed end of Upper Platform Support (J) to the **INSIDE** of Handle Rail (F) underneath Seat Platform (D) using ***1-M8x55mm Bolt*** (55)***.***

Insert ***2-M8x85mm Bolts*** (85) through Upper Platform Support (J) and Handle Rail (F). **DO NOT TIGHTEN NUTS.**

Attach the double holed end of Lower Platform Support (K) to the Handle Rail (F)***.*** **NOW TIGHTEN NUTS TO BOLTS**.

Attach Lower Platform Support (K) to **OUTSIDE** of Ladder Yoke (I) using ***1-M8x55mm Bolt*** (55). **Now tighten all *4-M8x85mm Bolts*** (85)***.***

NOTE: The Upper Platform Supports will be between the Lower Platform Supports and the Handle Rails.

Repeat for other side.
(See Bottom View of Right Side Handle Rail for Proper Order).

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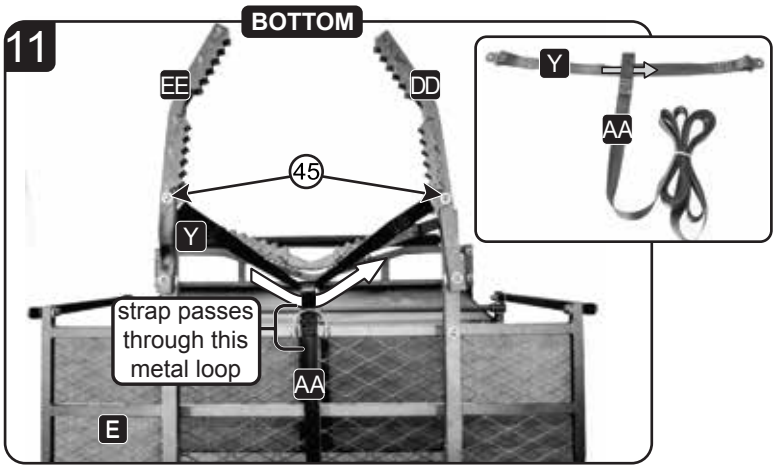
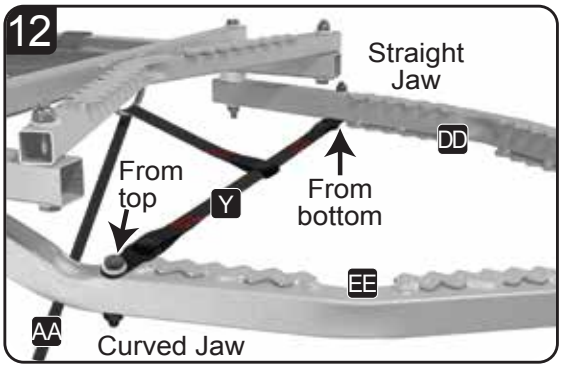


11 Carefully tilt ladder stand assembly forward so that the bottom is facing forward and the rear is facing upward. With Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap Y passed through the top loop of Vertical Jaw Assembly Strap AA , connect the two right/left ends of the Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap Y to Left Ladder Jaw DD and Right Ladder Jaw EE using ***2-M8x45mm bolts*** (45)**.** Check to make sure that Vertical Jaw Assembly Strap AA is passing through the metal loop on the bottom of the Foot Platform Assembly E (as shown above).



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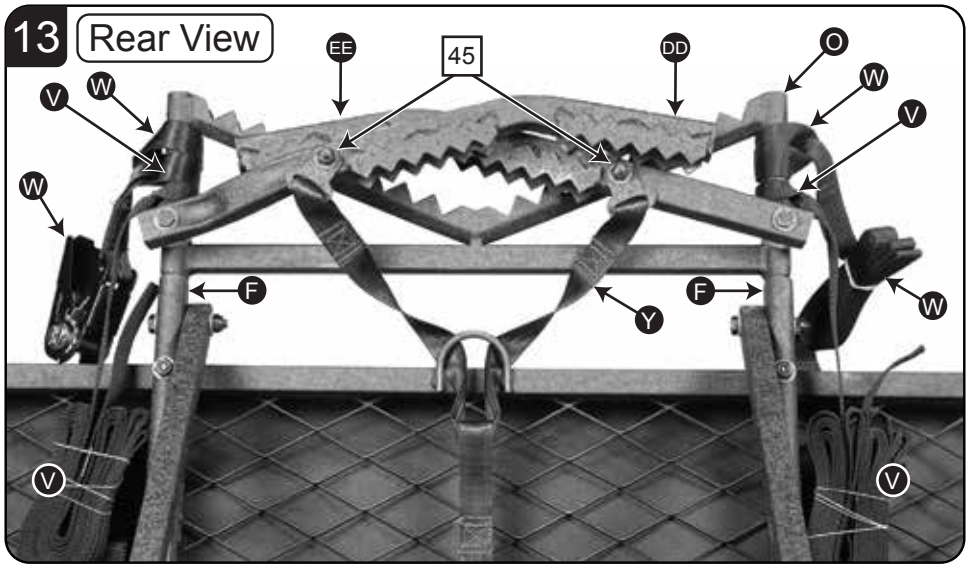
NOTE: When fastening the Horizontal Jaw Strap Y to the Jaws, the bolts must be inserted as follows.

Right Jaw (curved) EE - Insert ***1-M8x45mm bolt*** (45) through the Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap fastener and then through the top of the Right Jaw EE.

Straight Jaw (straight) DD - Insert ***1-M8x45mm bolt*** (45) through the Horizontal Jaw Assembly Strap fastener and then through the bottom of the Straight Jaw DD.



13 Attach Ratchet Straps V on either outer side of the Tree Brace O **(See Ratchet Strap Instructions for correct weaving).**

Attach Installation Straps W on either outer side of the Tree Brace O just behind the ratchet straps V (as shown above) **(See Installation Strap instructions for correct weaving).**

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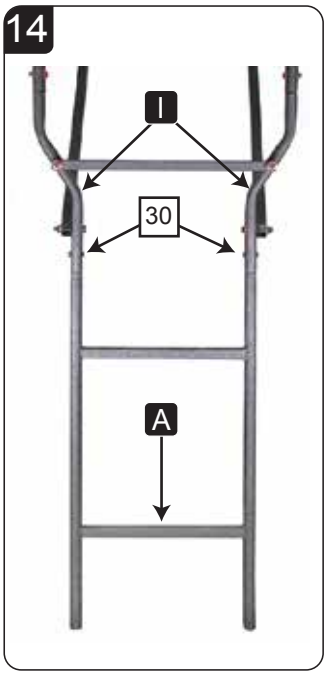
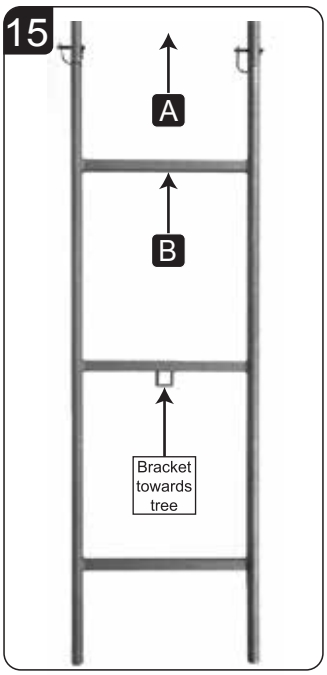
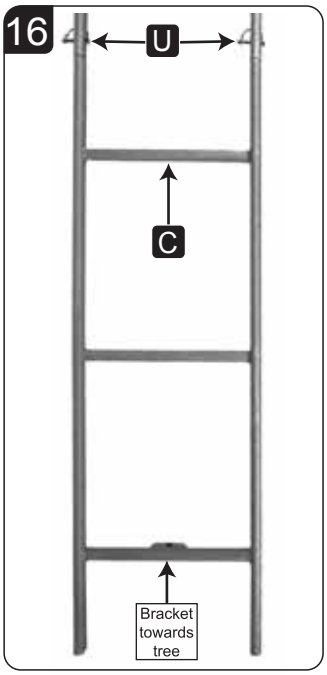


14 Slide Top Ladder Section A into Yokes I and insert ***1-M6x30mm Bolt*** 30 in each side to secure. Make sure the sleeves are pointing towards the ground.



15 Insert straight end of Ladder Section B into sleeved end of Ladder Section A.



16 Insert ***1 - M6 Quickclip*** U through the hole on the sleeve and through the ladder sections on each side of the ladder. Close the quickclips to secure the ladder sections together.

NOTE

The Stabilizer Sleeve on Ladder section B and the Truss Cable eyelet hole on ladder Section C MUST be facing towards the tree.

⚠ WARNING

MAKE SURE ALL BOLTS ARE TIGHT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO INSTALLATION

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Installation Strap Instructions

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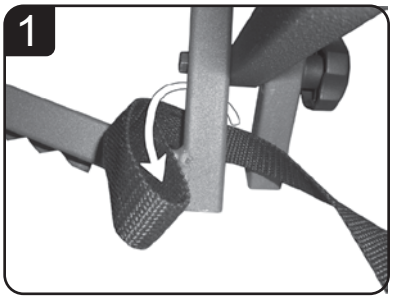
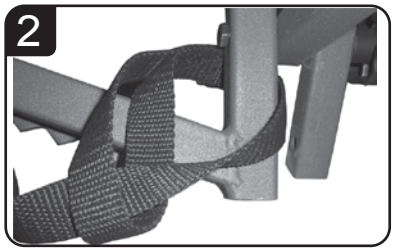
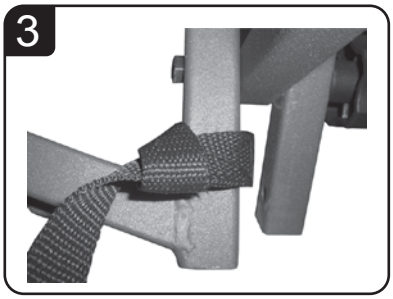


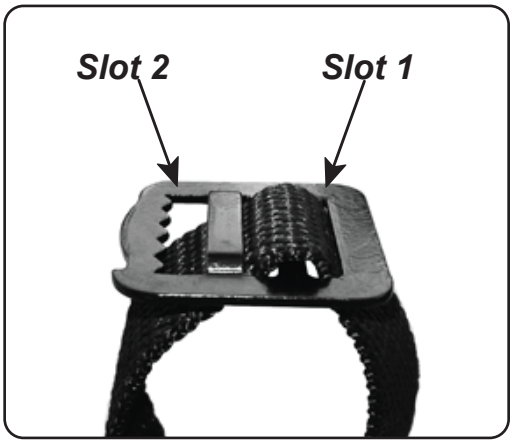
1 Place looped end of strap under platform.

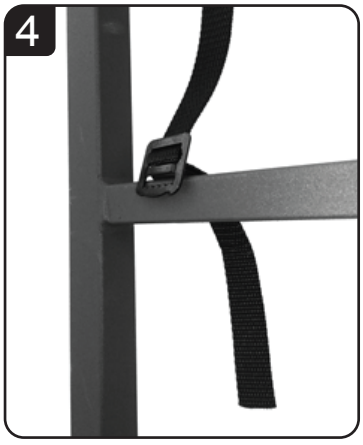


2 Insert end of strap through the loop.



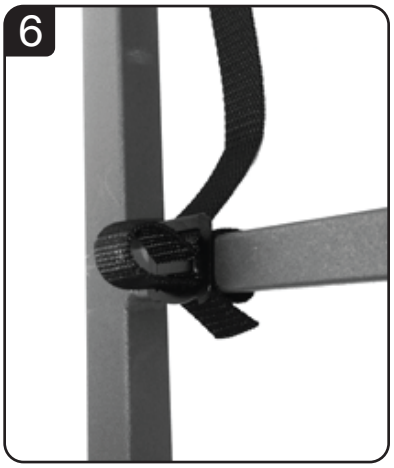
3 Pull to tighten. Continue with these steps to install the other strap on the other side of the platform.





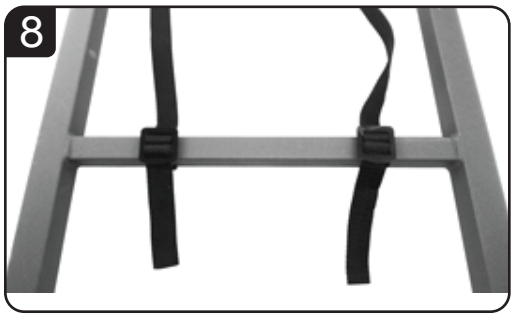
4 Place loose end of strap with clip, under the top rung of the bottom ladder section.

5 Insert the strap through Slot 1 on the clip.



6 Insert the strap through the Slot 2 with the teeth.

7 Pull strap to tighten.



8 Slide the buckles out to the sides to create tension on the straps.

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Ratchet Strap Instructions

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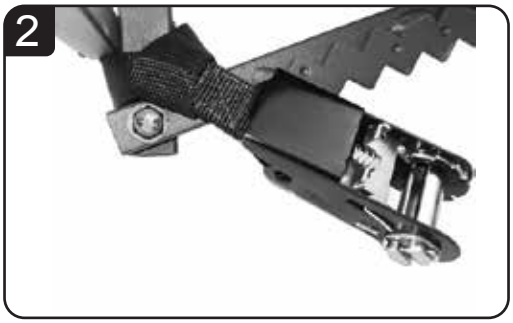
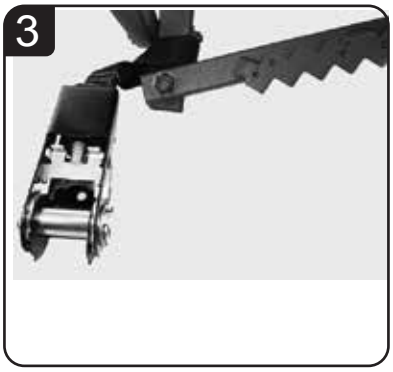
1 Place looped end of Ratchet under platform.

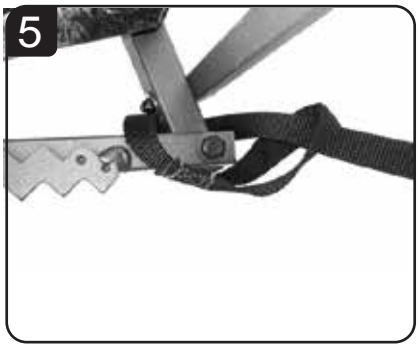


2 Insert Ratchet through loop.

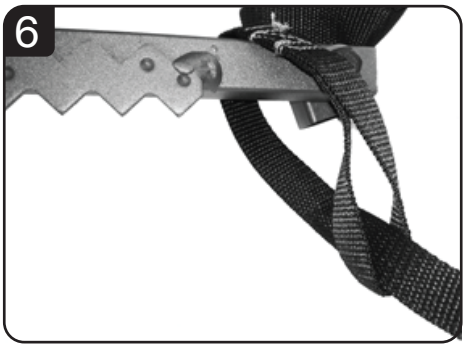


3 Pull to tighten.

4 Place looped end of strap under platform.



5 Insert strap through loop.



6 Pull to tighten.

YOU **MUST** READ AND FOLLOW **ALL** INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

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Truss Assembly Instructions

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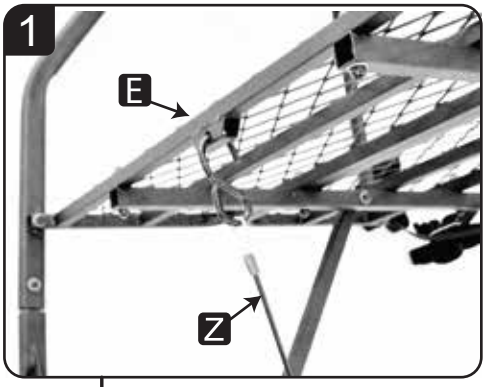
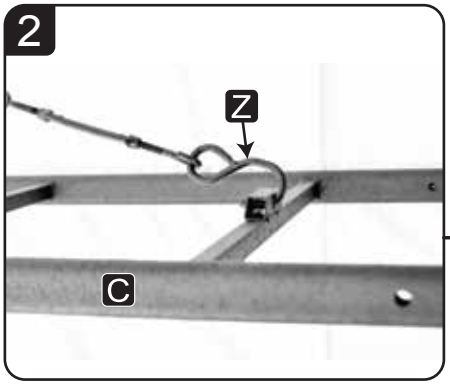


1 Carefully lay fully assembled Ladder Stand front ladder side down so that the tree attachment side is facing upward.

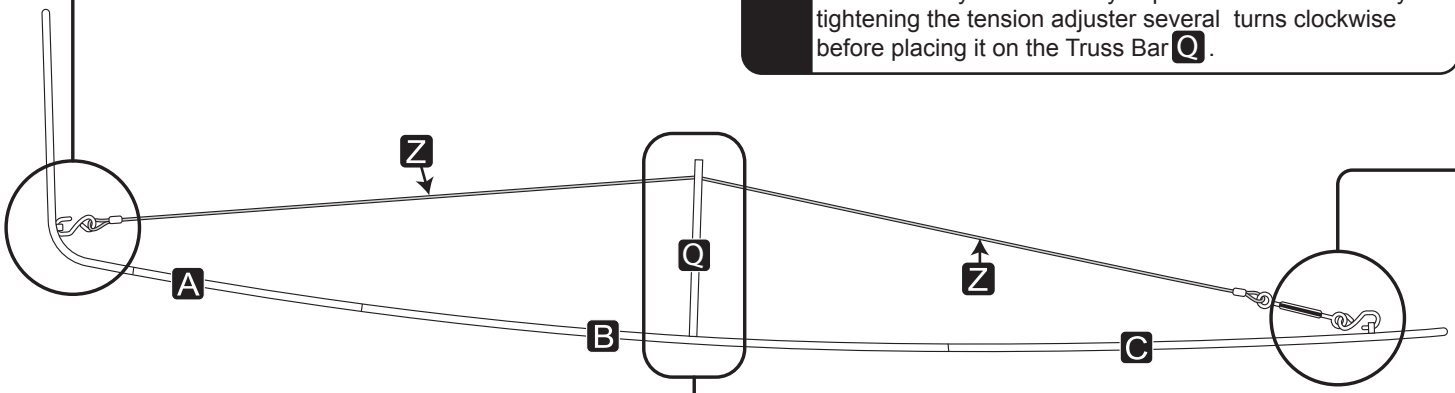
Attach the hooked side of Truss Cable **Z** without the tension adjuster to the eyelet hole welded on the bottom front of the foot platform assembly (as shown left) **E** .

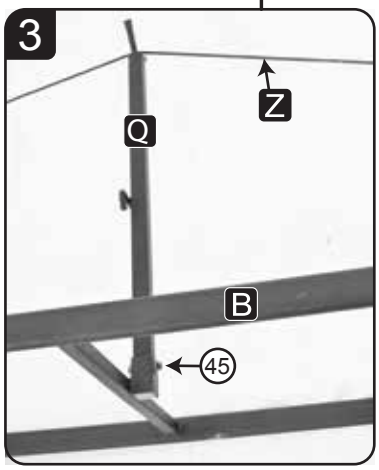
NOTE: Top hook should ALWAYS face inward, away from the front of ladder (as shown left).



2 Attach the hooked side of Truss Cable **Z** with the tension adjuster to the eyelet hole welded on the bottom rung of Bottom Ladder Section **C** .

NOTE: It may be necessary to pre-tension the cable by tightening the tension adjuster several turns clockwise before placing it on the Truss Bar **Q** .





3 Stand in the middle of the ladder, pull up on the Truss Cable **Z** and place it onto the Y-shaped end of the Truss Bar **Q**.Tighten the cable so that there is enough tension to create a slight bow in the Ladder Structure (as shown above). Attach the Truss Bar to middle rung of Middle Ladder Section **B** using ***1-M8x45 bolt*** (45).
NOTE: It should take minimal effort to lift the Truss Cable onto the Truss Bar, if truss cable is not easy to lift, STOP immediately, loosen the truss adjuster and repeat the process.

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Truss Configuration Instructions

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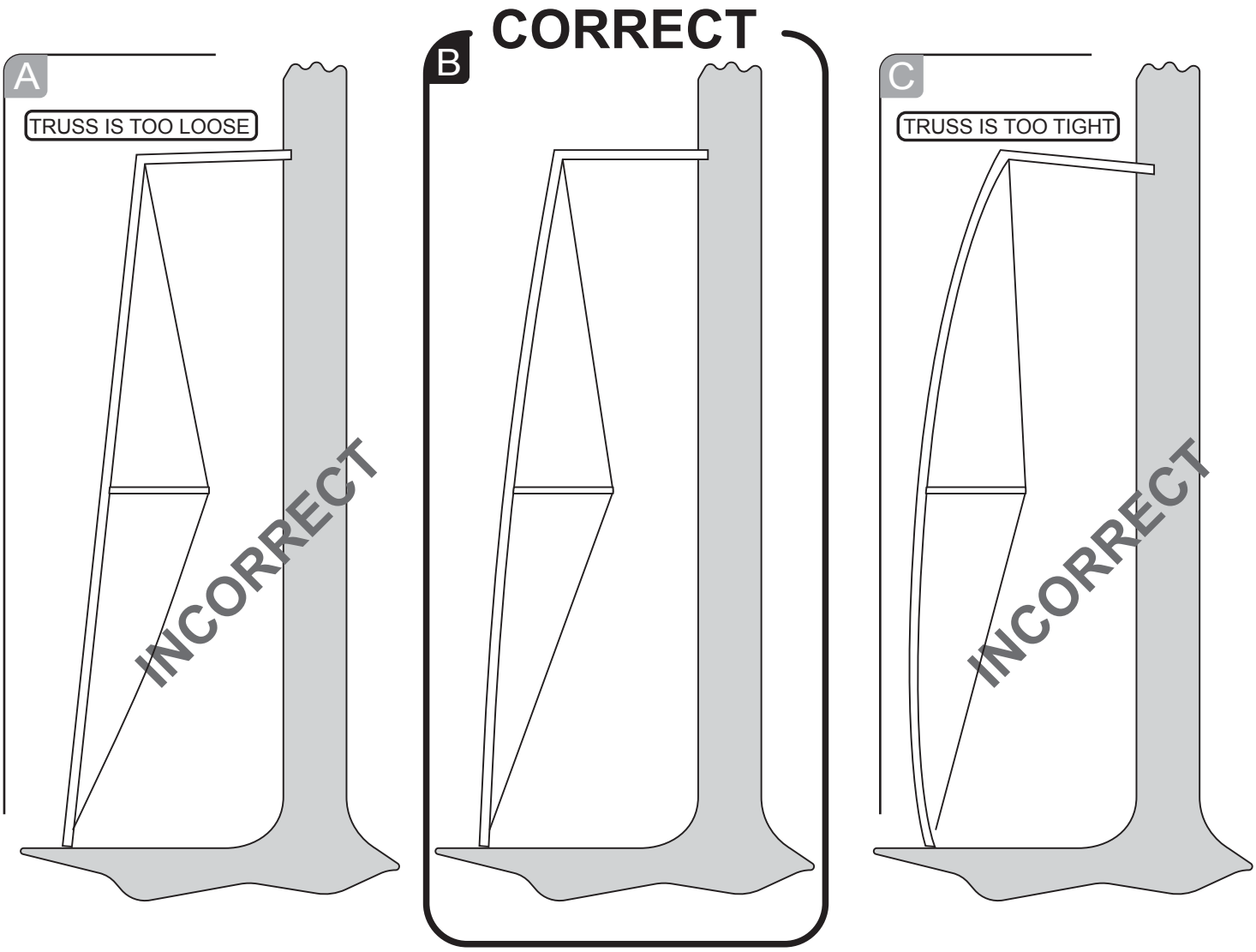

A If ladder is perfectly straight or bowed toward tree, TRUSS IS ***TOO LOOSE.*** Take down the ladder, tighten the turnbuckle and re-set the stand until correct.

B This is correct. Note that there is a slight outward arc to the ladder.

C Do not over-torque truss system. If ladder is bowed too far, it will force users to climb at an uncomfortable angle and could also result in ladder failure. If ladder appears to have an extreme outward arc, take down stand, loosen turnbuckle and re-set the stand until correct.

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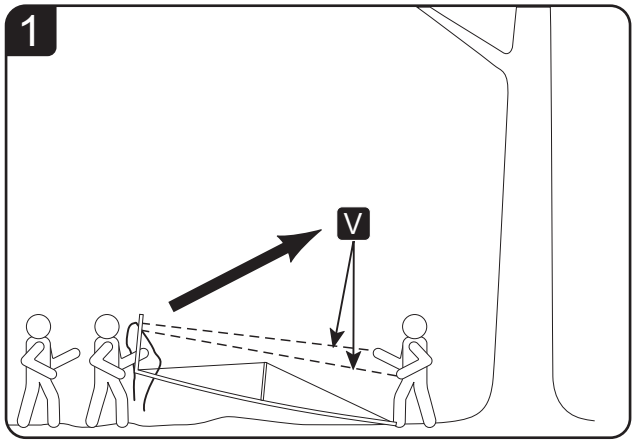
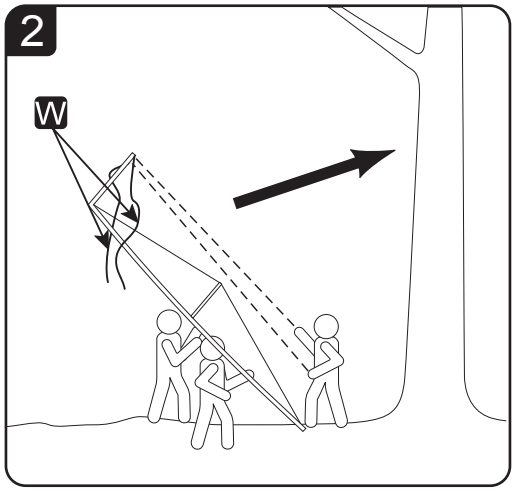
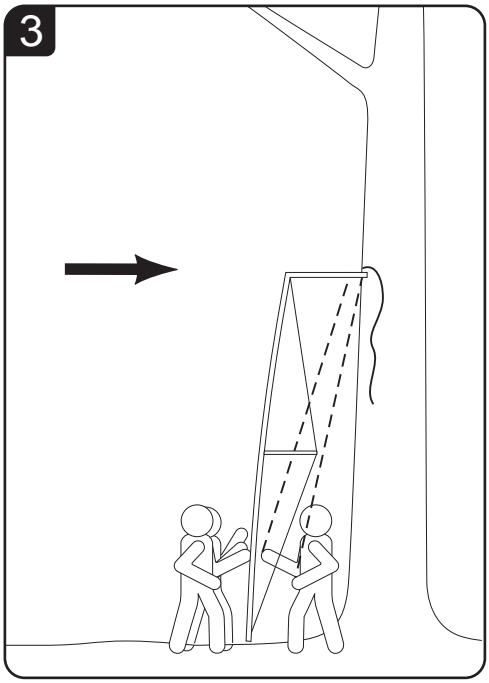


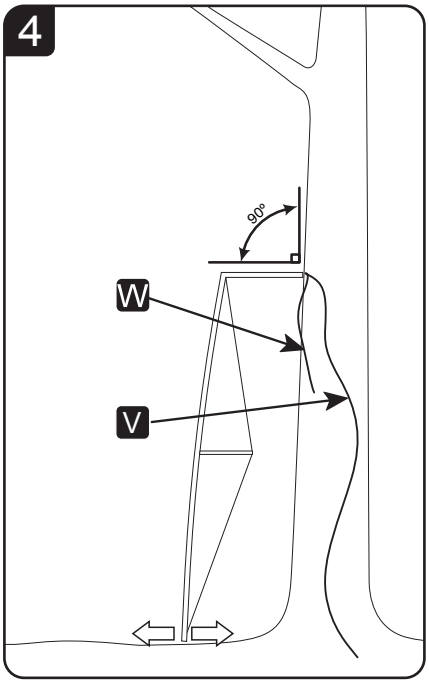
1 Position bottom of stand 4-5 feet from base of tree NOTE: Make sure that Ladder Jaws DD and EE are in their open most position. Use at least three (3) people to install or remove/ take down a ladder treestand.



2 One person will stand at the base of ladder with his/her foot on the bottom rung while holding installation straps. This will prevent tree stand from sliding. Two people will stand at opposite ends of tree stand, facing Platform and slowly walk tree stand upward using rungs of ladder.

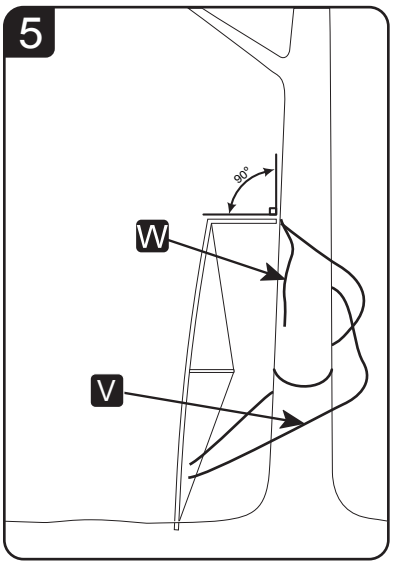


3 As tree stand is being raised, the person holding Installation Straps will pull toward themselves to take up slack. It will steady and ease the weight of stand on the other two people. Continue walking stand upward, until Tree Contact is resting against the tree.



4 Move base of ladder toward or away from the tree slightly in order to make Platform as Parallel to the ground as possible.

Apply your full weight to the first step so it settles into the ground.



5 Cross Installation Straps behind tree. Attach to the top rung of the bottom ladder section. Pull to tighten the straps against the tree. ***(See Installation Strap Instructions).***

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT climb ladder without Truss Assembly and Installation Straps installed. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

Truss Assembly and Installation Straps MUST be attached before climbing to the Ladder Stand platform. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.

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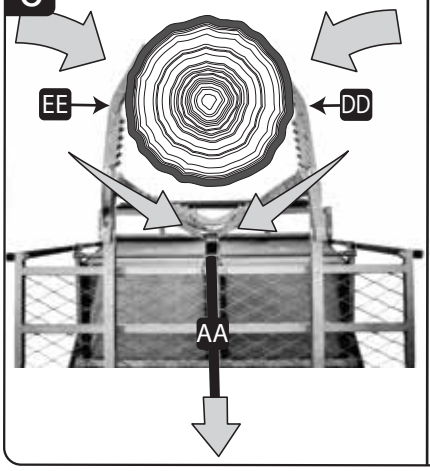

NOTE: The Ladder Jaws are designed to wrap around a tree trunk when Vertical Jaw Assembly Strap AA is tightened.

Before engaging the Ladder Jaw Mechanism:

1) Check that the Ladder stand is properly installed on correct sized tree. If the ladder jaws EE DD cannot close on the tree trunk, the tree is too large for safe installation.
2) Check that the installation straps V are correctly wrapped around the tree base and tightly secured
3) The Truss Mechanism is properly tensioned.
4) The ladder base is correctly and safely secured onto level ground.

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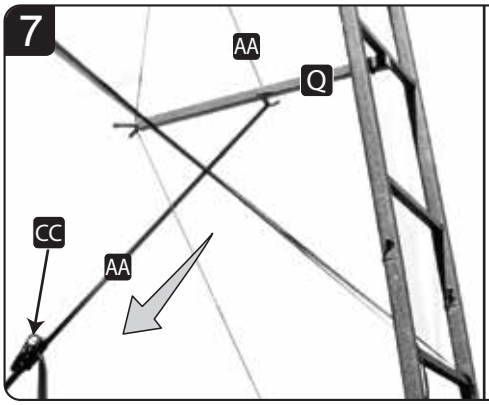

Check to make sure the Vertical Jaw Assembly Strap AA is not caught, tangled or snagged. Make sure the strap falls flat and straight from the foot platform.

Carefully loop the Vertical Jaw Assembly Strap through either the right or left metal hooks on the Truss Bar Q (as shown left).

Lightly pull on Vertical Jaw Assembly strap AA to and check to make sure that both ladder jaws close in on the tree trunk.

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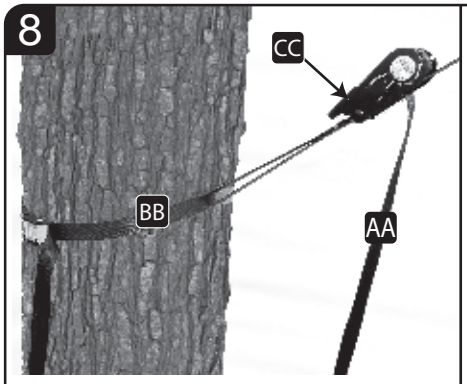


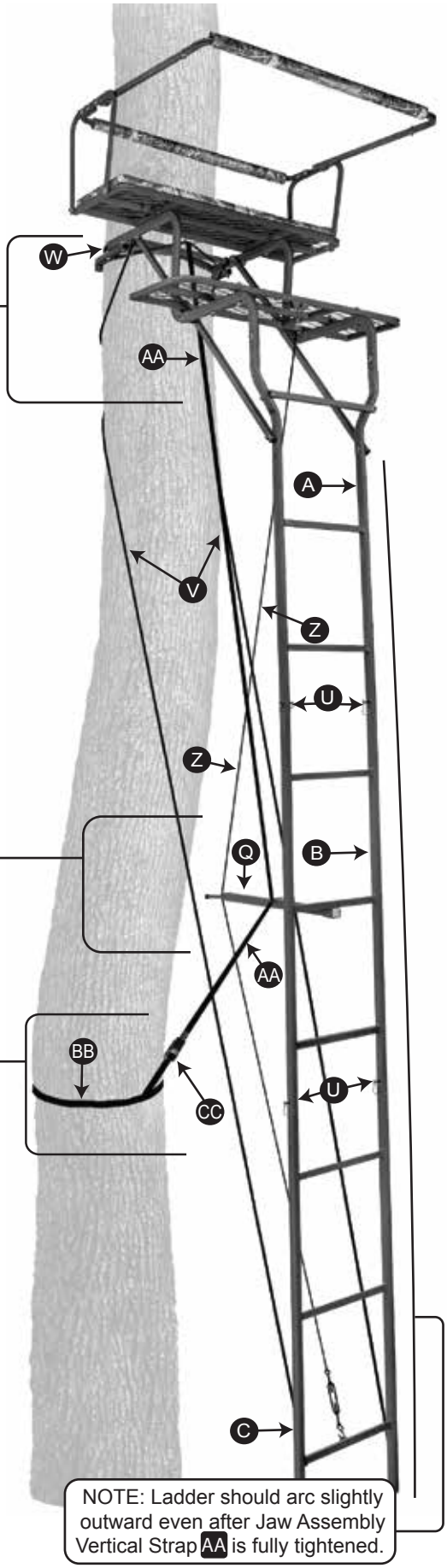
Loop Jaw Assembly Tree Buckle BB through Jaw Assembly Ratchet Strap CC.

With the Jaw Assembly Ratchet Strap CC attached, wrap the Jaw Assembly Tree Buckle BB around tree trunk at a lower diagonal point from the Truss Bar Q (as shown right). Feed Jaw Assembly Tree Buckle Webbing though the spring loaded cam buckle and firmly tighten around tree trunk.

(See "Tree Buckle Strap Instruction")

Position Jaw Assembly Ratchet Strap CC so that it faces the ladder. Feed Jaw Assembly Vertical strap AA through ratchet strap CC and ratchet the strap tight until the tension closes the ladder jaws.

See "Ratchet Strap Instructions").



NOTE: Ladder should arc slightly outward even after Jaw Assembly Vertical Strap AA is fully tightened.

NOTE: Follow these instructions in reverse to remove your ladder stand from tree.

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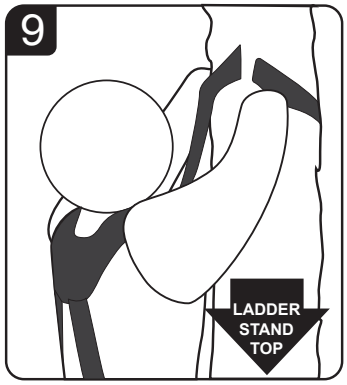

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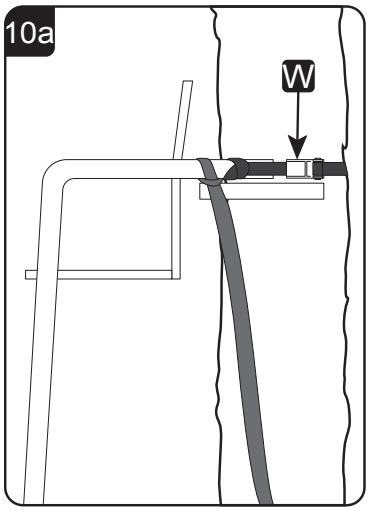
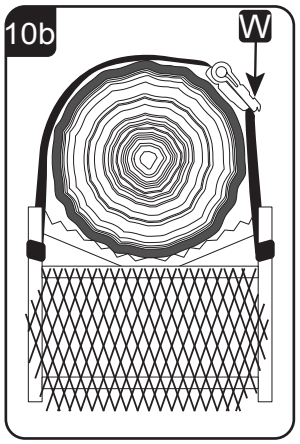
After the ladder stand has been secured to the tree with:
1) The installation straps secured.
2) The truss cable correctly tensioned
3) The Ladder Jaw system fully connected/engaged.
4) The Ladder securely attached to the tree.

Continue to have two people hold the ladder, climb cautiously up to the platform. Once you reach the top, ***IMMEDIATELY ATTACH YOUR SAFETY HARNESS TO THE TREE.*** Keep the tether strap above your head.





10 Before sitting down, IMMEDIATELY locate Ratchet Strap W at the tree brace, behind the seat backrest. Wrap the strap around the back of the tree once, thread through the ratchet and tighten (See side view: **10a** and cross-section:**10b**). ***(See Detailed Ratchet Instructions for proper use).***

⚠ WARNING

Installation Straps, Truss and Ladder Jaw Assembly **MUST** be secured and engaged prior climbing the Ladder Stand. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT sit on the seat platform until the ratchet has been secured.

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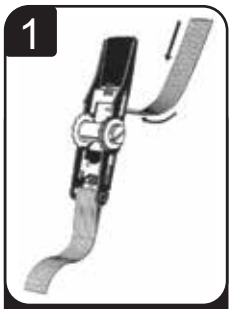
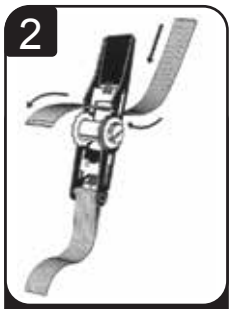
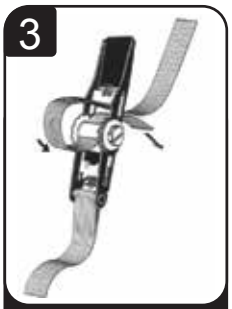
DETAILED RATCHET STRAP INSTRUCTIONS



Open ratchet handle flat and insert end of strap through opening



Pull Strap through opening



Insert end of strap through slot in ratchet wheel

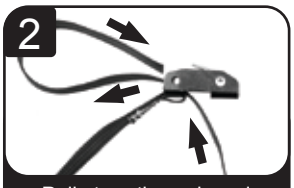
Ratchet handle back and forth to tighten strap

After strap is tight, close handle to the locked position

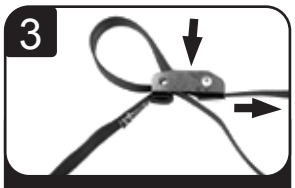
To release tension, push spring loaded retaining lock and simultaneously pull on strap

DETAILED TREE BUCKLE STRAP INSTRUCTIONS

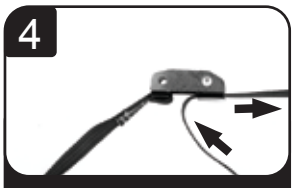
Hold buckle as shown. Insert strap from the bottom of the buckle.



Pull strap through and towards the back of buckle and fold back to insert back into buckle



Press down on latch and insert strap between teeth and buckle.



Pull slack to tighten.

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⚠ WARNING

Failure to follow all warnings listed below could result in serious injury or death.

ALWAYS read and understand all warnings and instructions before each use of this product. Failure to read and understand all warnings and instructions may result in serious injury or death.

ALWAYS inspect the tree stand for signs of wear or damage **BEFORE** each use. Also inspect to ensure that nuts and bolts are secure and straps are not frayed, worn, or broken.

DO NOT use treestand if combined weight of one person and equipment exceeds **300 lbs**. or combined weight of two people and equipment exceed **500 lbs**. **DO NOT exceed the weight limit of safety harness, refer to harness manufacturers warnings for weight limit of safety harness.**

ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) after leaving the ground. If you are not wearing an FAS that meets the requirements of ASTM Test Method F2337, ***DO NOT leave the ground***. Failure to wear an FAS may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT use this tree stand while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or illegal substances. Use of tree stand while under the influence of any of these substances may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER use this tree stand if you have a history of health problems such as *(but not limited to)* heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, equilibrium impairments are afraid of heights or have been advised by a doctor not to do any strenuous activity. If you are feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy **DO NOT** use this tree stand or If you are not physically fit, well rested and alert. Physical ailments can reduce your ability to safely install, utilize and remove your tree stand.

NEVER use this tree stand during inclement weather such as (but not limited to) thunderstorms, snowstorms, hurricanes, icy conditions, or high winds that could create slippery or dangerous situations.

NEVER use this tree stand on a dead, leaning, loose barked tree or on a utility pole as the tree may fall, break, or uproot and may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER leave the ground without checking every ladder section connection to ensure they are firmly connected. If ladder sections are separating, with the help of at least two other people, remove the tree stand from the tree, tighten all connections and reinstall on the tree.

Installation Straps, Ratchet Straps, Quickclips, Tiedown Ropes and Stabilizer Bars MUST be installed and secured prior to climbing tree stand. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT modify or alter your tree stand.

NEVER remove or deface warning labels.

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DO NOT climb ladder without Stabilizer Bar or Installation Straps installed. This **MUST** be correctly installed prior to use. Serious injury or death may occur if Stabilizer Bar and Installation Straps are not properly installed.

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