GRIZZLY 13' TRIPOD

Instruction and Safety Manual

MODEL: 5413D/51016

• Weight Limit: 300 lbs.

• Do Not Over Tighten Fasteners



THANK YOU! for purchasing Ameristep's Grizzly 13' Tripod

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Every year serious injury and even death occurs from hunting related falls. 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 1-866-972-6168 OR VISIT **WWW.TREESTANDCUSTOMERSERVICE.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.

ALWAYS read and understand all warnings and instructions and use all safety products provided before each use of this product. Failure to read and understand all warnings and instructions may result in serious injury or death. Contact a Customer Service Representative with any questions you may have.

NEVER exceed total weight limit of **300 lbs. DO NOT** use if your combined weight with all of your hunting gear and any accessories exceeds **300 lbs.** Use of tree stand over the weight limit may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT use this tree stand while under the influence of alcohol, medication or any 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 treestand during inclement weather. **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 treestand If you are feeling ill, nauseous, dizzy or if you have a prior condition that could cause a problem. 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 this tree stand on a tree that is dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked 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 Fall Arrest System (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.

NEVER modify your treestand 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. Contact a Customer Service Representative if you have any missing, damaged or extra parts.

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

ALWAYS keep instructions (written and video) in a safe place and review before each use. It is the responsibility of the treestand owner to furnish the complete instructions to anyone who borrows or purchases the treestand from you.

NEVER use this treestand for any use other than hunting. Our treestands are designed for hunter's 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 retighten 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

NEVER adjust your stand while in use. Practice the attachment of this treestand at ground level before using in a hunting environment. **ALWAYS** ensure that you and your treestand are safely secured to a healthy tree. Your tree stand **MUST** be attached tightly to the tree and secured in place. If the stand is not secure, it may shift while in use, resulting in serious injury or death.

The Installation Cross Straps and Stabilizer Bar(s) MUST be properly installed before each use of the treestand.

ALWAYS inspect every ladder section connection every time you use the stand before you leave the ground. If ladder sections are separating, with the help of at least two other people, lower the stand to the ground, make adjustments, and reinstall.

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.

DO NOT leave your treestand outside since weather or animals may cause damage. Tree growth can also cause stress and damage straps and buckles. It must be stored inside when not in use.

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 play with or use this treestand without adult supervision. This treestand is not a toy.

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 after leaving the ground. A TMA Certified Full Body Harness **MUST** always be connected to yourself and the tree during ascending, hunting and descending. 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, 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 our 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.

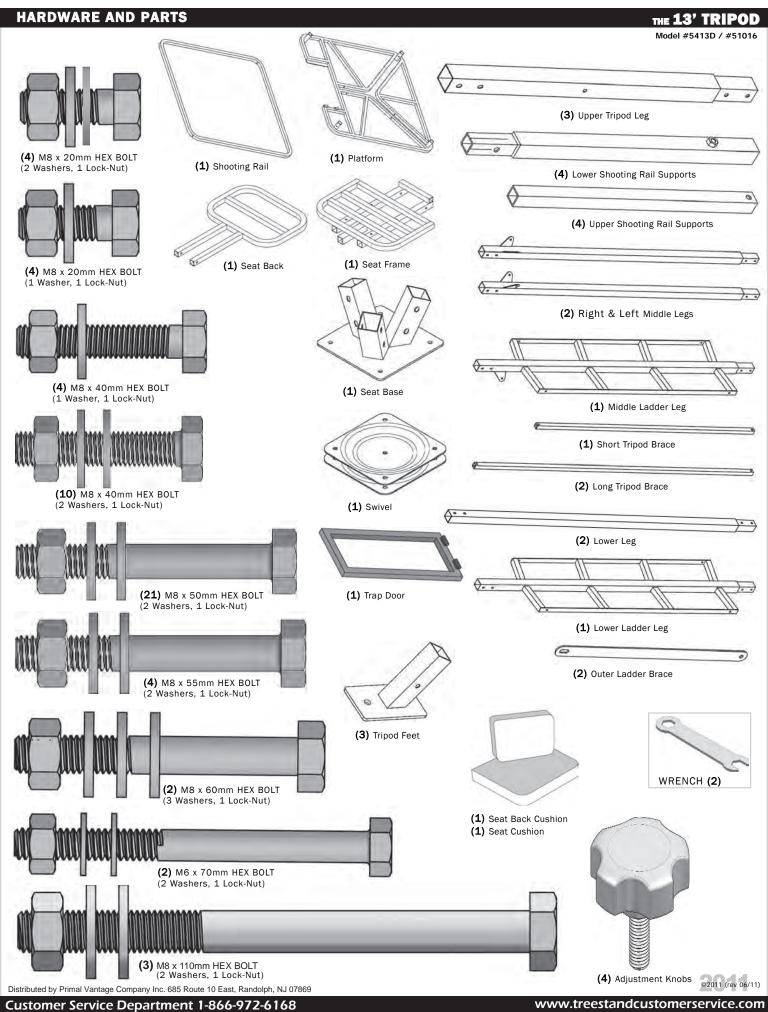


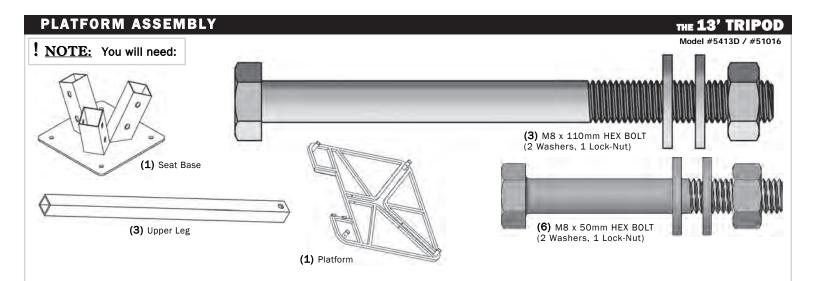
CHOOSING A SAFE TREE

- 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.
- <u>NEVER HURRY!!</u> While climbing a TREE/LADDER STAND, make slow, even movements no more that 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, <u>ALWAYS</u> maintain three points of contact with each step** and <u>ALWAYS</u> lean forward as you climb.

PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- Inspect for defects (damage, rot, corrosion, cracks, freezing, excessive heat, etc.) before every use is required. Do not use if damage is detected or suspected.
- Ameristep recommends periodically re-tightening and/or replacing hardware (supplied by Ameristep), including bolts, nuts, washers, rope, straps, cord. etc.

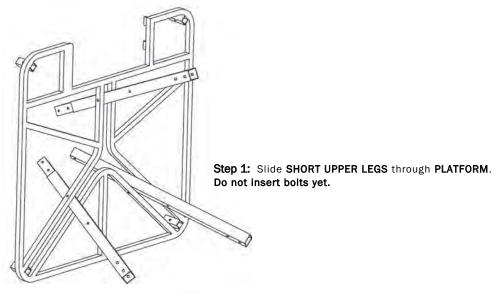


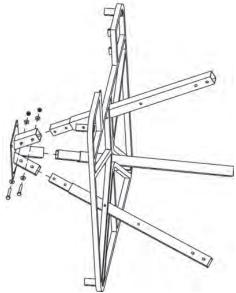


! IMPORTANT: Practice with your new product, wearing your entire hunting gear,

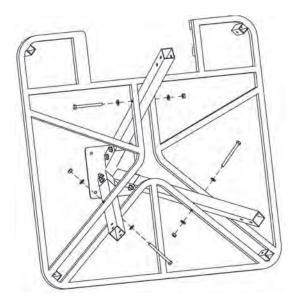
FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS at ground level before ascending to any height.

! IMPORTANT: Assemble YOUR LADDER STAND on Ground.





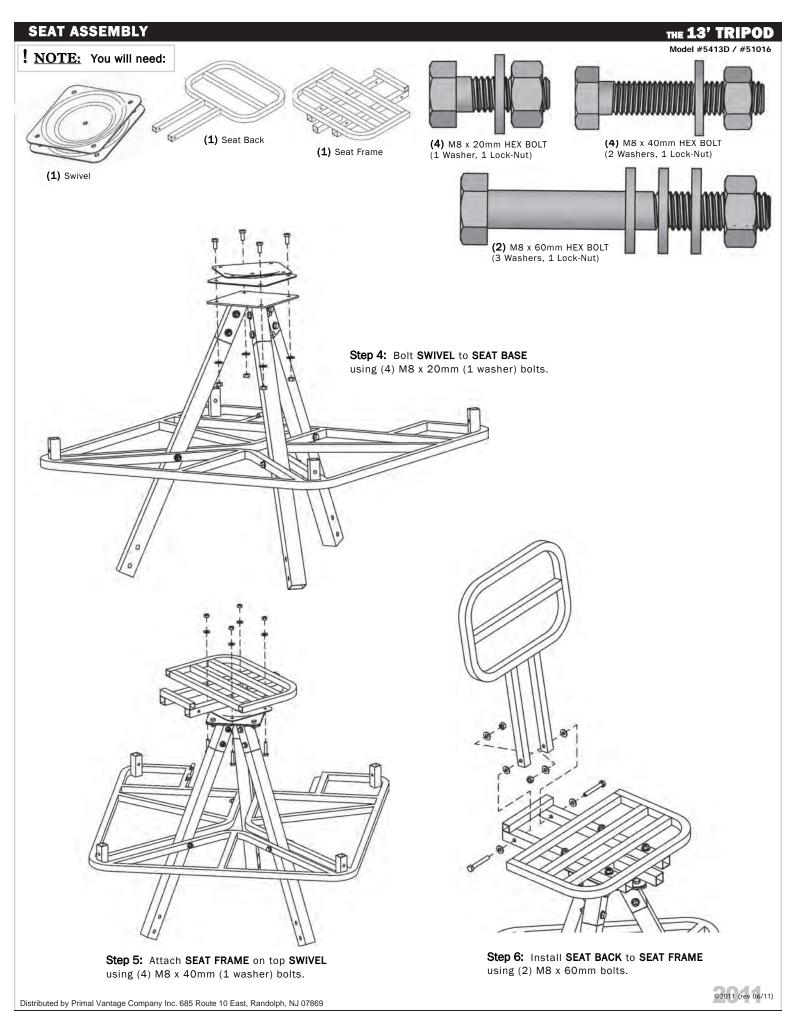
Step 2: Insert top of **UPPER LEGS** into **SEAT BASE**. Secure using (6) M8 x 50mm bolts, (2 bolts per leg).

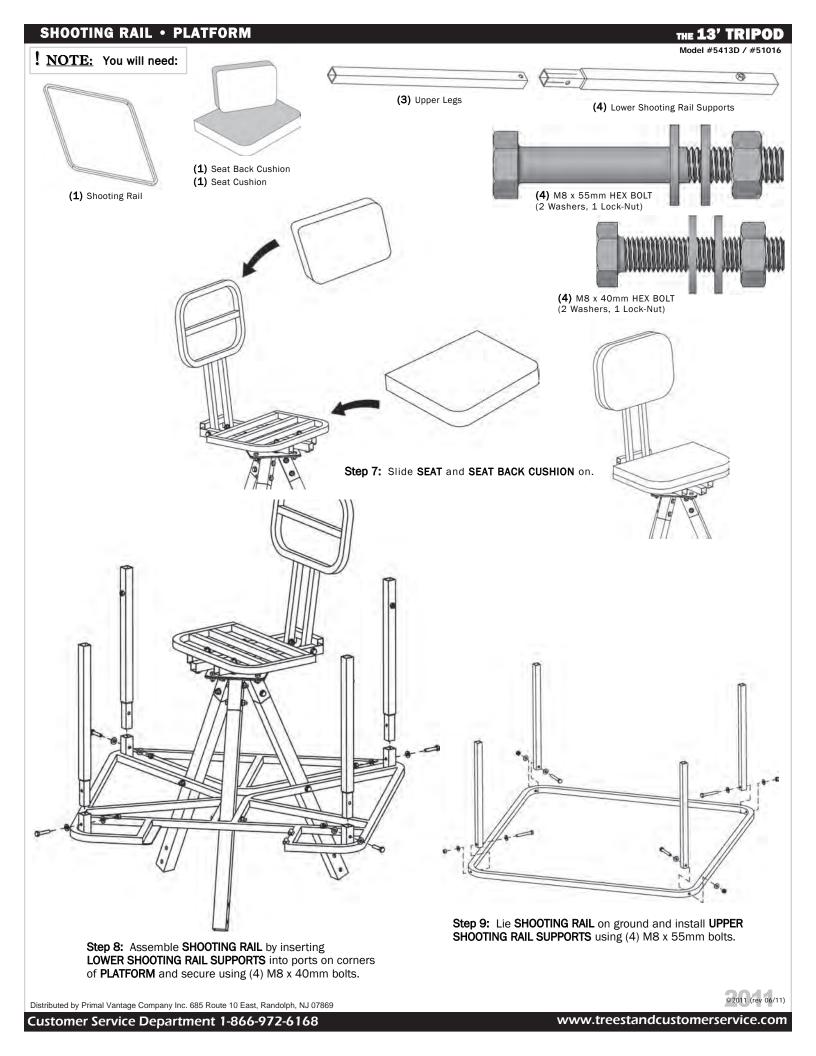


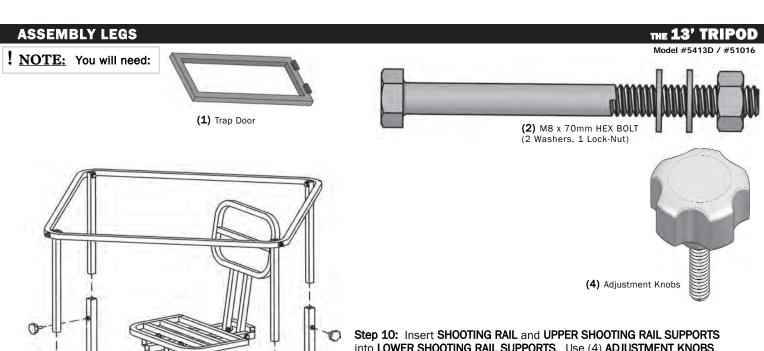
Step 3: Bolt **UPPER LEGS** to **PLATFORM** using (3) M8 x 110mm bolts.

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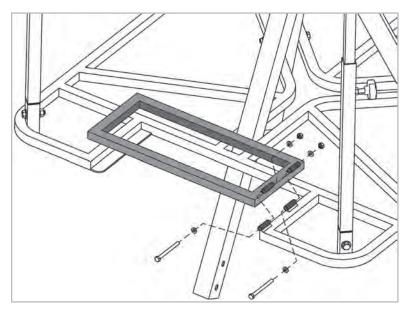




Step 10: Insert SH00TING RAIL and UPPER SH00TING RAIL SUPPORTS into LOWER SH00TING RAIL SUPPORTS. Use (4) ADJUSTMENT KN0BS to connect both halves together.

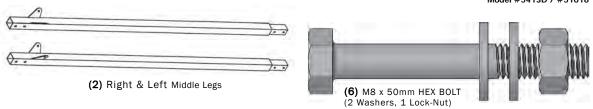


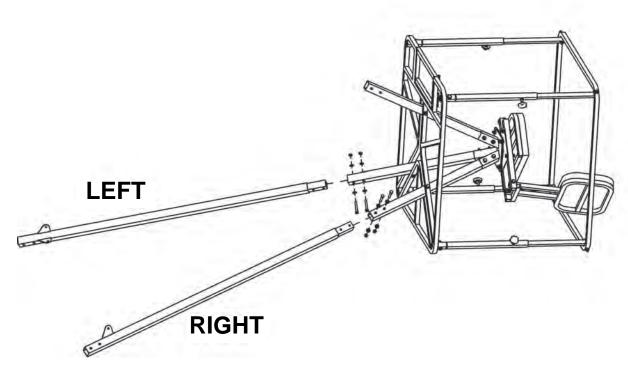
Loosen all four knobs to adjust Shooting Rail to a comfortable height.



Step 11: Install TRAP DOOR to PLATFORM using (2) M6 x 70mm Bolts.

! NOTE: You will need:

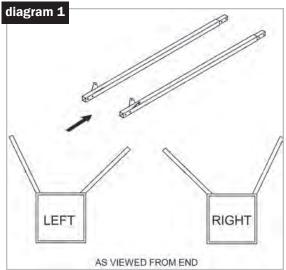


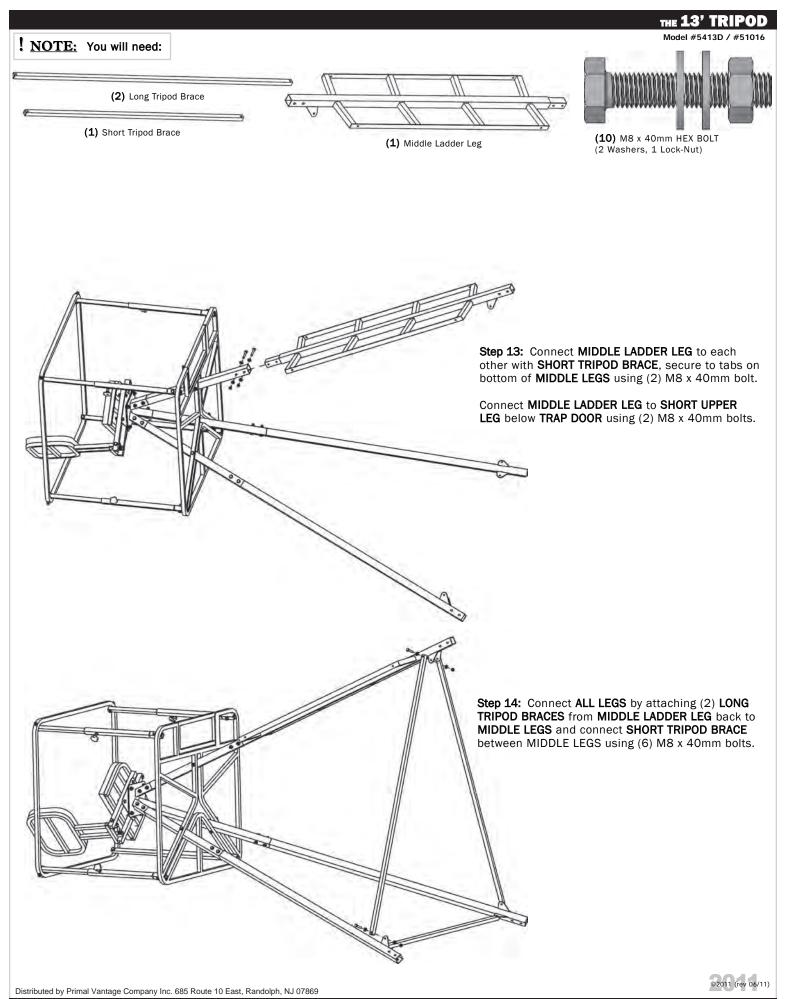


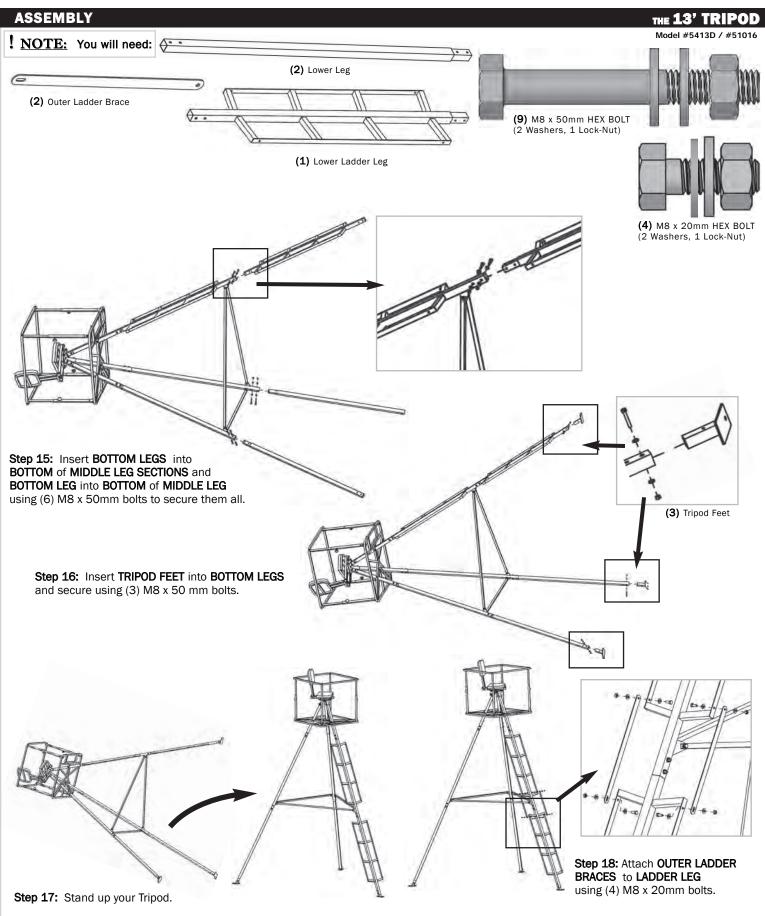
Step 12: Lay TRIPOD on its back as shown. Insert RIGHT and LEFT MIDDLE LEGS into BOTTOM of UPPER LEGS and secure with (4) M8 x 50mm bolts (2 bolts per leg).

Check tabs at bottom of each **MIDDLE LEG** to make sure legs are in proper holes. Tabs should appear as shown (diagram 1).

Insert (1) MIDDLE LADDER LEG into remaining Upper Leg and secure using (2) M8 x 50mm bolts per leg.







Once the assembled tripod has been set up in the field, use (3) Stakes to secure tripod feet to ground.

! <u>CAUTION:</u> Make sure tripod legs are on level ground at all times.

Do not use in hazardous weather conditions such as lightning, high winds, and freezing rain.

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WARNING

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

<u>DO NOT</u> use this tripod without reading and following all warnings and instructions before each use. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

<u>ALWAYS</u> inspect your tripod before each use and <u>DO NOT</u> use if parts are missing, worn, or damaged.

DO NOT exceed the tripod's 300 lbs. weight limit, which includes your body weight as well as the weight of your clothes and gear. Exceeding the tripod's weight limit may cause the tripod to break or fail resulting in serious injury or death.

NEVER stand on tripod seat, footrest, armrest, or shooting rail. Standing on any of these parts may cause the tripod to break or fail resulting in serious injury or death.

NEVER make any alterations or modifications to the tripod. Doing so may result in serious injury or death and void all warranties.

NEVER use tripod during inclement weather. **DO NOT** use tripod during thunderstorms or any other weather conditions that include (but not limited to) lightning, freezing rain, high winds that could create slippery or dangerous conditions.

<u>DO NOT</u> use this tripod under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances or medication. Using tripod under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances or medication may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER use tripod if you have dizzy spells, a heart problem, are afraid of heights, have been advised by a doctor or other health care provider not to climb, or have any condition that would impair your ability to climb up or down or use tripod as it could result in serious injury or death.

<u>NEVER</u> remove or deface tripod warning labels. Replacement labels can be obtained from the address below.

Manufactured in the year 2011

Primal Vantage Company Inc. 685 Route 10 East, Randolph, NJ 07869 1-866-972-6168 Contact for replacement labels

Customer Service

STOP!!! If you discover there is a missing or damaged part when you open your new product DO NOT RETURN TO STORE

Contact Primal Vantage's Customer Service visit **www.treestandcustomerservice.com** or call 1-866-972-6168 and ask for Primal Vantage. See the parts list section of the instructions when you need to identify product and part numbers. If you are unable to identify the part number, you may email us at info@treestandcustomerservice.com.

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(on-line product registration and missing/damaged parts claims)

info@treestandcustomerservice.com

Toll Free: 1-866-972-6168 and ask for Primal Vantage Treestand Customer Service 9:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F Eastern Time

When contacting customer service, you **MUST** have your instruction manual available in order to have requests processed. When ordering replacement parts, you **MUST** order by the Part # listed on the Content Page of Instructions.

Proof of purchase (copy of receipt), registration card, **or** on-line registration must be received within thirty days of purchase for all missing or damaged parts requests.

Your registration information is strictly to activate limited warranty coverage and for all important product updates only. Your personal information will never be shared or sold to any third parties.

Primal Vantage does **NOT** sell additional parts or extra accessories.

Limited Warranty

Warranty: Primal Vantage Company Inc., warrants that the goods described in this warranty are free from physical defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one-year from the date of purchase.

Repair Procedure, exclusive Remedy: FOR BREACH OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY ON THIS PRODUCT, THE CONSUMER IS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING DAMAGES: Primal Vantage Company Inc. will, at its option, repair or replace products or parts not conforming to this limited warranty at no charge. THIS IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AVAILABLE FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY OR UNDER ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY WITH RESPECT TO PRIMAL

VANTAGE COMPANY INC. If you find a product to be defective, contact Primal Vantage Company Inc. at www.treestandcustomerservice.com or 685 Rt. 10 East, Randolph, NJ 07869. When you receive a return authorization, return the product as directed, including proof of purchase and purchase date, at your expense and risk.

PRIMAL VANTAGE COMPANY INC. WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY.

NOTE: SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

Description of goods: This warranty covers the products contained herein and each of its component parts.

Limitations: (a) THIS WARRANTY IS VOID IF THE PRODUCT HAS BEEN ALTERED OR MODIFIED OR HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY IMPROPER OR ABNORMAL USE OR BY ACCIDENT; if the product is altered or modified in any way other than those directed by official instructions; or if any attempt is made to repair the product without prior authorization; (b) As the use of this product is dependent upon conditions and factors beyond the manufacturer's control, it is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the suitability of this product for any particular application and in light of prevailing conditions. These products are intended solely for hunting. THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT SUITABLE AND ARE NOT INTENDED OR AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN ANY CONDITIONS OR SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT BE HAZARDOUS.

Term: The term of this limited warranty begins on the date the product is purchased by the consumer, and continues for a period of one-year. THE TERM OF THIS WARRANTY IS APPLICABLE TO ALL EXPRESS WARRANTIES CONTAINED HEREIN AND ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WHICH MAY EXIST AS A MATTER OF LAW INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

General: (a) this agreement is the entire agreement between you and Primal Vantage Company Inc. and supersedes any prior or different agreements, representations, or proposals and may be changed only by written agreement with Primal Vantage Company Inc.; (b) Waiver by any party of any default or breach of this agreement will not constitute a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of the same or different kind; (c) The invalidity of any provision of this warranty shall not effect the validity of the other provisions hereof.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

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Primal Vantage Co. Inc. 685 Route 10 East Randolph, NJ 07869 You must complete and return the registration card below within thirty (30) days of the date of purchase in order to activate limited warranty coverage. Registration is also used for important product notifications. Your information will never be shared or sold to any third parties .

For customer service you may do one of the following:

- Visit www.treestandcustomerservice.com for replacement parts
 - E-mail info@treestandcustomerservice.com with comments/suggestions
 - Call (866)972-6168 and ask for Primal Vantage's Customer Service for any assistance (M-F 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern)

For any missing or damaged parts claim, this card must be returned, completed on-line, or a proof of purchase (copy of receipt) must be mailed to 685 Route 10 East, Randolph, NJ 07869 within thirty (30) days of purchase.

Owner's Record (Keep this portion for your records)

| Product Name | Model Number |
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Warning: You MUST read all of the safety warnings, assembly and instructions carefully. By returning your registration card, you agree that you have read and fully understand all the safety warnings, assembly and instructions of your product.

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Product Registration

or register online at www.treestandcustomerservice.com

Do you hunt on Public Land? ☐ or Private Land? ☐

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What type of accessories would you like to see on your treestand?__

Are you a Bow Hunter?
Gun Hunter?

I have read and fully understand all warnings and instructions contained with this product. I also agree to always wear a Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) Certified Full Body Harness everytime I use this product.

Signature:

Date: