

MODEL: WMCS-7507

THE HITMAN CLIMBER

- Always Wear a Safety Harness with this Product
- Practice Using at Ground Level
- Weight Limit: 300 lbs.
- Tree Size: 9"-18" diameter

Instruction and Safety Manual



Warning

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.PRIMALVANTAGE.COM. KEEP AND MAINTAIN THIS SAFETY AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL IN A SAFE LOCATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.



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SAFETY MUST BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY WITH THIS PRODUCT

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. **NEVER** hunt without a rescue plan.

ALWAYS read and understand all warnings and instructions. Watch the enclosed DVD 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 DVD material may result in serious injury or death. Contact a Customer Service Representative with any questions you may have.

NEVER exceed 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.

NEVER use treestand if you are feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy. 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 tree branch for support. **NEVER** jump or bounce on a treestand to seat it to the tree.

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 inform someone of your hunting location, where the treestand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt. **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 (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** store treestand or safety harness outdoors when not in use.

DO NOT ATTACH YOUR FULL BODY HARNESS TO YOUR TREESTAND.

DO NOT modify or alter your tree stand. 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.

PRACTICE installing, adjusting and using your tree stand at ground level prior to using it at an elevated position. Familiarize yourself with the use of climbers by practicing at ground level before using in a hunting environment.

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. A safe treestand hunting video has been included. Please view it in its entirety prior to using this product.

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.



TREESTAND SAFETY WARNINGS

NEVER adjust your stand while in use. **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.

DO NOT leave your treestand outside since weather and animals may cause damage. Tree growth can also cause stress and damage straps and buckles. It must be stored inside, free of moisture, 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 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 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. 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. 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 lean out from the treestand for any reason.

The initial angle of the climber at ground level, **MUST** allow for the decrease in tree diameter while ascending by tilting slightly upward.

While climbing, adjustments to the harness tether should be frequent and coordinated with tree stand movement to maintain the least amount of slack in the tether that will allow for climbing.

NEVER remove any safety warning stickers from this product.

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

⚠ WARNING

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NEVER exceed weight limit of 300 lbs. DO NOT use if your combined weight with all your hunting gear and any accessories exceeds 300 lbs. Use of tree stand above the weight limit may result in serious injury or death.</p> <p>ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) (Harness) after leaving the ground. If you are not wearing an FAS, DO NOT leave the ground. Failure to wear an FAS may result in serious injury or death.</p> <p>DO NOT use this treestand while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or any other substance. The use of these substances may result in serious injury or death.</p> <p><small>Manufactured in the year XXXX</small></p>	<p>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 or 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. Medical ailments can reduce your ability to safely use and climb a tree stand.</p> <p>NEVER use this treestand in windy conditions. Wind can create slippery or dangerous situations.</p> <p>NEVER use this treestand on a leaning or barked tree or on a utility pole as they may shake, or uproot and may result in serious injury or death.</p> <p>ALWAYS make platform level adjustments at ground level.</p> <p>ALWAYS ensure that the platforms are tilted slightly upward at ground level to allow for the decrease in tree diameter when ascending.</p>	<p>ALWAYS make sure that the top and bottom platforms are level and at the proper length when assembled.</p> <p>ALWAYS make frequent adjustments to the harness tether, minimized with tree stand movement to maintain the least amount of slack in the tether that will allow for climbing.</p> <p>ALWAYS practice at ground level before using in a hunting environment.</p> <p>NEVER remove or deface warning labels.</p>
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SAMPLE



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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 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:

- 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.
- 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 Primal Vantage 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 Primal Vantage 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.
- By registering your product, you may be enrolled in our discount program.
You may receive a 20% off coupon for our website store, www.primal-store.com to purchase replacement parts in the future.
- 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.



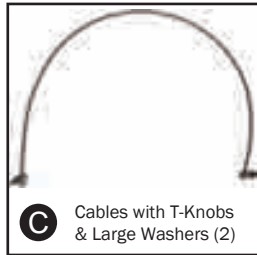
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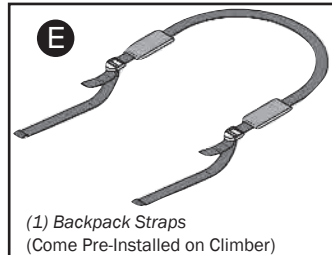
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Climbing Aid/Seat Frame (1)



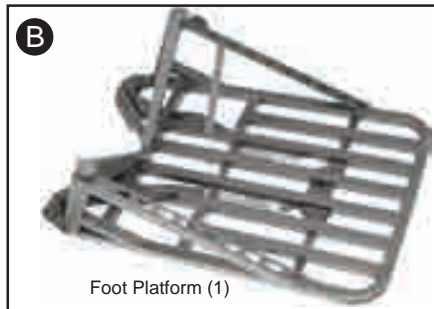
Cables with T-Knobs & Large Washers (2)



(1) Backpack Straps
(Come Pre-Installed on Climber)



(4) T-KNOBS
Comes pre-installed on Cables



Foot Platform (1)



Sling Seat (1)



(2) Cinch Straps
(Shown Assembled & Pre-Installed On Climber)



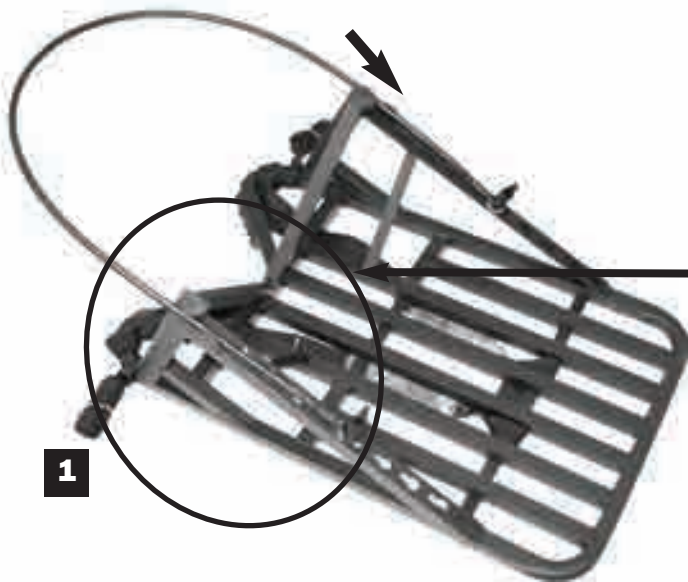
(1) Shooting Rail Pad

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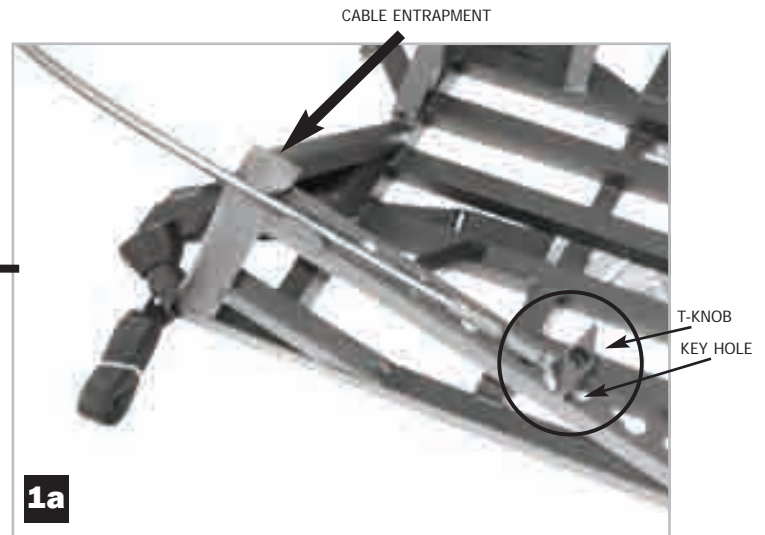
A	1	Seat Platform.....	Part # WSP-7507
B	1	Foot Platform.....	Part # WFP-7507
C	2	Cable.....	Part # C-7507
D	1	Seat Cushion.....	Part # WSC-7507
E	1	BackPack Strap.....	Part # WBS-7507
F	2	Cinch Straps.....	Part # SS-7507
G	4	T-Knob.....	Part # TK-7507
H	1	Shooting Rail Cover.....	Part # PSC-7507
	1	Harness.....	Part # 2013



⚠ WARNING: Practice with product, wearing entire Hunting Gear & Safety Harness at ground level **BEFORE** ascending to any height. **ALWAYS** wear your Full Body Safety Harness during installation and utilization. **NEVER** disconnect Full Body Safety Harness during ascending, hunting or descending.



1



1a

1. Thread one side of Cable **C** through cable entrapment of Foot Platform **B**. Secure one end of cable with bolt and T-knob to key hole point on frame and slide back until it locks in place. (Fig. 1a)

Tighten T-knob on cable to lock cable in place.

NOTE: Make sure when tightening, bolt head is locked into key hole slot to prevent cable from detaching from stand.



2

CABLE ENTRAPMENT

2. Place Foot Platform **B** against tree 1-2 feet off ground. Wrap Cable **C** around tree, threading cable through entrapments, same as Step 1. Make sure cable length is adjusted so platform is tilting up at a slight angle. (Fig. 2b)

! IMPORTANT:

Have both SEAT AND FOOT PLATFORMS angled towards base of tree to compensate for a smaller tree diameter at desired hunting height.



2b





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3. Install Seat Frame **A** above Foot Platform **B** as in Steps 1 and 2 at identical angle.

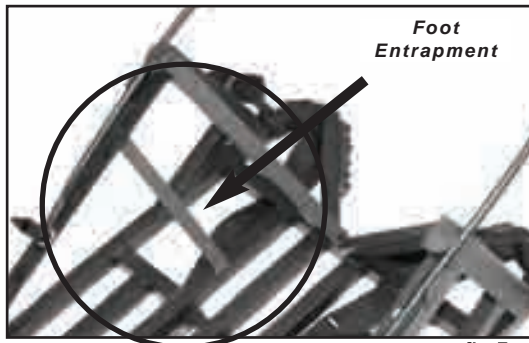


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4. Attach Sling Seat **D** to Climbing Aid **A** .
(See Seat Cushion Instructions)

For Sling Seat Back, Hook bungee cord around the back of the tree.





Foot
Entrapment

fig 5



5. With Foot Platform 1-2 feet off ground, step cautiously onto platform. Slide Feet underneath each foot entrapment. Attach your harness to tree as per harness instructions.



5a

CINCH STRAPS



6. Raise Seat Frame to chest height.

Use cinch straps that (secured both platforms for transport) to join two sections of stand so Foot Platform and Seat Frame will not separate from one another accidentally. (See Cinch Strap Instructions)

Thread loose end of strap on Foot Platform through Strap Buckle on Seat Frame and tighten appropriately.

NOTE: Have straps adjusted with seat frame at chest height while standing on Platform. This will allow for ample range of movement while climbing.

WARNING: Platform level adjustments should only be made at ground level only.

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READY TO CLIMB

! Cautiously put your weight on the stand platform. The additional weight will create tension on tree strap cables.

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Step 1 - Sit on Shooting Rest and lift your feet to raise Foot Platform. Once raised, secure hold on tree by putting standing pressure on Foot Platform.

Step 2 - With Foot Platform securely set, stand and lift up on Seat Frame to a comfortable level. Slide your harness up tree to take slack.

Step 3 - Again, Sit on Shooting rest and lift your feet to raise Foot Platform as in Step 1.

Step 4 - To continue climbing tree, repeat steps 1 and 2. Continuously adjust your harness to keep strap above your head with minimum slack. Practice at ground level with your full body harness. Familiarize yourself with this product's function so you feel comfortable with procedure.

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Step 5 - Climb to a comfortable height. Once you are set, secure Cinch Straps so they are tight in a sitting position.

The pressure created on Seat Frame from securing Cinch Strap will prevent Foot Platform and Seat Frame from slipping down should you decide to stand and take pressure off Seat Frame.



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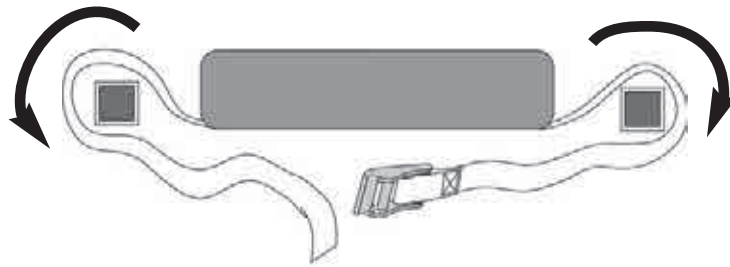
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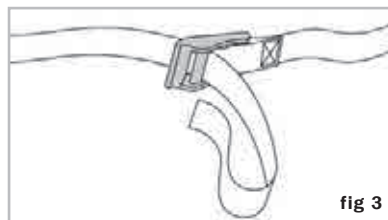
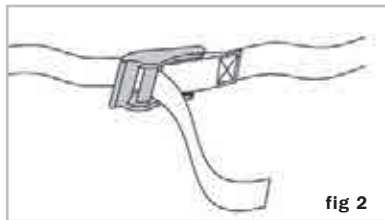
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ATTACHING PADDED SEAT CUSHION TO FRAME



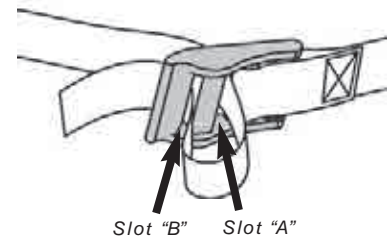
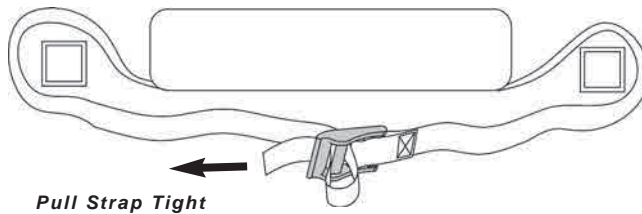
Step 1: Place buckle straps from each side of seat over bottom **SEAT FRAME**.



Step 2: Bring strap over piece in middle of buckle and insert through *Slot "A"* (fig 2).

Step 3: With tail end of strap opposite buckle, insert through *Slot "B"* (fig 3).

Step 4: Pull strap tight (fig 5). Top view showing seat installed (fig 4).



CINCH STRAP INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1: Hold buckle as shown.



Step 2: Press down on latch and insert Cinch Strap under teeth (as shown above).



Step 3: Pull cinch strap to desired length.



Pull cinch strap slack to tighten.

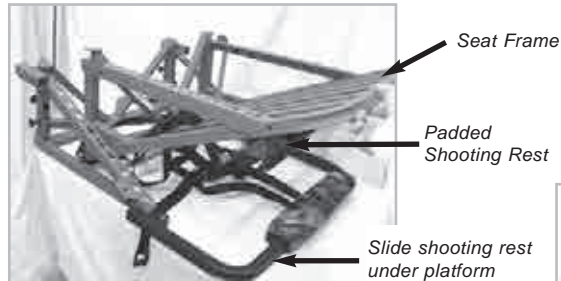


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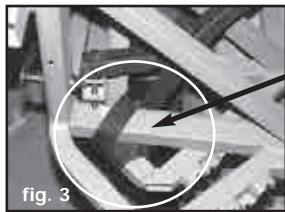
DESCENDING

- Step 1** – Loosen CINCH STRAPS to the length they were for climbing.
- Step 2** – Sit on SHOOTING REST and lift up on foot platform slightly to release its lock on tree. Extend your legs down, sliding PLATFORM down until you can press down on PLATFORM and lock it into place again.
- Step 3** – Lift up slightly on the SEAT PLATFORM to release its lock on tree and lower it to a comfortable sitting level. Before sitting on it, put hand pressure on the SEAT PLATFORM to lock it into the tree.
- Step 4** – Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you reach the ground. Make sure to adjust your harness as you descend, keeping STRAP above your head with minimum slack.

PACKING YOUR CLIMBER



Step 1: Place the SEAT FRAME inside upper platform. Place padded shooting rest under platform. Bring it up and over sliding padded shooting rest under platform. (fig 2) Shown (fig 2a) with both sections together.



Step 2: Take CINCH STRAP and wrap around both platforms, starting at each corner (fig 3). Wrap around corner and wrap two or three times on each side until both platforms are secured together (fig 4). Insert end of CINCH STRAP into BUCKLE and pull tight.



Step 3: Place SEAT on PLATFORM, take strap and wrap around BOTTOM of STAND and tighten securely so TREE STAND does not move. Thread into BUCKLE and pull tight (fig 6).



Step 4: Take T-KNOB at end of one cable. Place in first hole on CLIMBING AID (fig 7). Turn T-KNOB until tightened. Take rest of first cable and wrap around until you reach first hole on opposite side of Climbing Aid. Be sure to slide under slot on each corner (fig 8). Repeat with second cable.



Step 5: The Climber in its packed form (fig 9).



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