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READ BEFORE USE

INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Please read the following instruction manual and warnings labels completely **BEFORE** assembling, installing, or using this product. **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from failure to read, understand, and execute the instructions and warnings. Always plan for an accident. Have a plan for rescue that includes devices for rescue that may be easily reached while suspended. This activity is dangerous. Understand and accept the risks involved before participating.

NEVER hunt without a rescue plan. Failure to plan and practice a rescue plan may result in serious injury or death.

ALWAYS use a certified Fall Arrest System(FAS) in conjunction with a tree saddle. There are no current TMA/ASTM certifications available for tree saddles.

ALWAYS hunt with a partner. Let others know of your exact location and how to contact you before you leave. If your location is unknown and communication is unsuccessful, you must have a plan for escape. In the event of a fall, Prolonged suspension in a harness may be fatal. Exercising by pushing your legs against a tree or performing other leg exercises will help avoid blood from pooling while being suspended. Your physical fitness will dictate your escape plan and may limit you to certain recovery methods. **NEVER** overestimate your abilities. Only you can determine the best method for escape/recovery.

ALWAYS read safety instructions before each use. **DO NOT** use the tree saddle for any other purpose. This tree saddle should be used **ONLY** for hunting purposes.

ALWAYS keep and store the safety warnings and instructions in a safe place. It is the responsibility of the tree saddle owner to provide complete instructions and warnings to anyone who may borrow or purchase the tree saddle from them.

ALWAYS use the inspection checklist before use to check for wear, fraying, damage, loose stitching, and discoloration. If **ANY** of these signs are present, **DISCARD** the tree saddle and replace with a new one. Using the tree saddle with any of these signs may result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

ALWAYS practice attaching, installing, and adjusting the tree saddle at ground level prior to using it in an elevated position.

ALWAYS practice mindfulness when putting on, attaching, securing, or using your tree saddle. Safe use of the product demands your full attention. **DO NOT** disconnect your lineman's belt until you are certain that you are otherwise properly attached to the tree. During use frequently check that your tree saddle, tether, and lineman's belt are properly connected to the tree and your knots are properly tied and secured. **DO NOT** use the accessory loops (MOLLE) for ascending, descending, or tethering to the tree. They will not hold body weight and are for carrying gear only.

ALWAYS use CEN certified equipment to accompany your tree saddle. Failure to use CEN certified equipment may result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

ALWAYS know your limitations. If you start thinking you are too high, **STOP**. Choose a hunting height that is comfortable and safe for you.

DO NOT use the tree saddle if you or your equipment weigh more than **300 pounds**. The total weight limit of this tree saddle is **300 pounds**. **DO NOT** use the tree saddle if you are unsure whether you may or may not exceed the total weight limit.

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

DO NOT use this tree saddle without proper practice, qualified instruction, and qualified guidance in it's use.

DO NOT use this tree saddle if you are not physically fit, alert, and well rested. **DO NOT** use this tree saddle if you have any other physical or mental condition or impairment that could impair your ability to utilize it in a safe and effective manner.

DO NOT leave your tree saddle outside under **ANY** condition. Weather and animals can damage it. If the tree saddle has been left outside or you suspect an animal has damaged it, **DISCARD** it immediately.

DO NOT use this tree saddle with more than one person. This tree saddle is designed for use by only **ONE** person.

NEVER let children use this tree saddle without adult supervision. Tree saddles are not toys. **NO ONE** under the age of 18 should use this tree saddle.

NEVER fall asleep or attempt to sleep in your tree saddle. Sleeping in your tree saddle could result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

NEVER use this tree saddle if you are feeling sick, ill, nauseous, or dizzy. Physical limitations and ailments can reduce your ability to utilize this tree saddle safely. Consult a physician, before use, for a professional opinion.

NEVER use this tree saddle if you have a history of health problems such as, but not limited to, equilibrium impairments, acrophobia, high blood pressure, heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, or you have been informed by a doctor not to climb.

NEVER carry your hunting equipment with you while descending or ascending a tree. Both hands are required for safely ascending and descending a tree. If using a firearm, ensure the safety lock is engaged at all times. Only after ascending the tree and fully securing yourself and your tree saddle to the tree should you pull up your equipment and weapon to hunting height.

NEVER attach or use this tree saddle on a diseased, dead, or leaning tree. **NEVER** attach or use this tree saddle on a utility pole, flagpole, or any other slick surfaced object. **NEVER** use the tree saddle on a wet, icy, or slippery tree/object. The tree must not have excessive vines, nails, screws, fencing, or other sharp objects that could catch, fray, sever, or otherwise damage the tree saddle. Surrounding trees must be free of dead limbs that may fall onto you or the tree saddle.

NEVER attach or use this tree saddle in inclement weather. This tree saddle is not safe to use during **ANY** type of storm. This includes but is not limited to: lightning, high winds, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and icy conditions. Keep watch for changing weather conditions and immediately descend the tree to head for safe shelter if inclement weather may arrive.

NEVER attach your tree saddle, your tether, or your lineman's belt to a tree branch for support.

NEVER shock load your tree saddle. Shock loading, bouncing, jumping, or falling into your tree saddle can cause unnecessary strain and damage internal fibers, and stitching. If you know your saddle has been shock loaded or have doubts as to whether or not it has been, **DISCARD** it immediately.

NEVER modify, repair, replace, or sew **ANY** part of your tree saddle. Modifying, repairing, or replacing any parts of your saddle will **VOID** your warranty and release the manufacture from all liability and responsibility unless the work has been done by the manufacturer. Inspect all contents upon delivery. Inspect for any wear, fraying, damage, loose stitching or discoloration. If you suspect your tree saddle of any aforementioned problems, immediately contact customer service to begin a return or product exchange.

NEVER introduce slack into any saddle, tether, or lineman's ropes. When clipping into and out of your tree saddle, it is imperative that you are always supported and tethered onto the tree with **NO** slack and the **FULL** weight of your body applied to your rope(s). Failure to check your attachments and ensure your full body weight is being supported before detaching from your tether or lineman's belt can result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

NEVER attempt to set up your tree saddle in the dark or twilight. Tree saddles require your absolute attention and sight in order for a safe and successful hunt.

DO NOT expose your tree saddle to excessive heat, cold, or wet conditions. **DO NOT** use a household clothes dryer for drying your saddle..

PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE

SAFE LIFE EXPECTANCY: The nylon components of your tree saddle **WILL** decay over time. With attention paid to proper care and inspection along with normal wear, your tree saddle has a safe life expectancy of three years. After the life expectancy of the product has expired, destroy it to prevent further use.

STORAGE: Keep your saddle in a cool, dry, dark place off concrete. Avoid storing your saddle where there are any corrosive agents including, but not limited to, exhaust emissions, acids, alkalies, rust or other strong chemicals.

WASHING: If you would like to wash your saddle, do so with **COLD** water only and a very mild non-detergent soap. **DO NOT** use a clothes dryer to dry your saddle. After washing, or if your saddle has become wet, allow to dry completely before storing it.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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| ✓ | Retire your tree saddle immediately when any other these apply: |
| | The fabric wrapping that protects the webbing anchor points has worn off or frayed |
| | The saddle has been involved in a fall or you are unsure of it's history of use |
| | You doubt the dependability of the tree saddle. |
| | There is dirt, grit, or grime inbedded in the webbing or rope |
| | The webbing has been discolored or has faded in color |
| | The webbing is burned, melted, singed, or otherwise damaged/warped |
| | There are holes, rips, tears, or fraying in the webbing or rope |
| | There are torn or pulled threads on the webbing or rope |
| | Any buckle or hardware is cracked, corroded, or otherwise damaged or deformed in any way |
| | It has been three or more years past the manufactured date located on the saddle's tag |