



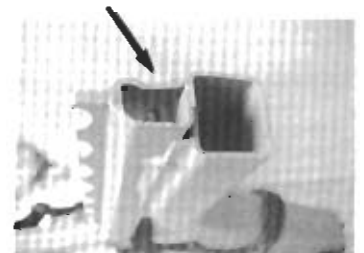
Treestand Instruction Booklet

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BUSHMASTER XL, COBRA XL
VIPER XL, VIPER XTREME XL

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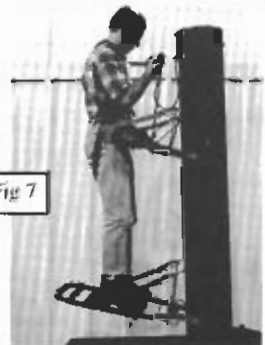
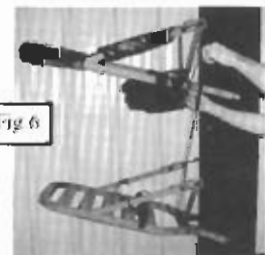
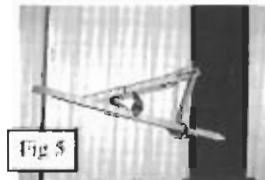
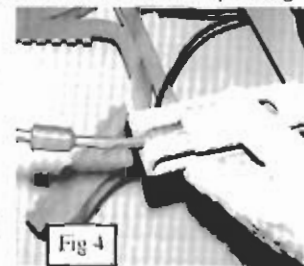
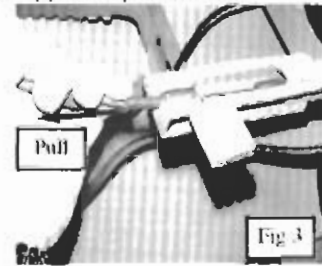
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Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the spring lever buckle and sliding the green webbing through it until you have plenty of room for your boot to fit it. Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap and tighten the strap over your boots by pulling on the free end of the green strap. YOU MUST pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your



boot, as shown in **Figure 8**. At this point we recommend attaching your safety harness to the rope around the tree.

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Wrap the supplied strap with the spring lever buckle around the tree and seat frame, as shown in **Figure 12**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched v-bar from losing contact with the tree.

With your safety harness attached to the tree, above the Bushmaster XL Seat, reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. Position your safety harness comfortably and carefully sit down.

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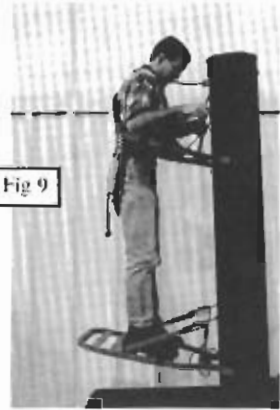


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Step 4. While firmly grasping the Bushmaster XL Seat upright arms and resting your weight with your arms on the seat, disengage the treestand by lifting and tipping the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see **Figure 10** again).

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Step 6. Slide your safety harness rope down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.



Fig 13

Part 5. Carrying the Bushmaster XL.

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Both sides of the Bushmaster XL Platform V-bar should be against the side braces of the Bushmaster XL Seat.

Secure the Bushmaster XL Seat and Bushmaster XL Platform together with the green strap with the tourniquet buckle. This will prevent making noise as you hike to your hunting location.

Use the backpack straps to carry the unit as shown in **Figure 15**.



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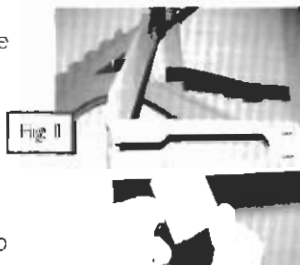
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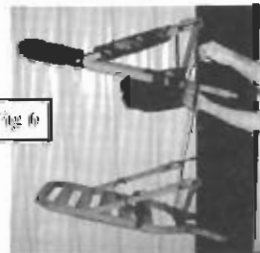
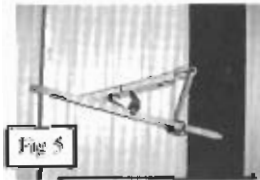
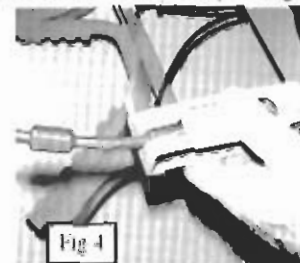
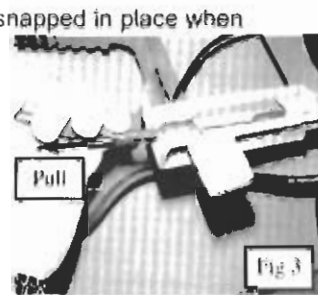
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A. Wrap the supplied strap with the around the tree and seat frame, as shown in **Figure 12**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched v-bar from losing contact with the tree.

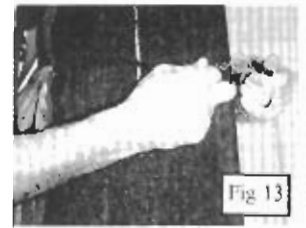
B. Unhook the bunge cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing. Position the seat back rest against the tree and attach the Cobra rest with the elastic cord provided, as



Xtreme XL Seat back-shown in

Figure 13. The bunge cord will prevent the backrest from falling forwards if you stand up.

C. With your safety harness attached to the tree, above the Cobra Xtreme XL Seat, reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. Position your safety harness com



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Part 4. Climbing Down with the Cobra Xtreme XL.

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

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Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the Cobra Xtreme XL Seat in place and fold the seat backrest down. Secure the backrest and seat as shown in **Figure 15**. Undo the strap that has held the seat in place.

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and cable as shown in **Figure 18**.

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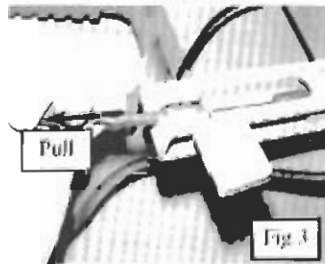
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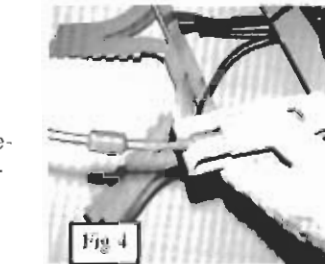
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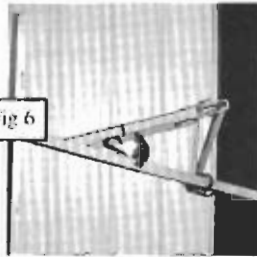


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Part 2. Climbing with the Viper XL.

Step 1. Now that your Viper XL base platform and Viper XL Seat are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. It is required that you use a safety harness as you climb: read the safety harness instructions for proper use of your safety harness. Simply attach the rope to the tree above the Viper XL Seat and secure it to the harness for climbing, as shown in **Figure 7**.

Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the spring lever buckle and sliding the green webbing through it until you have plenty of room for your boot to fit it. Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap and tighten the strap over your boots by pulling on the free end of the green strap. **YOU MUST** pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, as shown in **Figure 8**. **At this point we recommend attaching your safety harness to the rope around the tree.**

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your Viper XL Seat up to about waist height, sit on the padded bar and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in **Figure 9**.

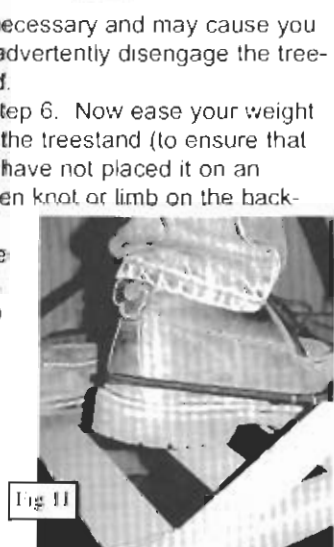
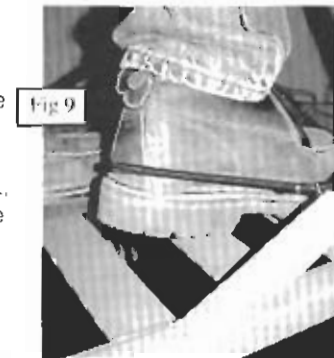
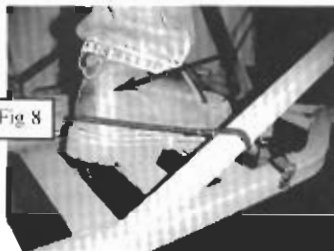
Step 4. With all of your weight on the padded bar, disengage the treestand (by rotating the edge against the tree down) and lift the treestand, as shown in **Figure 10**.

Step 5. To re-engage the Viper XL, simply rotate the edge against the tree upwards, as shown in **Figure 11**. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to dig into the tree.

It is **not** necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

Step 6. Now ease your weight onto the treestand (to ensure that you have not placed it on an unseen knot or limb on the backside of the tree), then slide your safety harness rope up the tree and repeat steps 3-6.

DO NOT TIP YOUR WEIGHT ONTO YOUR TOES unless you are ready to move the treestand because this will tend to disengage the treestand from the tree. The individual foot and heel straps are located in



such a position that equal distribution of weight will secure the treestand to the tree while climbing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT USE the Summit Viper XL without a Summit Viper XL Seat or other handclimber. A handclimber, especially the Summit Viper XL Seat, is designed to aid you in the correct operation of the treestand while climbing by keeping your weight away from the tree. The Viper XL Seat is also built so that it fits snugly with the platform of the treestand for carrying.

Part 3. Using the Viper XL Seat.

When you get to your hunting height (do not climb higher than 15 feet; it is unnecessary) and have assured that your treestand is level position your Viper XL Seat slightly below waist level (slightly lower will be more comfortable but higher makes for less movement when you stand.).

A. Wrap the supplied strap with the spring lever buckle around the tree and seat frame, as shown in **Figure 12**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched v-bar from losing contact with the tree.

B. Unhook the bungee cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing.

Position the seat back rest against the tree and attach the Viper XL Seat backrest with the elastic cord provided, as shown in **Figure 13**. The bungee cord will prevent the backrest from falling forwards if you stand up.

C. With your safety harness attached to the tree, above the Viper XL Seat, reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. Position your safety harness comfortably and carefully sit down.

The Viper XL Seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. The Viper XL seat height can be easily raised (for bowhunting) or lowered (for gun hunting) by adjusting the metal 3-bar slides under the seat cushion (See **Figure 14**). **NOTE:** This adjustment should be made while on the ground. Both sides must be adjusted equally so the seat is level side to side. Sliding the two seat-support straps forward or backwards gives additional comfort adjustment.

Part 4. Climbing Down with the Viper XL.

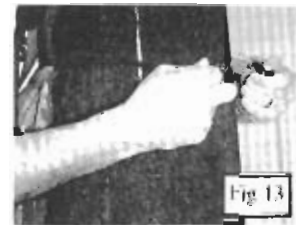
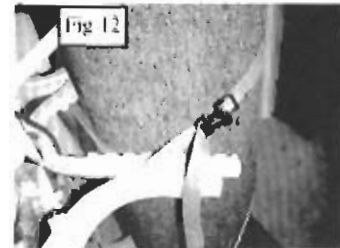
To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

Step 1. Reattach your treestand platform to your feet (with your safety harness still securely fastened) by using the procedure in Part 2. Climbing with the Viper XL.

Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the Viper XL Seat in place and fold the seat back rest back down. Secure the backrest and seat as shown in **Figure 15**.

Step 3. Place the Viper XL Seat at about knee level, sit on the padded bar, and grasp the upright arms as you did in climbing (see **Figure 16**).

Step 4. While firmly grasping the Viper XL Seat upright arms, disengage the treestand by lifting and tipping the top edge closest to



the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see **Figure 10** again).

Step 5. To re-engage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the treestand. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to dig into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

Step 6. Slide your safety harness rope down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

Part 5. Carrying the Viper XL.

The Viper XL and Viper XL Seat are lightweight and easy to carry as one unit.

A. To combine the Viper XL Seat and Viper XL Platform, place the Viper XL Seat top side up on the ground.

B. Take the Viper XL Platform (in the same orientation as it would be on a tree) and place it flat (parallel) against the top of the Viper XL Seat as shown in

Figure 17. Keeping it flat, slide the Viper XL Platform so that its notched V-bar goes under and touches the side braces of the



Viper XL Seat, as shown in **Figure 18**.

Both sides of the Viper XL Platform V-bar should be against the side braces of the Viper XL Seat.

Secure the Viper XL seat to the Viper XL with the green strap with the tourniquet buckle. This will prevent the Viper XL and Viper XL Seat from making noise as you hike to your hunting location.

Use the backpack straps to carry the unit as shown in **Figure 19**.

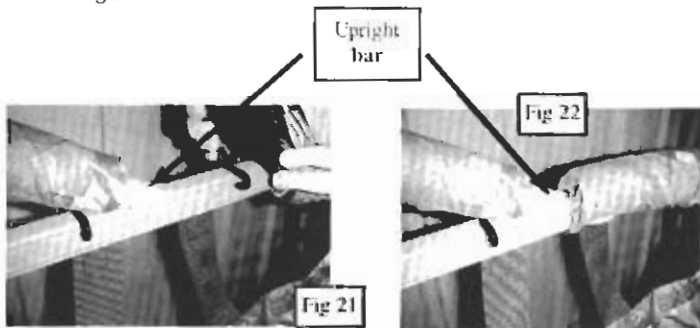
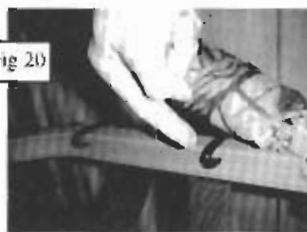
Part 6. Using the Viper Xtreme XL Seat.

NOTE: The difference between the Viper Xtreme XL and the Viper XL is that the Viper Xtreme XL has a reversible seat, a gun rest and a footrest. The assembly instructions for the gun rest and footrest are in the Attachments section.

In the normal position the plastic coated seat hook should be fully secured onto the lip of the frame as shown in **Figure 20**.

When reversing the seat, to face the tree, position the seat hook such that one end is on each side of the upright bar as shown in **Figure 21**.

Figure 22 shows the seat hook covered with the padded foam and camouflage.



Instruction - Attachments

Maintenance and Care

Because of the quality construction techniques used in manufacturing, your Summit treestand is very durable under normal hunting conditions. However, since all hunting equipment that is exposed to the elements requires some maintenance and care, the following guidelines for caring for your treestand should be used.

DO NOT leave your treestand outdoors when it is not being used. Any tubing that is allowed to fill with rainwater and freeze will rupture and burst. **DO NOT** use your treestand if you allow this to occur. If your treestand is exposed to the elements, it is necessary to cover the seat to prevent rain and moisture from saturating the material. This will extend the life of the seat material as well as make it more comfortable the next time it is used.

The powder coat finish that is applied at the factory is very durable and should need touch ups only in areas of heavy wear or accidental impact.

Should you damage any part of your Summit treestand, contact your nearest authorized Summit dealer or the factory to obtain the proper corrective action procedure and/or replacement parts for the treestand. Unauthorized repairs, modifications, or alterations will void the warranty and could degrade the integrity of the treestand.

You must perform periodic inspections of the treestand for damage. DO NOT use the treestand if ANY obvious or suspected damaged is observed. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to inspect the cable on your climbing treestand to ensure that there is no sign of frayed, damaged or broken strands. If **ANY** such damage is noticed, you must replace your cable **IMMEDIATELY**. Replacement covers for the cable are also available. **NOTE:** The plastic coating on the cable serves **ONLY** as a noise reducer. Over time your cable cover will begin to wear. This is normal.

Look for nicks gouges, cuts, cracks, bends, corrosion, etc. and similar defects that can be the result of improper use or accidental damage. For instance, this could occur if someone else used the treestand without knowledge of its proper use, or if the treestand were dropped, or hit by a motor vehicle, or subjected to corrosive conditions, etc. Summit treestands have the highest structural integrity by design, material selection and manufacturing techniques, but as its owner, only your continued care will assure trouble free performance.

When the above-mentioned guidelines are followed, your Summit treestand will provide years of successful hunting.

Adjustments

The only adjustments that may be required on your Summit treestand would be the backpack straps or seat height.

If the backpack straps on the back (bottom) of the treestand need to be shortened to fit more comfortably, simply adjust the 2 wide straps using the 3-bar slide buckles provided to the length desired.

The Viper XL and Cobra Xtreme XL seat height can be adjusted by means of the 3-bar slides on the seat straps. This adjustment should be made while on the ground and both sides must be adjusted equally so the seat is level side to side. (See Section 3 and Figure 14 in the instructions).

Attachments

Additional Instructions - Cobra XL, Viper XL and Viper Xtreme XL

Enclosed in your instruction packet you will find black cable ties. These ties are part of our continuing efforts to make Summit products easy to use and effective. These black cable ties replace the previous method (velcro) of attaching the comfort pads to the arm rest bars. To attach the comfort pads, simply position the pads on

the arm rest bars as shown in Figure 1. Then wrap the black cable ties around the pads in the locations shown in Figure 2 and secure them. Pull the cable ties tight and cut off the loose end with scissors or wire pliers. For the Viper XTreme XL, position the cable ties labeled A and B further towards the front of the treestand (away from the tree). Before attaching the front comfort pad on a Viper XTreme XL, YOU MUST first position the gun rest bracket on the bar. NOTE: The Cobra XL will only include the two short comfort pads.



High Traction Strips. To attach the high traction strips, first lay one strip on each of the five two-inch wide beams of the treestand platform. (If trimming is required, do so before removing the adhesive backing). **The beams should be clean, dry and free from dirt or oil.** Remove the adhesive backing from one strip and stick it to the middle of the beam to cover as much length as possible. Repeat this procedure for the other strips. This application should be done at a temperature above 60 degrees.

Foot Rest (for Viper Xtreme XL). To attach the footrest to the Viper Xtreme XL platform, first determine that all hardware is available. Included should be two (2) 1/2"-20 x 1 1/2" long cap screws, two (2) 1/2"-20 locknuts, and six (6) plastic flanged bushings. Insert four of the plastic flanged bushings into each side of the two holes in the ends of the footrest. Insert the remaining two in the two brackets on the platform such that the flange is on the inboard side of the platform. Next insert the bolts through the bushings on the footrest and into the bushing on the bracket. After installing the nuts on the bolts, tighten them so that there is a minimum of side-to-side play. NOTE: If the nuts are too tight, they will have a tendency to squeak. If so, just loosen the nuts.

Gun Rest (for Viper Xtreme XL). To attach the gun rest to the Viper Xtreme XL Seat bar, first determine that all hardware is available. Included should be a U-shaped bracket, two (2) plastic flanged bushings, 1/2"-20 x 3 1/2" long cap screw and 1/2"-20 locknut. Unfasten a portion (approximately 8") of the Velcro camouflage in the center of the seat bar and slide the bracket onto the bar with the opening away from the tree and the holes aligned vertically. Insert the plastic flanged bushings into the two holes in the end of the gun rest. The end of the gun rest containing the bushings should then be pushed into the bracket so that the holes are aligned. The bolt should then be inserted through the holes and the lock nut installed and tightened.

Tips

You will easily learn how to use your Summit treestand more efficiently and make it more effective for your hunting.

With proper practice you can learn to level your platform without climbing down to re-position the cable. Pulling the cable against the backside of the tree while you are supporting the platform with your legs can do this. While the cable is against the tree, position the platform level and engage the front edge against the tree. This puts a slight bend in the cable while keeping the platform level. Only minor level adjustment, however, can be made using this technique.

Re-positioning your seat height or changing its position after sitting for a long time can reduce fatigue. This will allow longer hunting times and thereby improve your odds.

Sometimes on a cold, dry, hard bark tree a rubbing noise can be produced at the scalloped edge that engages the tree. This comes from friction forces. It can be eliminated a couple of ways. First, simply re-positioning your platform slightly will in most cases eliminate the noise. Second, a liquid or wax can be applied at the intersection of the tree and the scalloped edge to reduce the friction. Also, using a file to slightly upset (roughen) the smooth metal surface contact points on the scallops can eliminate the noise.

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