



**Headhunter Series Instruction Booklet - 2003**

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Instructions for your new  
Headhunter Mini, Max, or Lite Hang-On Treestand  
**READ ME FIRST!!!**

Please read carefully **BEFORE** using your new **Headhunter Series Hang-On Treestand**. **YOU MUST** also view the enclosed DVD **BEFORE** using your new treestand!

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand on the market today. The Headhunter series hang-on treestand is designed and built to provide years of troublefree, successful hunting with a minimum of maintenance and care. It is certified to meet the requirements of the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA) Standards. This instructional information is provided to you to outline the recommended use, care, and maintenance of your Headhunter Series Hang-On Treestand.

- **BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, MAKE SURE YOU USE A SAFETY HARNESS AT ALL TIMES!!!**
- **DO NOT USE THIS OR ANY OTHER TREESTAND IF YOU HAVE BEEN USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR ARE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED IN ANY WAY!**
- **FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT USE ANY TREESTAND DURING STORMS, WHEN TREES ARE WET OR ICY, OR ON TREES THAT ARE LEANING OR THAT APPEAR DEAD OR DISEASED, OR OTHERWISE UNSUITABLE FOR SAFE USE.**
- **DO NOT USE ANY TREESTAND IF YOU HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE MANUFACTURERS CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES!**
- **NEVER ALLOW THE SAFETY HARNESS TETHER TO GET UNDER OR AROUND YOUR NECK.**
- **IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO BE PREPARED IF YOU HAPPEN TO FALL AND EMPLOY YOUR SAFETY HARNESS WHILE IN A TREESTAND. STAY CALM AND DO NOT PANIC. YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO RECOVER FROM YOUR FALL BY EITHER CLIMBING BACK ONTO YOUR TREESTAND OR USING A DEVICE SUCH AS THE "TREE DESCENDER" (AVAILABLE FROM SUMMIT, 256-353-0634).**
- **DO NOT LEAVE THE TREESTAND IN THE TREE UNATTENDED.**
- **DO NOT USE ANY TREESTAND UNLESS YOU ARE IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE. THE ABILITY TO DO SEVERAL PUSH-UPS, CHIN-UPS, SIT-UPS, ETC. IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR SAFETY.**
- **INSPECT STRAP FOR CUTS AND/OR ABRASIONS BEFORE EACH USE. REPLACE IMMEDIATELY IF CUTS ARE FOUND.**

• **DO NOT USE THE STRAP ASSEMBLY WITH ANY OTHER MODEL OR BRAND TREESTAND!**

• **THE TREESTAND ATTACHMENT STRAP MUST BE REPLACED EVERY TWO YEARS, OR IF DAMAGE SUCH AS CUTS AND/OR ABRASION IS FOUND.**

• **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**

*NOTE: Weight limit for this treestand is 260 lbs.*

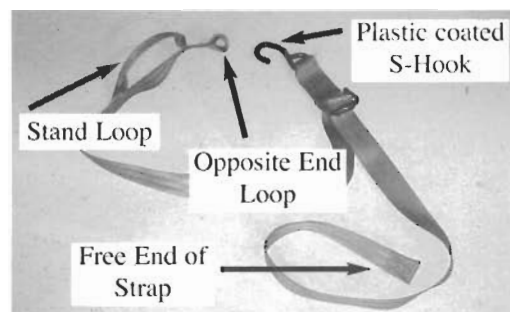
**Installing the Headhunter Series Hang-On Treestand**

We recommend following all steps at ground level to become familiar with installing the Headhunter series Hang-On Treestand before using it in a tree.

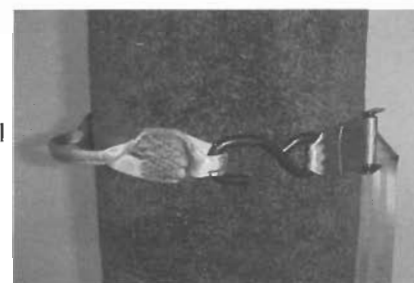
1. Select a tree with a minimum diameter of 8" and a maximum diameter of 22". The actual location of the treestand on the tree should be where the tree is as straight (vertical) as possible.

2. You must first climb to the height at which you wish to install the treestand (by using a Summit SwifTree or Bucksteps). You must use a "lineman" type belt to support you and provide balance for you when you install your treestand (see video for instructions on using the harness with a lineman's belt).

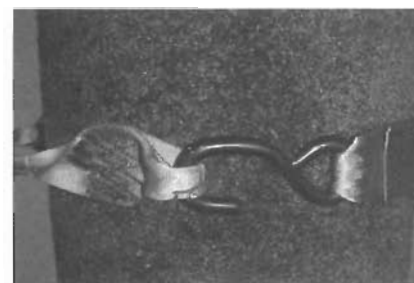
3. A diagram of the treestand hanging strap is shown in **Figure 1**. Secure the strap to a tree with as little slack in the strap as possible, as shown in **Figure 2**. **MAKE SURE** that the plastic coated S-hook is **COMPLETELY** through the end loop at the opposite end of the strap as shown in



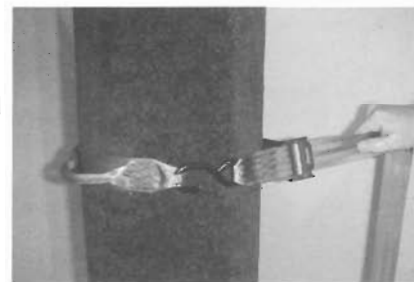
**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

**Figure 3.** Pull on the free end of the strap to tighten, as shown in **Figure 4**. The strap must be as tight as possible around the tree. To loosen the strap, pull the buckle away from the tree (**Figure 5**). **DO NOT** use this treestand if you have any question about its' proper use.

**4.** After assuring that your strap is securely attached to the tree, attach the treestand to the stand loop as shown in **Figure 6**. This is easier to accomplish if you keep the treestand folded flat. **YOU MUST** completely seat the u-shaped bracket into the strap loop as shown in **Figures 7 and 8**. Now push the supplied detent pin through the holes in the u-shaped bracket, as shown in **Figure 9**. The treestand should now be connected and is ready for final adjustment (see **Figure 10**). Simply fold the treestand platform down away from the tree and "seat" the scalloped grip strips onto the tree, as shown in **Figure 11**. **IF YOU PURCHASED THE HEADHUNTER LITE HANG-ON TREE-STAND**, there is a small amount of additional leveling that can be done. To do this, locate the point just below the seat plate where the cable connects to the seat frame (**Figure 12**). This connection point can be repositioned on



*Figure 6*



*Figure 7*



*Figure 8*



*Figure 9*



*Figure 10*

either of the two stamped stand-offs. Push the cable up and towards the tree to remove it from one of the stamped stand-offs, then reposition it on the other stamped stand-off as shown in **Figure 13**. **MAKE SURE** it is securely seated before continuing to the next step (**Figure 14**). Now thread the supplied green tourniquet buckle strap through the grip strips on the back of the treestand platform and secure as shown in **Figure 15**.

**5.** To secure the seat pad to the seat plate, slide the "pocket" on the bottom of the seat pad onto the seat plate from front to back. Snap the supplied straps to help keep the seat pad from sliding forward. Your secured seat should look like **Figure 16**.

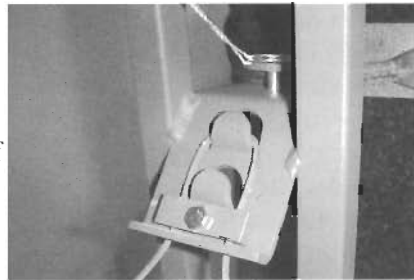
**6.** Refer to the safety harness instructions for proper use of the included safety harness before using it. Be sure your safety harness safety line is securely fastened around the tree, and hook your harness tether to the rope. This must be done **BEFORE** you carefully place your weight on the center of the treestand to make sure it is securely attached.

#### Removing the Headhunter Series Hang-On Treestand from the tree

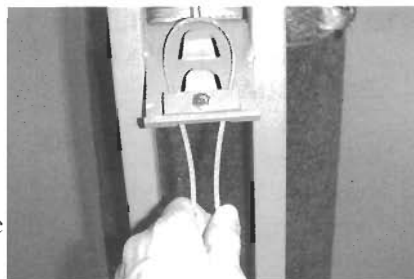
To remove the Headhunter series Hang-On Treestand



*Figure 11*



*Figure 12*



*Figure 13*



*Figure 14*



*Figure 15*

from a tree, remove the detent pin, rotate the front edge of the treestand platform towards the tree, and lift it to remove the u-shaped bracket from the stand loop, as shown in **Figure 17**.



**Figure 16**

To carry the Headhunter Series Hang-On Treestand, simply use the attached back pack straps as shown in **Figure 18**.



**Figure 17**

Refer to the pamphlet included with your Summit safety harness for instructions on the correct use of the safety harness.



**Figure 18**

**HUNT TOMORROW...  
...USE A SAFETY HAR-  
NESS TODAY!**

**Maintenance & Care of  
your Headhunter Series  
Hang-On Treestand**

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 on the treestand for damage. DO NOT use the treestand if ANY obvious or suspected damage is observed.** It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to inspect the strap on your hang-on treestand to ensure that there is no sign damage of **ANY KIND**. If **ANY** such damage is noticed, you must replace the strap **IMMEDIATELY**.

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.

**LIMITED WARRANTY**

**(A) Warranty**

Summit Treestands, LLC (Summit) warrants to the original retail purchaser that all products manufactured by it are free from defects in material and manufacture at the time of shipment for sixty (60) months from the date of purchase. Summit will repair or replace any part found defective if the unit claimed to be defective shall be returned to Summit, postage prepaid, within the warranty period.

This warranty shall not apply to any product which has been subjected to misuse, misapplication; neglect (including but not limited to improper maintenance); accident; improper installation; modification (including but not limited to use of unauthorized parts or attachments), adjustment, or repair. THE FOREGOING IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED (INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS OF ANY PRODUCT FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE), AND OF ANY OTHER OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY.

**(B) Limitation of Liability**

It is expressly understood that Summit's liability for its products, whether due to breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise, is limited to the repair of the product, as stated above, and Summit will not be liable for any other injury, loss, damage, or expense, whether direct or consequential, including but not limited to loss of use, income, profit, or damage to material, arising in connection with the sale, installation, use of, inability to use, or the repair or replacement of, Summit's products.

Summit reserves the right to make alterations or modifications in its products at any time, which in its opinion, may improve the performance and efficiency of the product. It shall not be obligated to make such alterations or modifications to products already in service.

Please fill out the warranty card below and return to:

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Decatur, AL 35601  
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**Warranty Card for Headhunter Hang-On Treestand**

Treestand Purchased:  Headhunter MINI  Headhunter MAX  Headhunter LITE

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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