

Please read carefully BEFORE using your new Summit **Seat-O-The-Pants Climbing System**.

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available climbing safety system on the market today. This booklet is provided to you to outline the recommended use, care and maintenance of your Summit Climbing System.

BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, BE SURE YOU USE A SAFETY HARNESS AT ALL TIMES AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND!!

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!

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

PRIOR TO HUNTING: YOU MUST NOTIFY SOMEONE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION AND WHEN YOU WILL RETURN!

NOTE: Weight limit for the Climbing System is 300 lbs!

Instructions for the Summit Climbing System

WARNING! You MUST have a Seat-O-The-Pants Safety Harness or a high quality full-body harness to use this system. Your Climbing System should include one (1) thirty (30) foot rope, a small rope (prusic hitch) looped around the 30 foot rope, and one (1) carrying bag. **Figure 1** shows the items included. If you purchased the Economy Pack Climbing System, your box will contain three (3) Climbing Systems and no carrying bag (**Figure 2**).

1. Put the looped end of the black 30 foot rope around the tree above your treestand and run the entire rope and prusic hitch through the loop, as shown in **Figure 3**. **YOU MUST** use a lineman-style climbing belt while attaching the Climbing System above your treestand. This will secure the 30 foot rope to the tree.



Figure 2

2. Clip your safety harness tether into the Climbing System prusic hitch as shown in **Figure 4**. You are now attached to the Climbing System.



Figure 3

3. As you climb up the tree, simply slide the prusic hitch up the 30 foot black rope as shown in **Figure 5**. Keep the prusic hitch above your head as you climb as shown in **Figure 6**.



Figure 4

Once you are standing on your treestand platform, simply slide the prusic hitch up above your head. The Climbing System is designed to be left in the tree.

To descend, follow the steps shown in Figures 5 and 6. As you climb down, simply slide the adjustable prusic hitch with you. In the event of a fall, the prusic hitch is designed to cinch down onto the 30 foot rope.



Please call Summit Treestands, LLC at 256-353-0634 if you have ANY questions.

Harness Suspension

It is necessary and very important that someone knows your hunting location and time of return. It is also very important that you carry (on your person) emergency communication devices such as a cell phone, two-way radio, whistle, signal flare or preferably a PLD (Personal Locator Device, FCC approved July, '03). When triggered, a PLD will transmit an emergency signal to local rescue teams identifying your location via satellite GPS coordinates. (Wilderness outfitters and the internet are sources for these PLD's). Suspension trauma or



Figure 6

blood pooling can occur when suspended motionless in a harness for some period of time which can lead to unconsciousness. **IF YOU HAVE TO HANG IN THE TREE BEFORE HELP ARRIVES, YOU NEED TO EXERCISE YOUR LEGS BY PUSHING OFF FROM THE TREE OR ANY OTHER MOTION THAT WILL EXERCISE YOUR LEGS.**

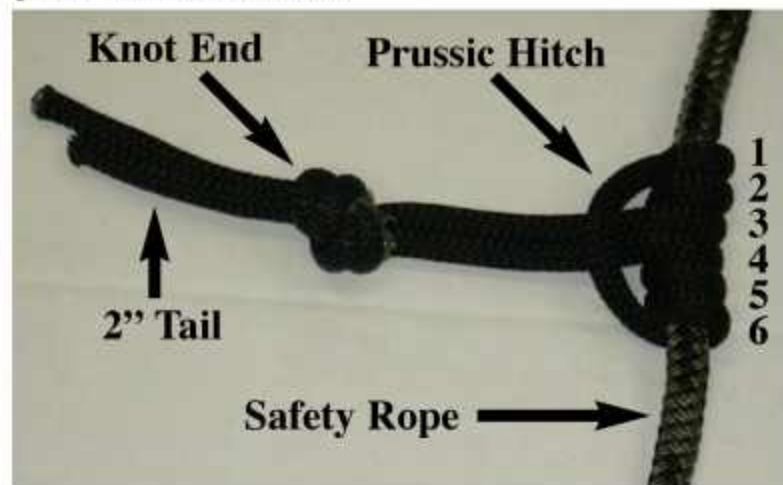
In the unfortunate situation that A) no one knows your location, B) your communication efforts are exhausted, and C) you're confident that you have the strength, dexterity and ability to perform self-extraction and D) you decide this as your "absolute last resort", you must use extreme caution if you decide to attempt it. It is necessary to carry a device to assist with self-extraction. Simple devices such as screw-in steps or a rope "Tree Descender" (Summit) will allow removing your weight from the harness to enable either A) return to the treestand/ladder/climbing steps or B) slowly descend the tree. There is also a device called the FallGuy Descender introduced in '05 to assist with descending (Phone 866 477-6723 or www.fall-guysafety.com).

! WARNING !

MAKE SURE YOUR PRUSSIC HITCH LOOKS LIKE THIS PICTURE BEFORE USING!

DO NOT USE unless your prussic hitch has 6 (six) loops!
DO NOT USE unless your prussic hitch has a minimum of a 2" tail beyond the knot end!

Pull on the knot end of the prussic hitch and make sure it locks to the safety rope. **DO NOT USE** your harness unless your prussic hitch looks like the one pictured here. In addition, the prussic hitch must lock to the safety rope when you pull on the knot end. **Contact SUMMIT TREESTANDS, LLC if you have any problems. 1-256-353-0634**



The Summit Treestands, LLC safety rope has the ability to adjust the length while attached to the tree. **NEVER** exceed 24-inches of total tether length (safety rope and tether strap combined). The prussic hitch slides along the safety rope until loaded, at which point it locks securely in place.

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