

Bucksteps - Instruction Booklet

READ ME FIRST!!!

Please read carefully **BEFORE** using your new Summit Bucksteps Climbing Sticks.

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand on the market today. Summit Bucksteps are designed and built to provide years of trouble-free, successful hunting with a minimum of maintenance and care. They are certified to meet the requirements of the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA) Standards. This booklet is provided to you to outline the recommended use, care and maintenance of your Summit Bucksteps.

Please read and follow all general safety warnings and precautions listed on the next page! Use of a lineman's style climbing belt / rope is **MANDATORY** for using and installing Bucksteps.

WARNING

You must fully read, understand and follow these warnings and instructions (written and video)! Failure to follow these instructions may cause serious injury or death!!

You **MUST** also view the enclosed DVD **BEFORE** using your new treestand / climbing aid / ladder stand / pod stand!! If this DVD does not play in your DVD player - please contact us for a replacement.

WEIGHT LIMIT 260 LBS:

(Total weight includes person and all gear / clothing)

Tree Size: 8-20" diameter

- **WHEN HUNTING FROM A TREESTAND FALLS CAN OCCUR ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH! FOR THOSE REASONS ALWAYS WEAR A FALL ARREST SYSTEM (FAS) COMPRISING A FULL BODY HARNESS AT ALL TIMES AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND. 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 PREFERRED AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED. IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING A FULL BODY HARNESS THAT IS PROTECTING YOU FROM A FALL, DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUND!**
- **READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE MANUFACTURER'S WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS AND USE ALL SAFETY DEVICES PROVIDED. CONTACT SUMMIT TREESTANDS FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH!**
- **A SIGNAL DEVICE SUCH A MOBILE PHONE, RADIO, WHISTLE, SIGNAL FLARE OR PERSONAL LOCATOR DEVICE (PLD) MUST BE ON YOUR PERSON AND READILY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES! INFORM SOMEONE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION, WHERE THE TREESTAND WILL BE LOCATED AND THE EXPECTED DURATION OF THE HUNT!**
- **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND UNLESS YOU ARE IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE AND HAVE NO PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY PREVENT YOU FROM SAFELY USING THIS PRODUCT. ALWAYS CONSULT A PHYSICIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITY TO USE THIS PRODUCT.**
- **NEVER USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND WHILE TAKING DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS! ALWAYS CONSULT A PHYSICIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION ABOUT TAKING SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS AND USING THIS PRODUCT!**
- **NEVER USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER SUCH AS RAIN, LIGHTNING, WINDSTORMS OR ICY CONDITIONS!**
- **NEVER USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND WHEN FEELING ILL, NAUSEOUS, DROWSY OR DIZZY!**
- **BE WELL RESTED AND NEVER HURRY. HURRYING CAUSES ACCIDENTS!**
- **NEVER USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND ON A DEAD, LEANING, DISEASED, LOOSE BARKED TREE, ON A UTILITY POLE OR ON TREES THAT HAVE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY LIMIT TREESTAND USE! NEVER RELY ON A TREE BRANCH FOR SUPPORT!**
- **NEVER JUMP OR BOUNCE ON THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND TO SECURE IT TO THE TREE!**
- **PULL UP A BOW, BACKPACK, FIREARM OR OTHER EQUIPMENT ONLY AFTER SECURING YOUR SAFETY HARNESS TO THE TREE. FIREARMS MUST BE PULLED UP UNLOADED, CHAMBER OPEN AND MUZZLE DOWN!**
- **NEVER MODIFY THIS PRODUCT IN ANY WAY BY MAKING REPAIRS, REPLACING PARTS, OR ALTERING ADDING OR ATTACHING ANYTHING TO IT EXCEPT IF EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED BY THE MANUFACTURER!**
- **PRACTICE INSTALLING, ADJUSTING AND USING YOUR TREESTAND / BUCKSTEPS AT GROUND LEVEL PRIOR TO USING IT AT ELEVATED POSITIONS!**
- **INSTRUCTIONS (WRITTEN AND VIDEO) SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE AND REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TREESTAND OWNER TO FURNISH THE INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY PERSON THAT WHO BORROWS OR PURCHASES THE TREESTAND! THIS SUMMIT TREESTAND IS DESIGNED TO BE USED AS A COMPLETE SYSTEM - NEVER LOAN OR SELL ONLY A PORTION OF THE CLIMBING TREESTAND SYSTEM.**
- **BEFORE EACH USE OF THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND, ALWAYS INSPECT THE TREESTAND AND HARNESS FOR ANY DAMAGE, CRACKS, TEARS, CABLE WEAR OR ABRASION THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN TRANSPORTING / STORING YOUR TREESTAND. DO NOT USE IF ANY DAMAGE IS FOUND! CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE APPROPRIATE REPAIR / REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE!**
- **CHECK EVERY BUCKSTEP SECTION CONNECTION EVERY TIME YOU USE BUCKSTEPS BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TREESTAND OUTDOORS WHEN IT IS NOT BEING USED!**

Section 1. Assembling your new Bucksteps.

Step 1. Take the supplied cam-buckle strap and secure it to one side of the metal loop in the center of the Buckstep. Push the cam buckle loop through the metal loop as shown in **Figure 1**.

Step 2. **MAKE SURE** the cam buckle is facing out as shown in **Figure 2**.

Step 3. Pull the hook end of the strap through the cam buckle loop as shown in **Figure 3**.

Step 4. Thread the entire strap and the cam buckle through the loop and pull snug as shown in **Figure 4**.

Step 5. Your completed Buckstep should look like **Figure 5**. Repeat for the other sections.

Section 2. Use of the Buckstep tree steps.

⚠ WARNING

A lineman's style hook up is **mandatory** when hanging or using your Bucksteps. See your harness instructions for information on using a lineman's belt!

Part 1. Attaching your Bucksteps to the Tree.

Step 1. Take one Buckstep section and press it firmly against the tree. For the first (bottom) section, this is easiest to do by holding it against the tree with your leg as shown in **Figure 6**. Wrap the free end (with the metal hook) around the tree and secure to the metal loop on the Buckstep as shown in **Figure 7**. Secure the hook into the metal loop as shown in **Figure 8**.

⚠ WARNING

The hook **MUST** be hooked from the inside out as shown in **Figure 8**.

Your completed strap should look like **Figure 9**.

Step 2. Your first Buckstep section should be hanging loosely on the tree (See **Figure 9**). Pull the free end of the cam lock buckle as shown in **Figure 10**.

Step 3. You must pull down on the Buckstep to secure it firmly in place as shown in **Figure 11**. The step will slide down the tree until the strap tightens up.

Step 4. ALWAYS CHECK THE SECURITY OF EACH BUCKSTEP SECTION BEFORE CLIMBING ONTO IT!

⚠ WARNING

Before proceeding **YOU MUST** properly attach a lineman's style belt (from a properly worn full body harness to the tree) in order to support your weight. See your Harness Instructions for details. A full body harness and lineman's belt **MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES** when installing or removing any hang-on climbing aids or hang-on stands.

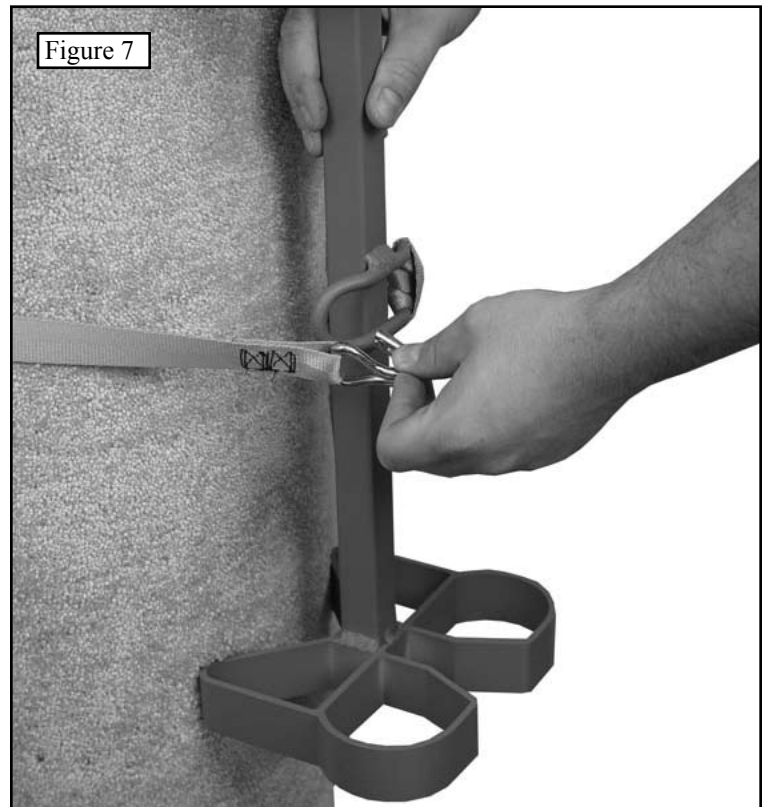
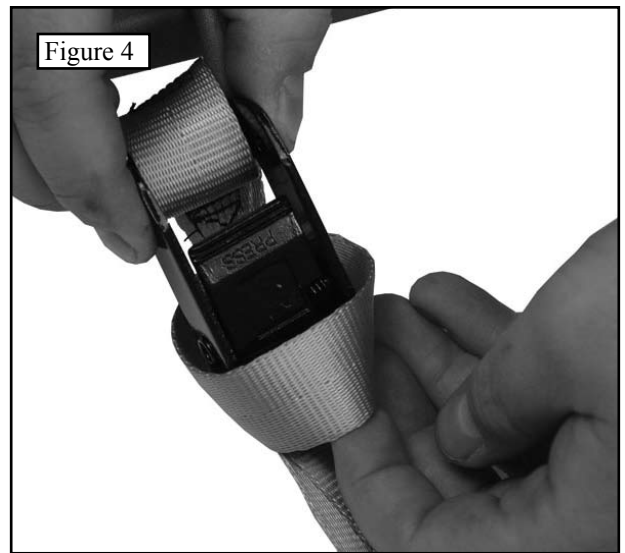
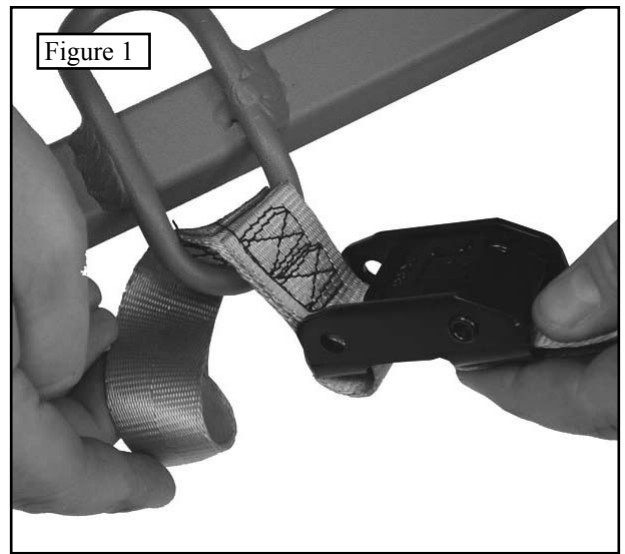
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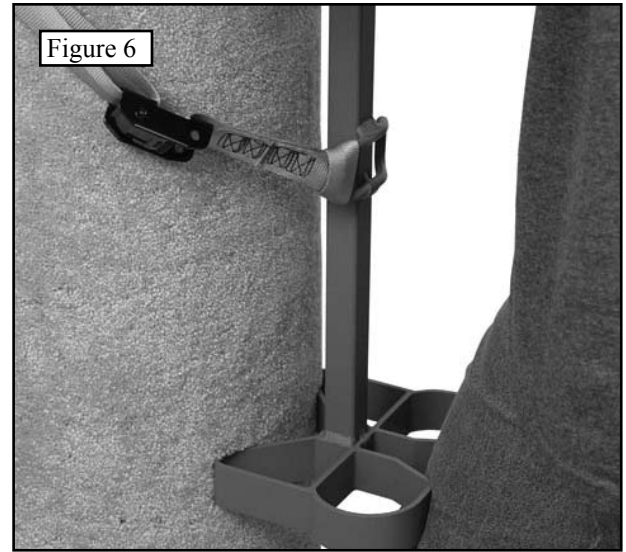
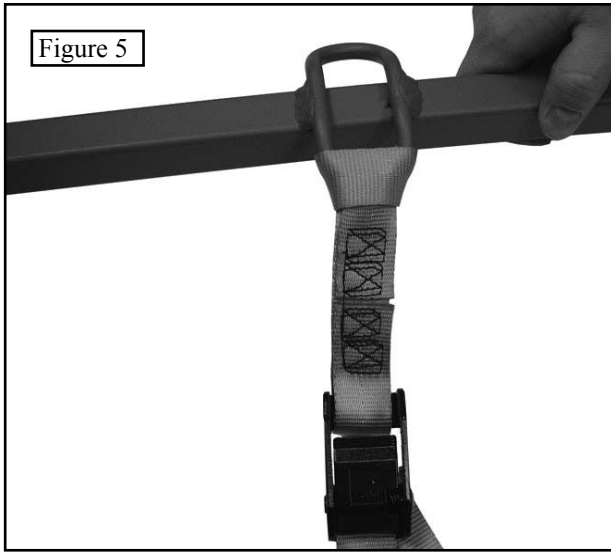
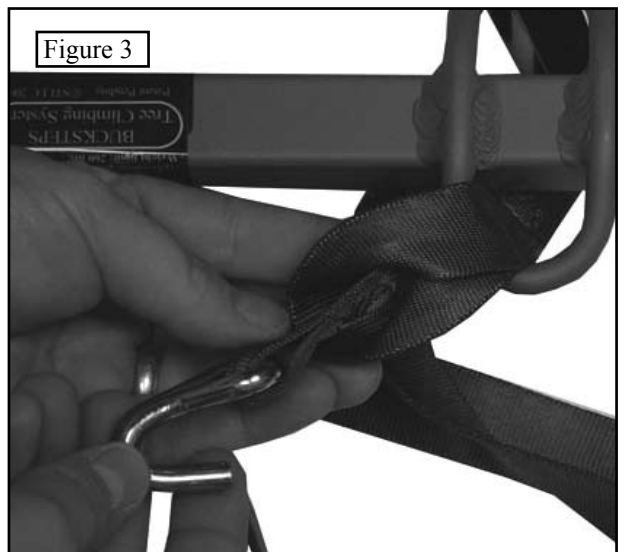
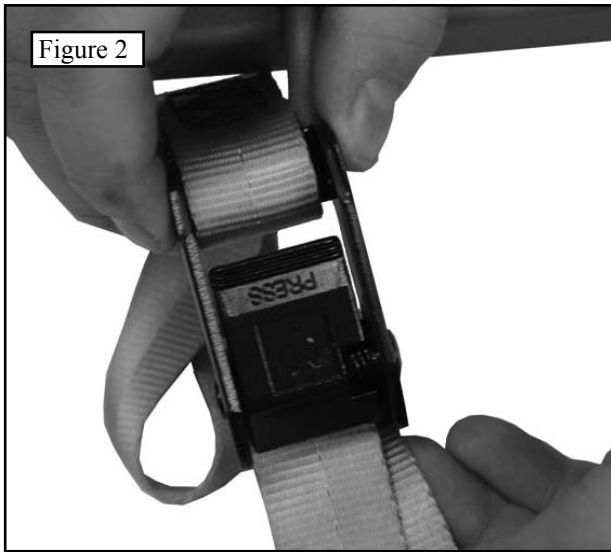
Carefully climb onto the bottom Buckstep section.

Step 5. USING A PULL UP ROPE - pull the next Buckstep section up to you. Repeat steps 1-4 to secure other sections.

⚠ WARNING

Do not place any Buckstep section more than **18 inches** above the section below it.





Step 6. Repeat step 5 for any remaining sections. Position your last Buckstep section so that you step down onto your treestand platform.

⚠ WARNING

NEVER unhook from your lineman's belt until your full body harness is properly connected to the tree using a safety rope or strap. **YOU MUST** attach your full body harness to a safety rope or strap **BEFORE** you attempt to step down into your treestand.

⚠ WARNING

ALWAYS STEP DOWN from the top of the last Buckstep to the treestand! **NEVER** attempt to climb into a stand from your Bucksteps. The last Buckstep **MUST** be placed on the tree at a height above the platform where the user can maintain a hand hold on the unit and step downwards onto the treestand. **NEVER** step up from a climbing device to get into your stand.

Part 2. Removing your Bucksteps from the Tree.

Step 1.

⚠ WARNING

Always put on your lineman's style belt before attempting to unhook the steps from the tree.

Step 2. Stand on the step below the one you wish to remove. Grab the top step and pull up. This should take the tension off the cam buckle. Press the release lever on the buckle.

Step 3. While the release lever is depressed, loosen the strap and lower the step to the ground with a pull-up rope.

Step 4. Repeat steps 2-3 for the remaining sections.

⚠ WARNING

When descending to remove your Bucksteps **NEVER** loosen any tie-off strap until you are securely standing on the section below it. **ALWAYS** support your weight on the Buckstep section still securely attached and **ALWAYS** use a lineman's belt and full body harness until you are securely on the ground!

Part 3. Packing your Bucksteps.

Step 1. Your Bucksteps should include a small, camouflaged bag with snap straps attached to it. Secure this bag to ONE Buckstep section as shown in **Figure 12**. This bag can remain attached.

Step 2. Nest the remaining three Buckstep sections together - make sure the straps are free as shown in **Figure 13**. The section with the bag attached should be the last (top) section nested.

Step 3. Roll all the straps together and push them into the bag as shown in **Figure 14**. Your Buckstep sections are now ready to be strapped to your treestand or carried to your hunting location.

Section 3. Maintenance and Care of your Bucksteps.

The quality of material and fabrication techniques used in manufacturing makes Summit's Bucksteps 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 care of your Bucksteps should be used.

If you find the need to leave your Bucksteps outdoors for a short time, perhaps overnight or during lunch break, do not assume that nothing has changed when you return. When you return, always re-inspect each step before use to make sure they are still secure.

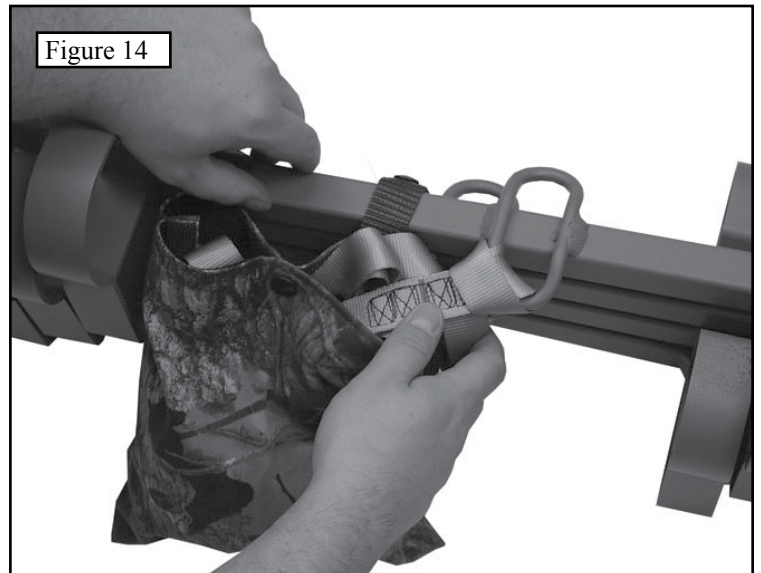
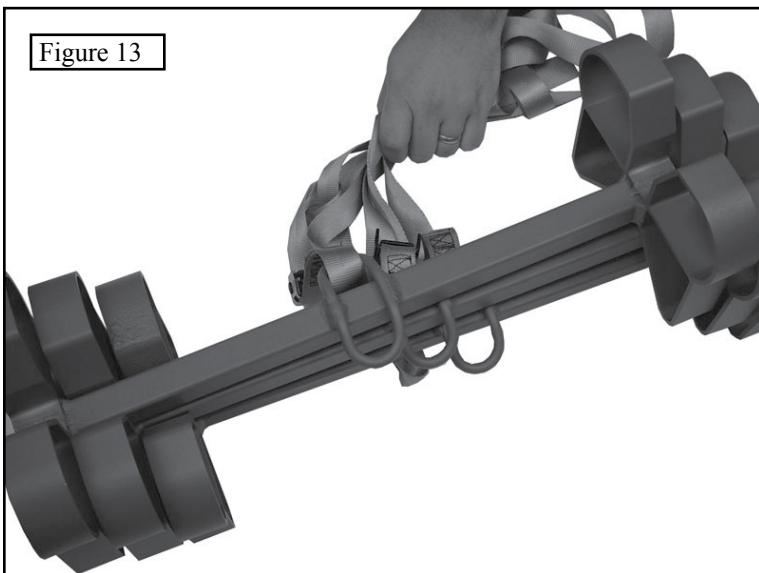
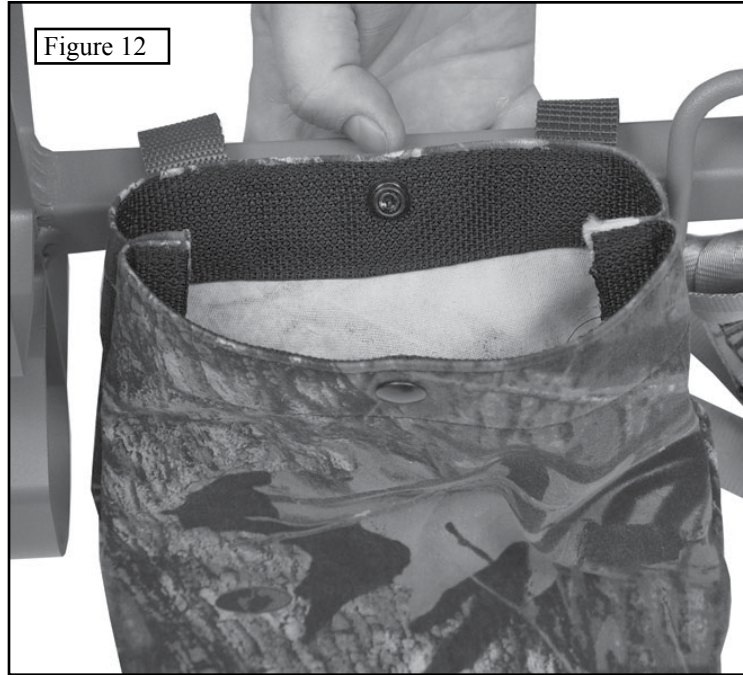
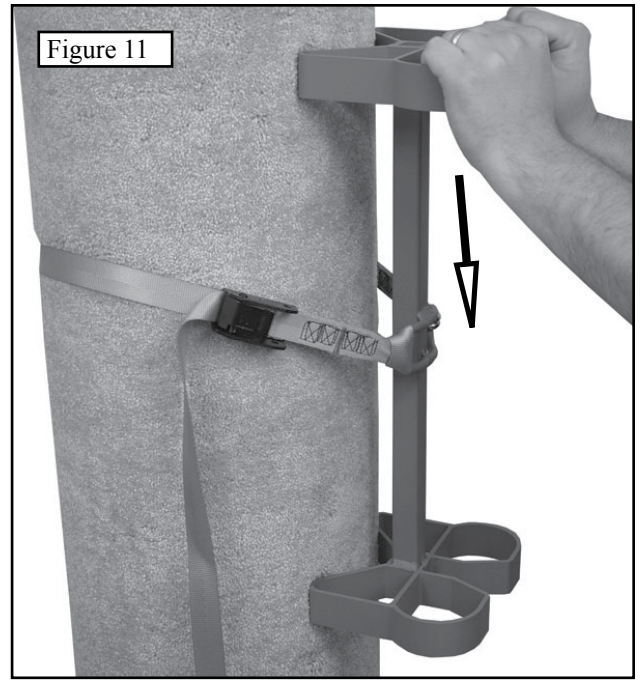
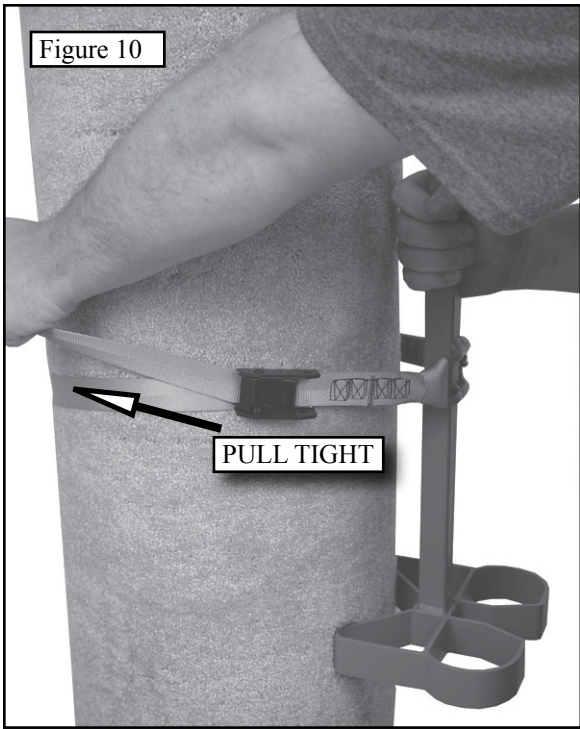
Make sure to note if the straps are still tight and that nothing has been damaged or changed.

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

You must periodically inspect your Bucksteps for damage. Look for nicks, gouges, cracks, bends, corrosion, etc.. or similar damage that can be the result of improper use or accidental damage. For instance, this could occur if someone else used your Bucksteps without knowledge of its proper use, or if the Bucksteps were dropped, hit by a motor vehicle or subjected to corrosive conditions. Also inspect all straps for cuts, worn places, abrasions, fraying, discoloration etc. Bucksteps have a high structural integrity by design, material selection and manufacturing technique, but as its owner, only your continued care will assure you trouble free performance.

⚠ WARNING

Summit requires that you replace the cam straps every 2 years, or perhaps sooner if excessive wear is noticed.



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 OF 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 and return to:
SUMMIT Treestands, LLC.
715 Summit Dr.
Decatur, AL 35601

You can also register your warranty card on line at:
www.summitstands.com/warranty.aspx

Summit products are manufactured under one or more of the following US Patents: 5,937,969; 5,971,104; 5,975,242; 5,979,603; 6,125,966; 6,182,792; 6,397,973; D,417,011; D,420,147; D,575,411

Summit Bucksteps are Patent Pending

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Warranty Card for Summit Treestand

Treestand Purchased: Bucksteps (PN 82008)

Owners Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Date Purchased: _____ Purchased From (Dealer Name): _____ Price \$: _____

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