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# Treestand Instruction Booklet

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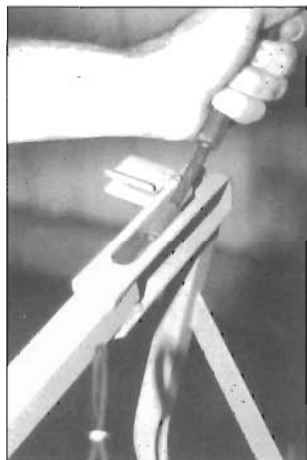


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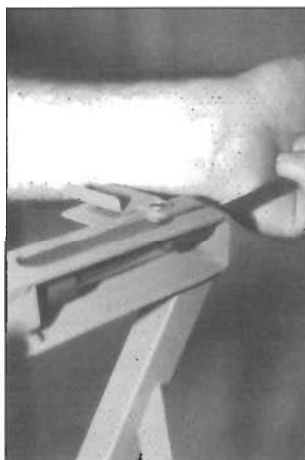


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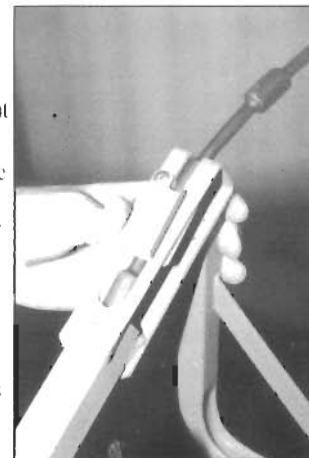


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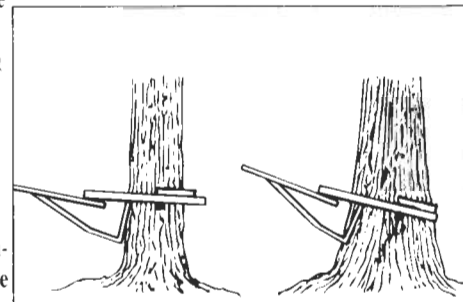


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#### Bushmaster

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Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the tourniquet 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**. If your heel cords are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustments). **At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.**

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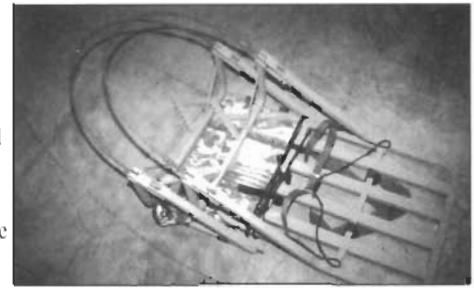
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**Figure 14**



**Figure 15**

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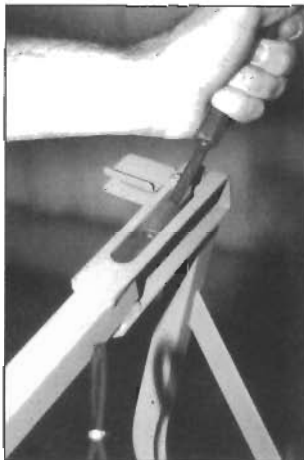


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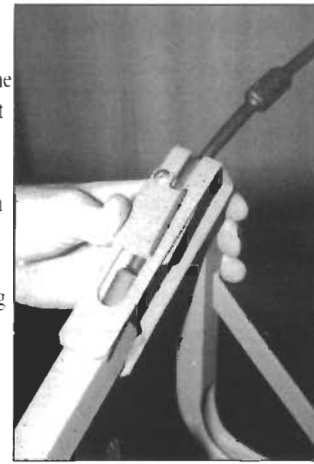


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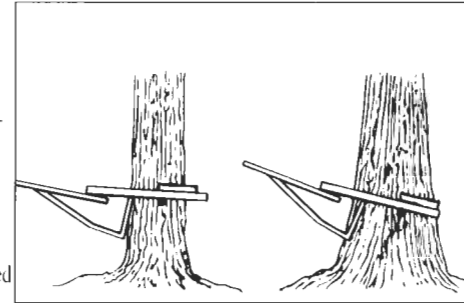


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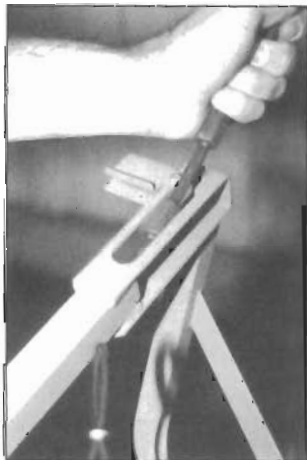


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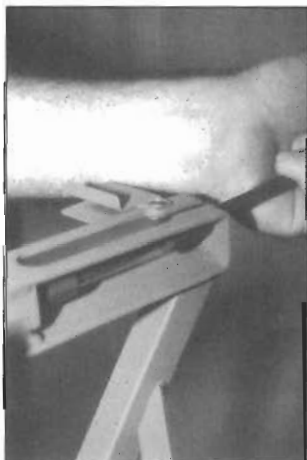


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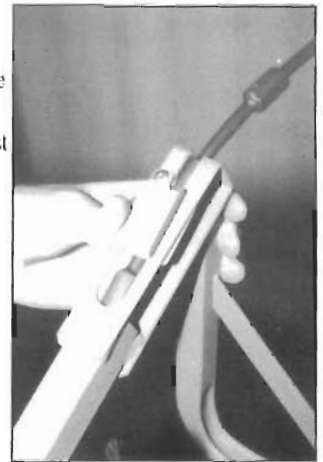


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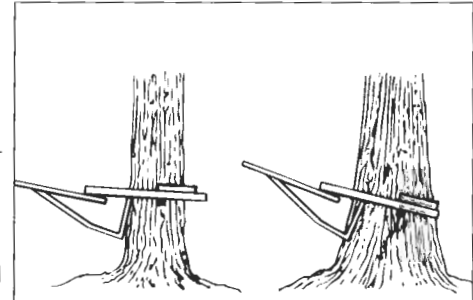


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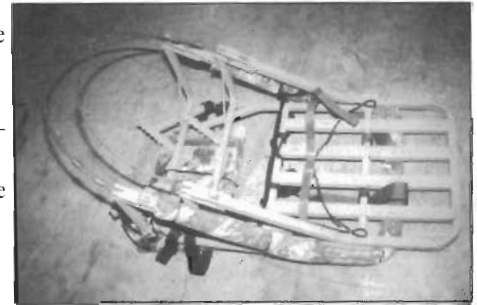
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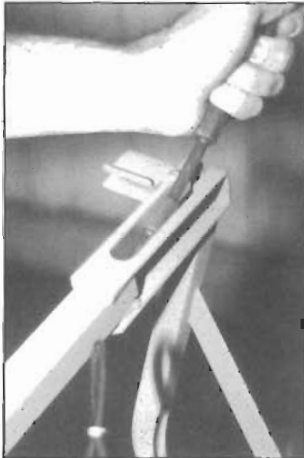


Figure 2



Figure 3

Before using your new Viper XTreme treestand. ALWAYS inspect the treestand for any structural damage, cable wear or abrasion that may have occurred in transporting your treestand. You should attach the base platform to the tree first. To do this, rotate the hatch cover out of the way, as shown in **Figure 1**. Take one end of the cable and begin to slide it down into the tubing, as shown in **Figure 2**. Once the cable is easily sliding into the tubing, you are ready to place it in its final position. Pull the cable towards the back of the tree and "seat" one of the cable stops against the back of the bracket, as shown in **Figure 3**. YOU MUST rotate the hatch cover back over the bracket so that it locks into place, as shown in **Figure 4**. If necessary, go to the other side of the tree and position the other end of the cable

by repeating the steps of opening the hatch cover, sliding the cable into the tubing, and locking the hatch cover back into position.

To ensure that your Viper XTreme is level at the height at which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between the base of the tree and the final treestand height. It is very important to adjust the treestand and Viper XTreme Seat at the base of the tree such that the treestand base will be level at the height you hunt. Trees commonly found in swamp or marsh areas have a tendency to swell at the base, and these may require a greater starting angle in order for your treestand to be level at the same hunting height as compared to a normally tapered tree..

Usually, the front edge of the treestand (the edge away from the tree) should be 4-6 inches higher than the edge against the tree (See

**Figure 5**). The Viper XTreme Seat (the hand climber) attaches above the standing platform. The Viper XTreme Seat should also have the same basic angle as the treestand before you begin to climb. The standing platform and climber MUST BE attached to one another with the tether rope provided, as shown in **Figure 6**.

#### Part 2. Climbing with the

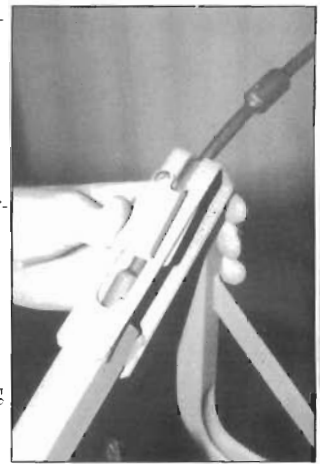


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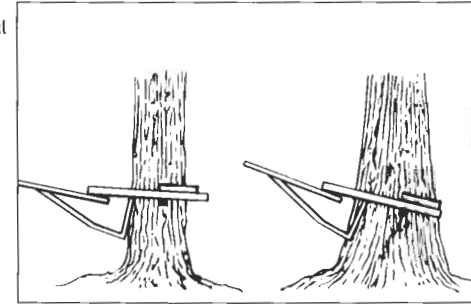


Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7

#### Viper XTreme

Step 1. Now that your treestand and Viper Seat are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. It is required that you use a safety belt as you climb: use the safety belt instructions later in this booklet for proper use of your safety belt. Simply attach the safety belt to the tree above the Viper Seat and around your chest for climbing, as shown in **Figure 7**.



Figure 8

Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the tourniquet 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**. If your heel cords are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustments). At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your Viper Seat up to about waist height. sit on the





**Figure 9**

padded bar and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in **Figure 9**.

Step 4. With all of your weight on the padded bar, now 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, 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), slide your safety belt 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 without a Summit Viper Seat or other handclimber. A handclimber, especially the Summit Viper 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 Seat is also built so that it fits snugly with the platform of the treestand for carrying.

### Part 3. Using the Viper XTreme 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 XTreme Seat slightly below waist level (higher or lower if you desire; slightly lower will be more comfortable, higher makes for less movement when you stand.) Wrap the supplied strap with the tourniquet buckle around the tree as shown in **Figure 12**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched v-bar from losing contact with the tree. The Viper XTreme Seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. With your safety belt attached to the tree, above the Viper XTreme Seat and snugly around your body, reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. You may now hunt facing towards or away from the tree by simply turning the seat



**Figure 10**



**Figure 11**



**Figure 12**



**Figure 13**

around. To do this lift the plastic coated seat hooks off of the frame and turn the seat around. Position the plastic coated seat hooks on the frame, and **make sure that the hooks are completely seated on the frame**. Position your safety belt comfortably and carefully sit down.

### Part 4. Climbing Down with the Viper XTreme

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

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

Step 2. Place the Viper XTreme Seat at about waist level and sit on the padded bar as you did while climbing (see **Figure 13**).

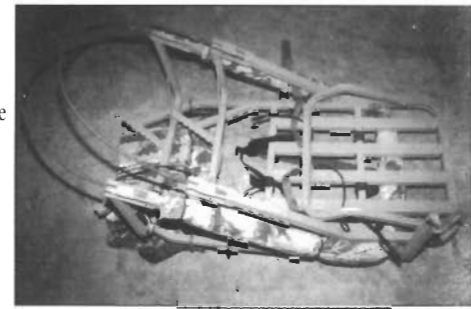
Step 3. While firmly grasping the Viper XTreme Seat upright arms, disengage the treestand by lifting and tipping the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand.

Step 4. 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 5. Slide your safety belt down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-5 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

### Part 5. Carrying the Viper XTreme

The Viper XTreme and Viper XTreme Seat are light weight and easy to carry as one unit. To combine the Viper XTreme Seat and Viper XTreme, place the Viper XTreme platform right side up on the ground. Take the Viper XTreme Seat (in the same orientation as it would be on a tree) and position it as shown in **Figure 14**. Secure the Viper XTreme seat to the Viper XTreme with the green strap with the tourniquet buckle. This will prevent the Viper XTreme and Viper XTreme Seat from making noise as you hike to your hunting location. Use the backpack straps to carry the unit as shown in **Figure 15**.



**Figure 14**



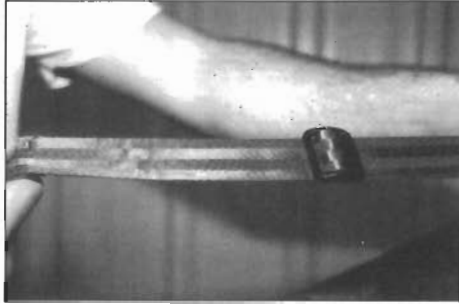
**Figure 15**

# How to use the Summit Safety Belt

## Bushmaster, Cobra XTreme, Viper and Viper XTreme Version

### A. Climbing with the Summit Safety Belt

1. The first time using the belt, push the furnished 3-bar slide buckle onto the end of the belt that is not attached to the Climber (see **Figure 1**). This step is only necessary once, as the slide buckle can be left on the belt



**Figure 1**

(if desired). *Note: If you lose the 3-bar slide buckle, do not use your safety belt until a replacement is obtained from Summit!*

2. Once the Climber is attached to the tree, take the free end of the belt (the one with the slide buckle) around the tree (above the Climber) and bring the free end under the belt section attached to the Climber (see **Figure 2**).



**Figure 2**

3. Now bring the free end back over the belt section attached to the Climber and then under the belt (bringing the free end towards you) where the half-hitch is being formed (see **Figure 3 & Figure 4**). This is very similar to the first steps in tying a necktie.



**Figure 3**

4. The slide buckle should now be pushed onto the belt far enough to allow for placing the loop on the free end of the belt (see **Figure 1** again) over your head and shoulders and then around your chest (see **Figure 5**). Now pull the slide buckle towards your chest until the belt is snug



**Figure 4**

(see **Figure 6**). The belt **MUST** be positioned directly underneath your arms. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The amount of slack between your body and the tree must be adjusted so that no more than 3 (three) feet of slack exist while standing.*

5. The quickest and most preferred method of using the Summit Safety Belt is to simply slide the loop around the tree upwards after each "pull" up the tree (see **Figure 7**). It may take a few times using the belt to climb with a minimum of noise, but this belt method will provide the maximum security and safety.

*Use this belt while climbing! We care about your safety!*

### B. Use After Reaching Your Desired Hunting Height

1. If you are using the Bushmaster, Cobra XTreme, Viper or Viper XTreme and foot climber, we recommend sliding the half-hitch knot up to about shoulder height on the tree and "snug up" the knot so that it will not slide down the tree. Now secure the elastic seat cord to hold the seat at the desired hunting height.

2. The slide buckle can now be rotated around to your back without affecting the snugness of the belt on your chest. This will allow freedom of movement in the stand. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The amount of slack between your body and the tree must be adjusted so that no more than 3 (three) feet of slack exist while standing.* This will allow for ample freedom of movement as well as comfortable sitting on your treestand seat. On larger trees, simply make the "noose" high enough on the tree to reduce the slack to 3 (three) feet. For smaller trees, this can be done by looping the belt twice around the tree (or more if necessary) before making the half-hitch on the tree.

Should a fall occur, the belt will enable you to determine a safe way to get down - either by getting help or by making a controlled descent. The loop around your chest will end up as a sling under your arms and offer more freedom to turn and move as compared to a waist belt.



**Figure 5**



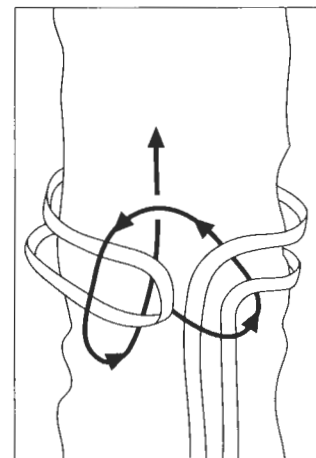
**Figure 6**



**Figure 7**

**Thanks for choosing Summit Products!**

***Please Use Caution in all of your Hunting Activities!***



**Simplified Safety Belt Diagram**

## Maintenance and Care

Because of the quality construction techniques used in manufacturing, your Summit tree-stand 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 rain water 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.

Since your treestand is constructed from steel, it is very important to ensure that any areas where the camouflage finish has been worn or chipped to expose the base metal, it must be properly cleaned and reprimed with a high quality metal primer to prevent the formation of rust. The powder coat finish that is applied at the factory is very durable and should only need touch-ups 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 suspicious damage is observed.**

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 safe and successful hunting.

## Cable Climbing Stands Cable Maintenance & Care

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to inspect the cable on your cable climbing treestand to ensure that there is no sign of fraying, 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 covers will begin to wear. This is normal.

## Adjustments

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

The heelstrap elastic cord on Summit climbing stands may be shortened by tying an over-hand knot from inside one of the foot straps. Tie the knot at the desired adjustment length.

If the backpack straps on the back (bottom) of any Summit climbing treestand need to be shortened to fit more comfortably, simply adjust the small straps using the buckle provided to the length desired.

To adjust the seat height on the Summit Classic, simply remove the bolts holding the seat bars to the frame and raise or lower the seat as preferred. *Important Note: The bolts and nuts MUST BE securely tightened before putting the stand in a tree!*

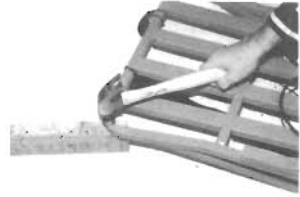
## Attachments

To attach the High Traction Strips, first lay one strip on each of the four or five channel sections of the platform. If trimming is required, do so **before** removing the adhesive backing. The traction strip for each channel should run the entire length of the channel. Now remove the adhesive backing from each strip and place one strip in the middle of each of the four or five channels. *Note: The channels should be free of dirt and grime before applying the strips.*

# HELPFUL HINTS

*"My stand "pings" occasionally when I shift my weight on the stand."*

The inside surfaces of the tubing that make up the perimeter of your treestand may be touching on the front two corners. Simply place the front corners (one at a time) on a hard surface and tap the center of the bend with a hammer, as shown in the figure.



*"The seat on my stand has started to squeak after years of successful hunting."*

Either order a new bushing kit or buy Glycerin (colorless, odorless) from a drug store and put one drop on the bushings. This will lubricate the bushings and they will stop squeaking. Also try loosening the locknut 1/2 turn.

*"I hike a long way to my hunting location. Can I do anything to make my stand easier to back-pack?"*

If we are going to hike a considerable distance with a treestand, we typically tie a piece of rope or strap around our waist and through the v-grips on the treestand (the v-grips should be positioned at your lower back.) This takes the majority of the weight off of your back and puts it on your hips, like a good backpack. Also try adjusting the backpack straps to different lengths.

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