



Copperhead XL Instruction Booklet - 2002

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**Instructions for your new
Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand
READ ME FIRST!!!**

Please read carefully **BEFORE** using your new **Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand**. **YOU MUST** also view the enclosed video **BEFORE** using your new treestand!

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand on the market today. The Copperhead XL 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 Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand.

- **BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, MAKE SURE YOU USE A SAFETY HARNESS EVERY TIME YOU CLIMB!!!**
- **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 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 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 CABLE FOR CUTS AND/OR ABRASIONS BEFORE EACH USE. REPLACE IMMEDIATELY IF CUTS ARE FOUND.**

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

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

**Installing the
Copperhead XL Hang-On
Treestand**

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

It is recommended that the seat be attached while on the ground. To attach the seat to the Copperhead XL platform, position the seat posts between the u-shaped brackets that are welded to the support arms as shown in **Figure 1**. Now push the supplied detent pins from the inside out, completely pushing them through the holes as shown in **Figure 2**.

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). 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).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

3. Secure the cable and cable bracket to a tree with as little slack in the cable as possible, as shown in **Figure 3**. It is very important to assure that both cable stops are completely seated in the bracket as shown in **Figure 4**. **DO NOT** use this treestand if you have any question about its proper use.



Figure 6

4. After assuring that your cable and cable bracket are securely attached to

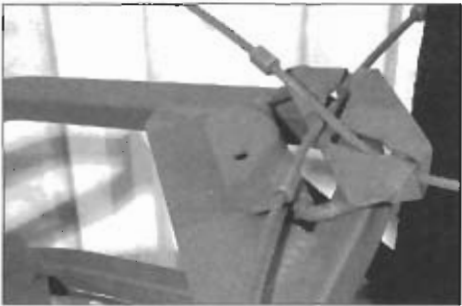


Figure 7

the tree, attach the treestand to the treestand bracket as shown in **Figure 5**. **YOU MUST** completely seat the u-shaped bracket into the cable bracket as shown in **Figures 6 and 7**. Now push one of the three supplied detent pins through the holes in the treestand bracket, as shown in **Figure 8**. The treestand should now be connected and is ready for final adjustment (see **Figure 9**). You can level the platform slightly by pulling it away from the tree and raising or lowering the back edge of the platform and repositioning it on the tree. Now fold the seat up to the sitting position and secure it to the tree with the supplied tourniquet buckle strap. It should look like **Figure 10**.



Figure 8

6. Refer to the safety harness instructions for proper use of the included safety harness



Figure 9

before using it. Be sure your safety harness safety line is securely fastened around the tree, and hook your harness tether to the rope.



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

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 Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand from the tree

To remove the Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand from a tree, remove the detent pin and simply take the platform in one hand (while still being supported and balanced by a line-man's belt) and lift it to remove the tension in the cable, as shown in **Figure 11**. Now rotate the platform to release the plate hook from the cable bracket.

To carry the Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand, simply use the attached back pack straps as shown in **Figure 12**.

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

**HUNT TOMORROW...
...USE A SAFETY HARNESS TODAY!**

Maintenance & Care of your Copperhead XL 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 cable on your hang-on treestand to ensure that there is no sign of frayed, damaged or broken strands. If **ANY** such damage is noticed, you must replace the cable **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. The only adjustments that may be required on your Summit treestand would be the backpack straps. 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.

LIMITED WARRANTY

(A) Warranty

Summit Specialties, Inc. (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.**

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Warranty Card for Copperhead XL Hang-On Treestand

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____
Date Purchased _____ Purchased From (Dealer Name) _____ Price \$ _____
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