



Copperhead & Headhunter Instruction Booklet - 2004

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Weight Limit: Headhunter X5-260 lbs., Copperhead X5-300 lbs.

Tree Size: 8" to 20"

Instructions for your new
Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand
READ ME FIRST!!!

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Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand on the market today. Your Summit 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 Summit Hang-On Treestand.

• **BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, MAKE SURE YOU USE A TMA CERTIFIED 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, 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.**

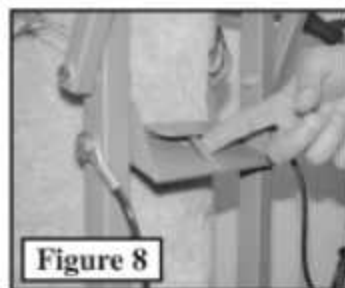
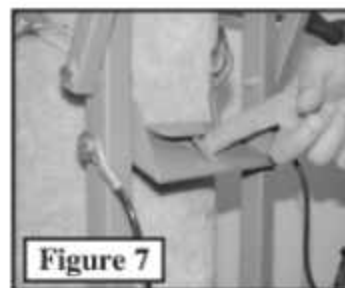
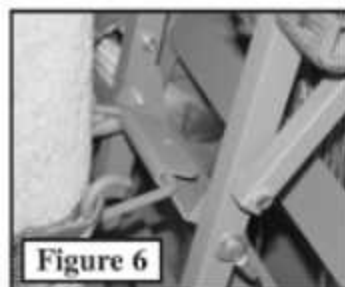
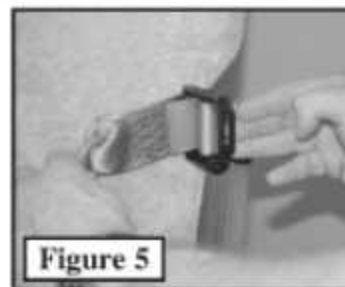
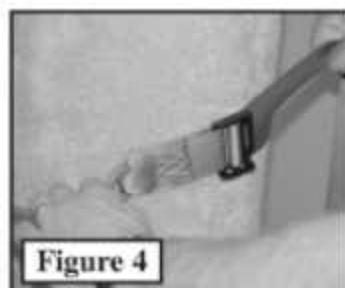
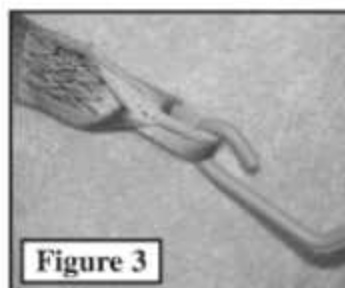
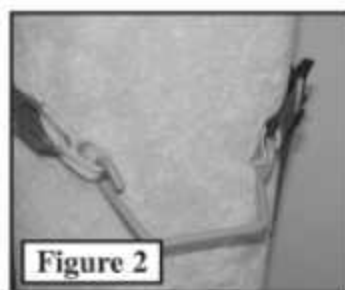
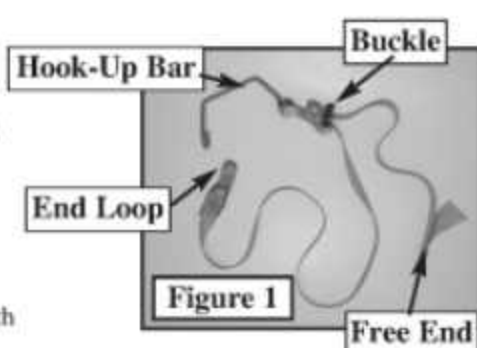
• **INSPECT ALL STRAPS FOR CUTS AND/OR ABRASIONS BEFORE EACH USE. REPLACE IMMEDIATELY IF CUTS ARE FOUND.**

• **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 the Headhunter is 260 lbs.; Copperhead is 300 lbs.



Installing the Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand

We recommend following all steps at ground level to become familiar with installing the Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand before using it in a tree. Proceed to the **Attachments** section of this booklet for any applicable assembly procedures.

1. Select a tree with a minimum diameter of 8" and a maximum diameter of 20". 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 SwiftTree or Bucksteps). You must use a "lineman" type belt to support you and provide balance for you when you install your treestand (see DVD 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 stand hook-up bar end is **COMPLETELY** through the end loop at the opposite end of the strap as shown in **Figure 3**. Pull on the free end of the strap to tighten, as shown in **Figure 4**. The strap must be tight 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 hook-up bar as shown in **Figure 6**. With the Headhunter, this is easier to accomplish if you keep the treestand folded flat. **YOU MUST** completely seat the u-shaped bracket into the stand hook-up bar as shown in **Figure 7**. **MAKE SURE** that the stand hook-up bar is **COMPLETELY** behind the detent spring (**Figure 8**). The

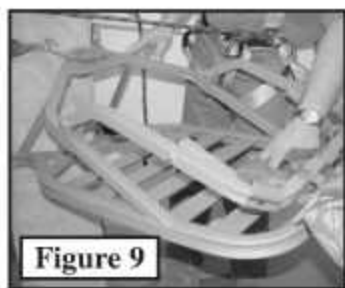


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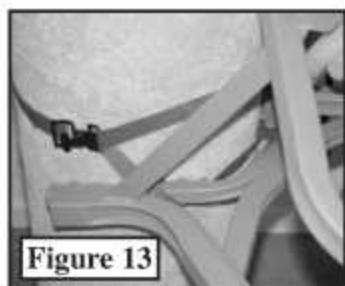


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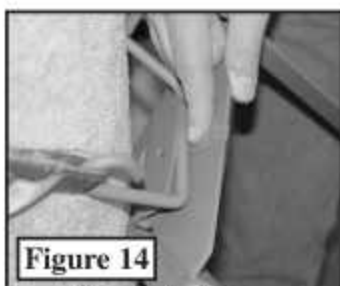


Figure 14

treestand should now be connected and is ready for final adjustment (see Figure 9 [Copperhead] and Figure 10 [Headhunter]). For the Copperhead, fold the seat up (Figure 11). For the Headhunter, simply fold the treestand platform down away from the tree and “seat” the scalloped V-bar onto the tree, as shown in Figure 12. Now thread the supplied green tourniquet buckle strap through the triangular opening on the back of the treestand platform and secure as shown in Figure 13.

5. Refer to the safety harness instructions for proper use of the included safety harness before using it. DO NOT leave the ground without a secure connection from your harness to the tree! 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 Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand from the tree

To remove the Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand from a tree, push down on the detent spring and rotate the front edge of the treestand platform up and towards the tree. This will disengage the u-shaped bracket from the stand loop, as shown in Figure 14.

To carry the Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5 Hang-On Treestand, simply use the attached back pack straps as shown in Figure 15.

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

Attachments

Backpack Straps. Locate the backpack straps in the instruction bag included with your treestand. Place the looped end of the backpack straps around the middle of the second platform rung from the front of the stand as shown in Figure 16. Now push all of the remaining straps through the loop, as shown in Figure 17. Now locate the two 1-inch wide straps remaining in the instruction bag. They will attach to the treestand at the end that contacts the tree. Position the looped end of one of the straps and push the remaining strap through the loop as shown in Figure 18. Now thread the tag (loose) end of the strap through the buckle on the backpack straps as shown in Figure 19. The completed assembly should look like Figure 20.

Seat Attachment (Copperhead Only)

First determine that all hardware is available (See Seat Parts figure). Included should be two (2) 2” bolts, two (2) 1/4-20 locknuts, four (4) bushings with long shanks, and four (4) bushings with short shanks. Place two of the long shank bushings in the holes at the end of the seat bars (Figure 21). Repeat for the other side. Now place two of the short shank bushings in the u-shaped bracket welded onto the treestand (Figure 22). Repeat for the other side. Now position the seat so that the seat bars are inside the u-shaped bracket and the tapered front of the seat faces the front of the treestand. Line the holes up and push one 2” bolt through from the inside as shown in Figure 23. Repeat for the other side. Now secure the lock nuts on the bolt and tighten with wrenches. If a squeak develops, loosen 1/2 turn. Now position the adhesive-backed pads on the platform in the location where the seat bar contacts it (Figure 24).



Figure 15

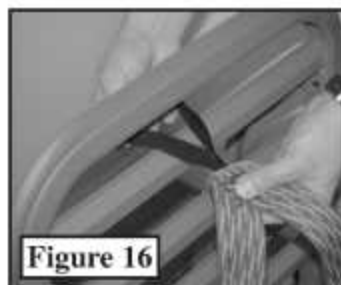


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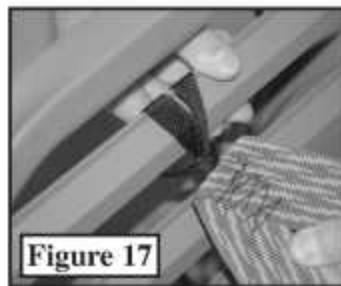


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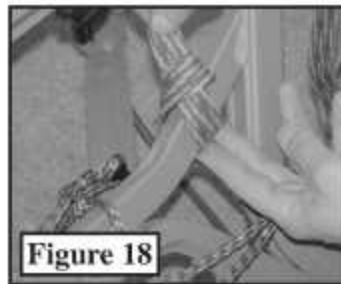


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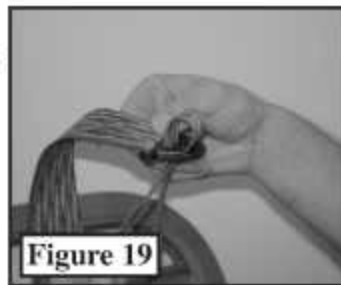


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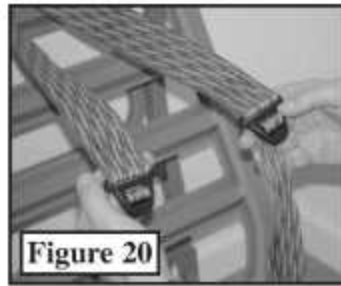


Figure 20

Maintenance & Care of your Copperhead X5 or Headhunter X5

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 of 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.

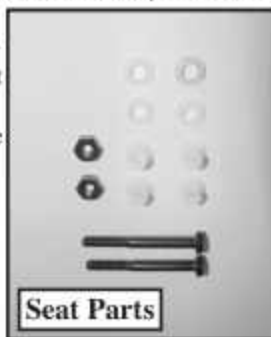


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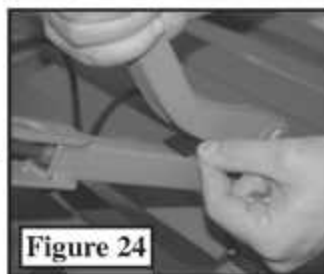


Figure 24

When the above mentioned guidelines are followed, your Summit treestand will provide years of successful hunting.

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 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.fallguysafety.com).

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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
256-353-0634
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Warranty Card for Summit Hang-On Treestand

Treestand Purchased: Copperhead X5 Headhunter X5

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