



# Steel Bucksteps - Instruction Booklet

You **MUST** also view the enclosed DVD **BEFORE** using your new treestand!!  
Weight Limit 260 lbs. total. **DO NOT EXCEED THIS LIMIT!**  
Tree Size: 8" - 20" Diameter

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## READ ME FIRST!!!

Please read carefully **BEFORE** using your new Buckstep Treesteps.

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand steps 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.

## Warnings and Precautions

- **IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT A TREESTAND FALL CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND!**
- **YOU MUST FULLY READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS! PLEASE CONTACT SUMMIT TREESTANDS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**
- **BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, BE SURE YOU MAINTAIN FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS ATTACHMENT TO THE TREE AT ALL TIMES AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND!!! YOU MUST STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR FALL ARREST SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND!**
- **A FULL BODY HARNESS WITH LINEMAN'S / CLIMBING BELT MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE INSTALLING OR REMOVING ANY HANG-ON CLIMBING AIDS.**
- **HANG-ON CLIMBING AIDS MUST BE PLACED ON THE TREE AT A HEIGHT ABOVE THE PLATFORM SO THE USER CAN MAINTAIN A HAND HOLD ON THE UNIT AND STEP DOWNWARDS ONTO THE TREESTAND! NEVER STEP UP OR CLIMB INTO A STAND FROM A CLIMBING AID!**
- **WHEN USING A CLIMBING / LINEMAN'S BELT TO ASCEND THE TREE, THE FULL BODY HARNESS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE TREE BEFORE STEPPING DOWN ONTO THE TREESTAND!**
- **DO NOT USE THIS OR ANY OTHER TREESTAND IF YOU HAVE BEEN USING DRUGS (EVEN PRESCRIPTION) OR ALCOHOL OR ARE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED IN ANY WAY! NEVER USE A TREESTAND WHEN FEELING ILL, NAUSEOUS OR DIZZY!**
- **FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT USE ANY TREESTAND DURING RAIN, LIGHTNING, WINDSTORMS, WHEN TREES ARE WET OR ICY, OR ON TREES THAT ARE LEANING, TREES THAT APPEAR DEAD OR DISEASED OR ON UTILITY POLES!!! NEVER RELY ON A TREE BRANCH FOR SUPPORT!**
- **DO NOT USE ANY TREESTAND IF YOU HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE MANUFACTURERS CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES! NEVER MODIFY YOUR STAND BY MAKING REPAIRS, REPLACING PARTS, ALTERING PARTS OR ATTACHING ANYTHING TO IT UNLESS EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED BY SUMMIT TREESTANDS!**
- **ALWAYS INSPECT THE STAND / CABLE SYSTEM OR HANGING STRAPS AND ANY SAFETY GEAR BEFORE EACH USE! IF ANY PROBLEMS ARE FOUND - DO NOT USE THE STAND! CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE APPROPRIATE REPAIR / REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE!**
- **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, WWW.SUMMITSTANDS.COM, 256-353-0634). PRIOR TO HUNTING: YOU MUST NOTIFY SOMEONE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION AND WHEN YOU WILL RETURN!**
- **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!**
- **ALWAYS USE A HAUL LINE TO RAISE AND LOWER UNLOADED FIREARMS AND BOWS! FIREARMS MUST BE PULLED UP UNLOADED, CHAMBER OPEN AND MUZZLE DOWN!**
- **NEVER CLIMB WITH ANYTHING IN YOUR HANDS OR ON YOUR BACK - USE A HAUL LINE!**
- **PRACTICE USING YOUR TREESTAND AND SAFETY HARNESS AT A LOW LEVEL (5 FEET) UNTIL YOU MASTER ITS USE!**
- **BE WELL RESTED AND NEVER GET IN A HURRY. HURRYING CAUSES ACCIDENTS!!**
- **INSTRUCTIONS (WRITTEN AND VIDEO) SHOULD BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY. IF YOU LOAN OR SELL THIS TREESTAND, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FURNISH THE BUYER A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE VIDEO THAT CAME WITH THE TREESTAND. MAKE SURE THEY WATCH THE VIDEO AND READ / UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS!**

Please contact us at [www.summitstands.com](http://www.summitstands.com) or 256-353-0634 to obtain any missing parts or if your DVD does not work.

## **Warning**

**Before each use of your Summit Bucksteps, ALWAYS inspect the Bucksteps for any structural damage, cracks, strap wear or abrasion that may have occurred in transporting your treestand. DO NOT USE IF ANY DAMAGE IS FOUND!**

### **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 steel loop as shown in **Figure 1**.

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

**Step 3.** Take the other end of the strap and push it through the 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**.

### **Section 2. Use of the Buckstep tree steps.**

**WARNING: A LINEMAN'S STYLE HOOK UP IS MANDATORY WHEN HANGING 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 5**. Wrap the free end (with the sewn in loop) around the tree and secure to the metal loop on the Buckstep as shown in **Figure 6**. Your completed strap should look like **Figure 7**.

**Step 2.** Your first Buckstep section should be hanging loosely on the tree (See **Figure 8**). Pull the free end of the cam lock buckle as shown in **Figure 9**.

**Step 3.** You must pull down on the Buckstep to secure it firmly in place as shown in **Figure 10**. The step will slid down the tree until the strap tightens up.

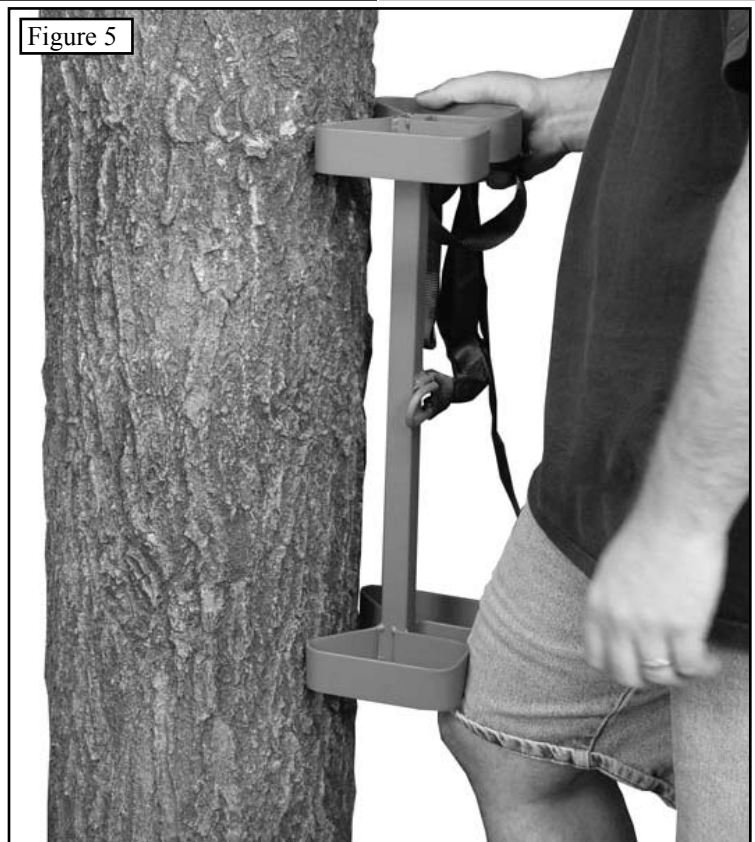
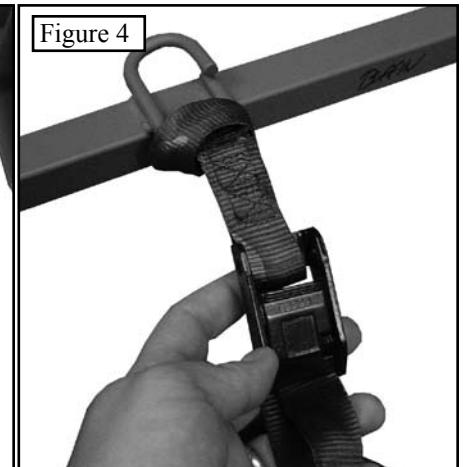
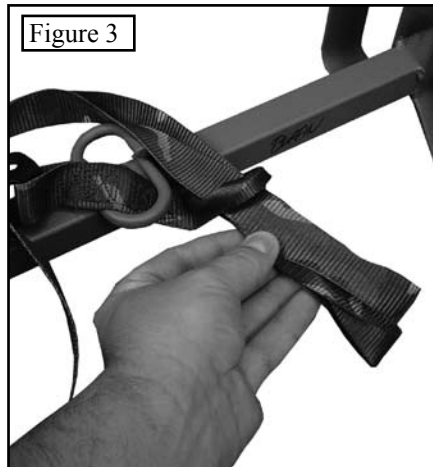
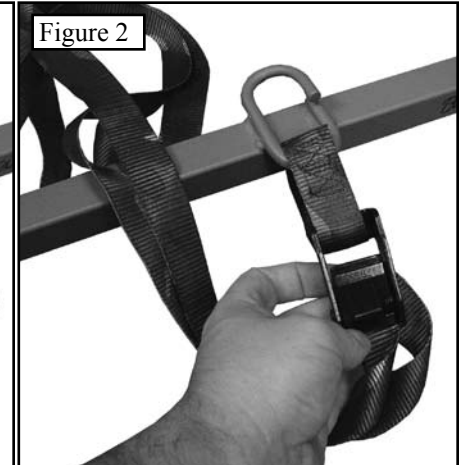
**Step 4.** **ALWAYS CHECK THE SECURITY OF EACH BUCKSTEP SECTION BEFORE CLIMBING ONTO IT!**

**AT THIS POINT IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU SECURE YOUR LINEMAN'S STYLE CLIMBING BELT AROUND THE TREE.** This will allow you to use two hands when hanging the steps and it prevent you from falling backwards while climbing and securing the steps.

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.



## Part 2. Removing your Bucksteps from the Tree.

**Step 1. 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.

**Step 3.** Remove the strap and lower the step to the ground with a pull-up rope.

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

## Part 3. Packing your Bucksteps.

**Step 1.** Stack the Bucksteps on top of each other as shown in Figure.

**Step 2.** Using a bungee or utility strap, cinch the assembly together for transportation.

## 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.



**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**

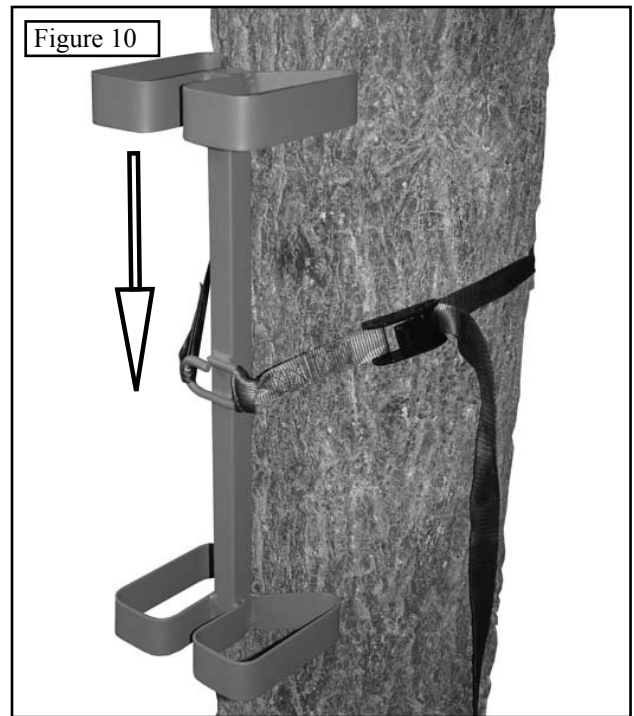
You can also register your warranty card on line at:

**[www.summitstands.com/warranty.aspx](http://www.summitstands.com/warranty.aspx)**

Figure 9



Figure 10



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

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**Warranty Card for Summit Steel Bucksteps PN 82024**

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