

INSTRUCTIONS



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!!

WEIGHT LIMITS

260 LBS. TOTAL*

DO NOT EXCEED THIS LIMIT!
(Includes all gear)*

**Step minimum and maximum
tree size: 8-20" diameter**

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TREESTANDS

Summit Bucksteps

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- **WHEN HUNTING FROM A TREESTAND FALLS CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH CAN OCCUR ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND!** 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 ANY ELEVATED HUNTING PLATFORM. SINGLE SAFETY BELTS AND CHEST HARNESSES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED 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! ALWAYS 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! END YOUR HUNT AND RETURN TO THE GROUND IF ANY OF THESE INCLEMENT CONDITIONS ARISE.
- 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 A 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 BEING SECURE IN THE TREESTAND. FIREARMS MUST BE PULLED UP UNLOADED, CHAMBER OPEN AND MUZZLE DOWN! NEVER CLIMB WITH ANYTHING ON YOUR BACK.
- NEVER MODIFY THIS PRODUCT OR YOUR STAND IN ANY WAY BY MAKING REPAIRS, REPLACING PARTS, OR ALTERING, ADDING OR ATTACHING ANYTHING TO IT EXCEPT IF EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE MANUFACTURER!
- PRACTICE INSTALLING, ADJUSTING AND USING THIS PRODUCT AND YOUR TREESTAND 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 COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY PERSON 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 HANG-ON TREESTAND SYSTEM.
- BEFORE EACH USE OF YOUR SUMMIT 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!
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TREESTAND OUTDOORS OR STORE IT OUTDOORS WHEN IT IS NOT BEING USED! ANY STAND TUBING THAT IS ALLOWED TO FILL WITH RAINWATER AND FREEZE WILL RUPTURE OR BURST - DO NOT USE YOUR TREESTAND IF THIS OCCURS!

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2 PARTS LIST

Please call 256-353-0634 or visit <http://www.summitstands.com/contactus/> if you have any questions, if you need replacement parts, if you have any missing parts or if the included DVD does not play.

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3 WARRANTY

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 take the time to fill out the warranty card online at <http://www.summitstands.com/warranty> or fill out and mail in the enclosed warranty card.

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



4 ASSEMBLY

CAM BUCKLE ATTACHMENT

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. ALWAYS ENSURE 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.



5 INSTALLATION AND USE

⚠ 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!

SETTING UP

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 strap 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.

Using a lineman's belt 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. **ALWAYS** 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.



REMOVAL

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!



PACKING

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.



6 MAINTENANCE AND CARE

The seat on this treestand is removable. We recommend it be removed and stored in a dry place when not in use.

The powdercoat finish 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.

⚠ CAUTION

Look for nicks, gouges, cuts, cracks, bends, corrosion or similar damage 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, hit by a motor vehicle or subject 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.