

## READ ME FIRST!!!

Please read carefully **BEFORE** using your new **Bucksteps**. **YOU MUST** also view the enclosed DVD **BEFORE** using your Bucksteps!

Your new Summit Bucksteps are designed to provide you a method to climb a tree in a secure manner. Safety, ease of use, and camouflage were the factors used in design to provide years of trouble-free, successful hunting with a minimum of maintenance and care. The information inside is provided for you to outline the recommended use, care and maintenance of your Bucksteps.

**FAILURE TO READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS PRODUCT MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**

- ALWAYS INSPECT EACH STRAP AND STITCHING BEFORE USE FOR ANY DAMAGE, CUTS OR ABRASION. DO NOT USE A DAMAGED STRAP.
- EACH STRAP MUST BE REPLACED EVERY TWO YEARS OR IF DAMAGE IS NOTED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. DO NOT USE THESE BUCKSTEPS STRAPS AFTER JUNE 1, 2005.
- ALWAYS USE A LINEMAN BELT AND HARNESS WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.
- NEVER CLIMB WITH THIS PRODUCT UNTIL THE BELT HAS BEEN SECURELY TIGHTENED AROUND THE TREE.
- DO NOT EXPOSE THE STRAP TO HEAT IN EXCESS OF 130° F OR ACID OR ALKALINE SOLUTIONS.
- DO NOT MODIFY THIS PRODUCT OR SUBSTITUTE ANY REPLACEMENT PARTS. CALL (256) 353-0634 (CUSTOMER SERVICE)
- WEIGHT LIMIT: 260 LBS.

### Assembly

When you take your Bucksteps out of the box, there will be some minor assembly you will have to perform. The assembly instructions are identical for each Bucksteps section. Take one of the supplied cam-buckle straps and secure it to one side of the metal loop in the center of each Bucksteps section. To do this, push the cam-buckle loop through the metal loop as shown in **Figure 1**. MAKE SURE that the cam-buckle is facing OUT, as shown in **Figure 2**. Now pull the hook end of the strap through the cam-buckle loop as shown in **Figure 3**. Thread the entire strap, including the cam-buckle, through this loop as shown in **Figure 4**. Your assembled Buckstep section should look like **Figure 5**. Repeat this assembly process for the remaining three sections.

### How To Use Summit Bucksteps

**NOTICE!** Always inspect the Buckstep parts before and after every use for possible damage. (See Maintenance section for details).

The first consideration when climbing a tree or using a treestand is to **ALWAYS USE A SAFETY HARNESS!**

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

**Step 1.** Unpack the Bucksteps by pulling each individual section apart from the other sections, as shown in **Figure 6**. Take one 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 7**. Now wrap the free (hook) end of the strap around the tree (**Figure 8**). Secure the hook into the metal loop as shown in **Figure 9**. Note that the hook **MUST** be hooked from the inside out.

**Step 2.** Your first Buckstep section should now be hanging loosely on the tree (**Figure 10**). Open the cam lock buckle and pull on the free end of the strap to tighten it to the tree, as shown in **Figure 11**. Once the strap is tightened securely, rotate the cam buckle over and snap it shut, as shown in **Figures 12 and 13**. You must then pull down on the Buckstep to secure it firmly to the tree, as shown in **Figure 14**. **ALWAYS CHECK THE SECURITY OF EACH BUCKSTEP SECTION BEFORE CLIMBING ONTO IT.**

**Step 3.** At this point **YOU MUST** secure your safety harness lineman's hookup around you and the tree for support and to prevent falling backwards while climbing and securing the remaining Bucksteps sections. Now climb onto the bottom Bucksteps section and, using a pull-up rope, pull the next Buckstep section up to you. Secure it to the tree by following **Figures 2 through 9**. **DO NOT** place **ANY** Bucksteps section more than 20 inches above the section below it.

**Step 4.** Repeat **Step 3** for the two remaining Bucksteps sections. **MAKE SURE** your lineman's hookup is secure **before** attaching any Bucksteps section. Position your last Bucksteps section in a manner which will allow you to step **down** onto your fixed-position treestand.

### Removing your Bucksteps from a tree

To remove your Bucksteps from a tree, **YOU MUST** first make sure your lineman-style climbing belt is securely fastened to you and around the tree. While standing on a Bucksteps section below the section you're removing, push up on the section you wish to remove. This will take tension out of the cam-buckle strap. Now pull the cam-buckle towards you to release it. Pull the cam-buckle to loosen the strap.

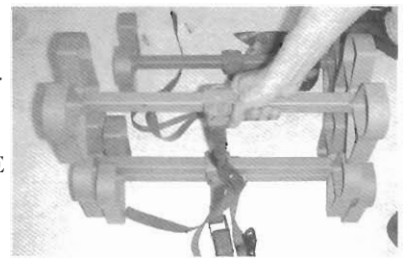


Figure 6



Figure 1

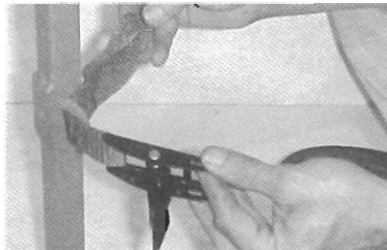


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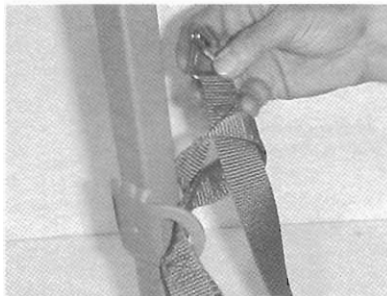


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Figure 4

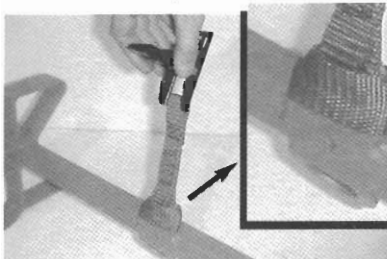


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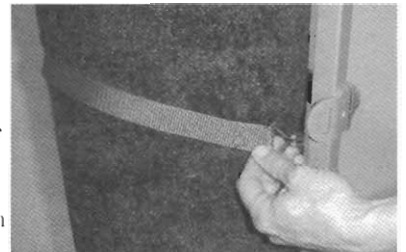


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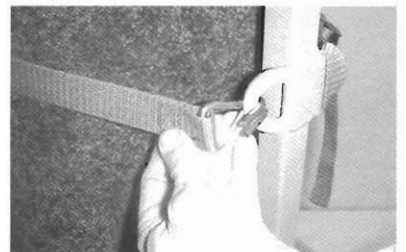


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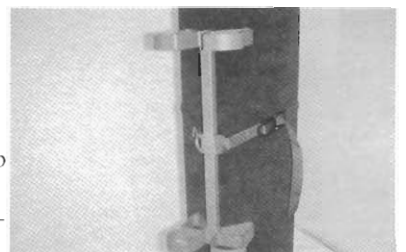


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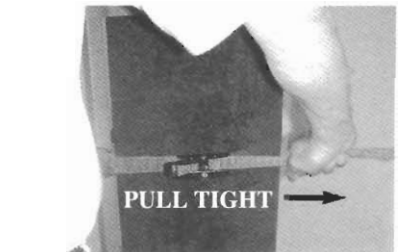


Figure 11

**Packing your Bucksteps**

Your accessory packet contained a small, camouflaged bag with snap straps attached to it. Secure this bag to ONE Bucksteps section as shown in **Figure 15**. This bag can remain attached. Now nest the remaining three Bucksteps sections together, making sure that the straps are all free, as shown in **Figure 16**. The section with the bag attached should be the last (top) section nested. Roll all Bucksteps straps together and push them into the bag, as shown in **Figure 17**. Snap the bag shut as shown in **Figure 18**. Your nested Bucksteps sections are now ready to be strapped onto your treestand or carried to your hunting location.



**Figure 12**



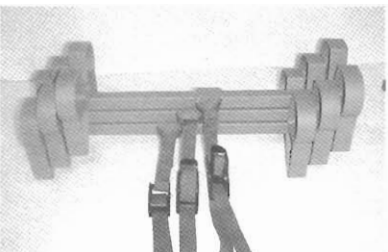
**Figure 13**



**Figure 14**



**Figure 15**



**Figure 16**

**Maintenance & Care of Your Summit 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 always re-inspect its' security. Especially make sure the straps are tight and that nothing has been damaged or changed

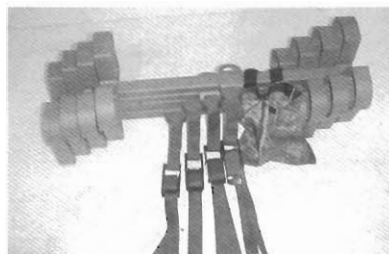
Should you damage any part of your Bucksteps, you should contact your nearest Summit dealer or the factory to obtain the proper corrective action procedure and/or replacement parts. Unauthorized repairs, modifications, or alterations will void the warranty and could degrade the integrity of your Bucksteps.

We strongly recommend that you periodically inspect your Bucksteps for damage. Look for nicks, gouges, cracks, bends, corrosion, etc., and 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, or hit by a motor vehicle, or subjected to corrosive conditions. Also inspect all straps for cuts, worn places, abrasion, 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.

NOTE: We recommend that you replace the straps at least annually or perhaps sooner if necessary.

When the above mentioned guidelines are followed, Bucksteps will provide you with years of safe and successful hunting.



**Figure 17**



**Figure 18**

**Conditions to Avoid**

1. Do not use Bucksteps during lightning, rain or snow or while taking drugs or using alcohol.

2. **IMPORTANT!!** - Due to the unique design of Bucksteps and their dependency on the tree for support, only attach this product to healthy, actively growing trees. Do not use Bucksteps on a crooked, dead, damaged or leaning tree.

3. Do not completely remove your weight from Bucksteps when getting onto a treestand until you have checked the stability and security of the treestand.

**FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

**HUNT TOMORROW...**

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

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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.

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**Warranty Card for Bucksteps**

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