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# Treestand Instruction Booklet

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

## Use of the Saber XTreme Climbing Treestand

Part 1. Attachment to the tree

Note: The only assembly required is the attachment of the EasySeat storage bag and installation of the high traction strips, described in the later section (Attachments) of this booklet.

Before using your new Saber XTreme treestand, ALWAYS inspect the treestand for any structural damage that may have occurred in transporting your treestand. For easy attachment to the tree, Summit provides two large backbar knobs to attach the Saber XTreme and

EasySeat backbars to the treestand and/or handlimber. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to insure that the backbar is always on the top of the upright bar, and the large knobs are on the bottom, as shown in **Figure 1** (this applies to both the Saber XTreme treestand and the EasySeat.)

To ensure that your Saber XTreme is level at the height at which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between



Figure 1

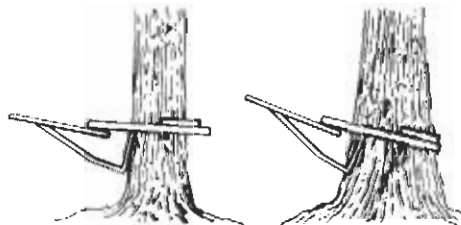


Figure 2

the base of the tree and the final treestand height. It is very important to adjust the treestand and EasySeat at the base of the tree such that the treestand base will be level at the height you hunt. Trees commonly found in swamp or marsh areas have a tendency to swell at the base, and these may require a greater starting angle in order for your treestand to be level at the same hunting height as compared to a normally tapered tree.

Usually, the front edge of the treestand (the edge away from the tree) should be 4-6 inches higher than the edge against the tree (See **Figure 2**). The EasySeat (the hand-climber seat combination) attaches above the treestand. The EasySeat should also have the same basic angle as the treestand before you begin to climb. The treestand and climber **MUST BE** attached to one another with the rope provided, as shown in **Figure 3**.



Figure 3



Figure 4

## Part 2. Climbing with the Saber XTreme

Step 1. Now that your treestand and EasySeat are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. We recommend that you use your safety belt as you climb: use the safety belt instructions later in this booklet for proper use of your safety belt. Simply attach the safety belt to the tree above the EasySeat and around your chest for climbing.

Step 2. Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap. Tighten the foot straps over your feet by pulling on the loose end of the green strap. **YOU MUST** pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, as shown in **Figure 4**. If your foot straps are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustments). **At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.**

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your EasySeat up to about chest height and rest your forearms on the seat pad and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in **Figure 5**.

Step 4. With all of your weight resting on your forearms, now disengage the treestand (by rotating the edge against the tree down) and lift the treestand, as shown in **Figure 6**.

Step 5. To re-engage the Saber XTreme, simply rotate the edge against the tree upwards, as shown in **Figure 7**. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.



Figure 5



Figure 6

Step 6. Now ease your weight onto the treestand (to ensure that you have not placed it on an unseen knot or limb on the backside of the tree), slide your safety belt up the tree and repeat steps 3-6.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** DO NOT USE the Summit Saber XTreme without a Summit EasySeat or other handlimber. A handlimber, especially the Summit EasySeat, is designed to aid you in the correct operation of the treestand while climbing by keeping your weight away from the tree. The EasySeat is also built so that it fits snugly between the upright bars for carrying.

### Part 3. Using the EasySeat

When you get to your hunting height and have assured that your treestand is level, position your EasySeat slightly below waist level (higher or lower if you desire; slightly lower will be more comfortable, higher makes for less movement when you stand.) Attach the EasySeat with the elastic cord provided, as shown in **Figure 8**. The EasySeat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. With your safety belt attached to the tree, above the EasySeat and snugly around your body (see **Figure 9**), reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. You may now access the EasySeat storage bag by flipping the seat pad on the EasySeat up and unzipping the zipper on the top of the bag, as shown in **Figure 10**. Position your safety belt comfortably, make sure the seat pad is flipped back down to cover the straps on the EasySeat, and carefully sit down.



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

### Part 4. Climbing Down with the Saber XTreme

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

Step 1. Reattach your treestand to your feet (with your safety belt still securely fastened around you) by using the procedure in Part 2. Climbing with the Saber XTreme (see **Figure 4** again.)

Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the EasySeat in place.

Step 3. Place the EasySeat at about waist level, placing your weight on your elbows on the seat pad and firmly grasping the upright arms as you did in climbing (see **Figure 11**).

Step 4. While firmly grasping the EasySeat upright arms, disengage the treestand by rotating the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see **Figure 6** again).

Step 5. To re-engage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the treestand. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

Step 6. Slide your safety belt down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14

### Part 5. Carrying the Saber XTreme

The Saber XTreme and EasySeat are light weight and easy to carry as one unit. To combine the EasySeat and Saber XTreme, place the Saber XTreme right side up on the ground. Take the EasySeat (in the same orientation as it would be on a tree) and position it so that the EasySeat backbar "nests" up behind the Saber XTreme backbar, as shown in **Figure 12**. Now bundle the backbars together using the elastic cord that held the EasySeat in place on the tree, as shown in **Figure 13**. Then position the elastic heel cords over the ends of the tubing opposite the backbar as shown in **Figure 14**. This will prevent the Saber XTreme and EasySeat from making noise as you hike to your hunting location. Use the backpack straps to carry as shown in **Figure 15**.



Figure 15

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### Use of the Signature XTreme Climbing Treestand

#### Part 1. Attachment to the tree

Note: The only assembly required is the attachment of the high traction strips, described in the later section (Attachments) of this booklet.

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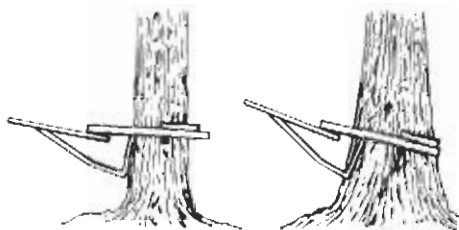


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Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

the Signature XTreme Seat and around your chest for climbing.

Step 2. Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap. Tighten the foot straps by pulling on the loose end of the green strap. **YOU MUST** pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, as shown in Figure 4. If your heel cords are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustment(s)). **At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.**

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your Signature XTreme Seat up to about chest height and rest your forearms on the arm rest pads and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in Figure 5.

Step 4. With all of your weight resting on your forearms, now disengage the treestand (by rotating the edge against the tree down) and lift the treestand, as shown in Figure 6.

Step 5. To re-engage the Signature XTreme, simply rotate the edge against the tree upwards, as shown in Figure 7. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on



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### Part 3. Using the Signature XTreme Seat

When you get to your hunting height and have assured that your treestand is level, position your Signature XTreme Seat slightly below waist level (higher or lower if you desire; slightly lower will be more comfortable, higher makes for less movement when you stand.) Wrap the supplied strap with the tourniquet buckle around the tree and under the back bar, as shown in Figures 8 and 9.

Securely tighten the strap to prevent the arches from losing contact with the tree. Unhook the hinge cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing. Position the seat back rest against the tree and attach the Signature XTreme Seat with the elastic cord provided, as shown in Figure 10. The hinge cord will prevent the back rest from



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

falling forwards if you stand to shoot. The Signature XTreme Seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. With your safety belt attached to the tree, above the Signature XTreme Seat and snugly around your body (see Figure 11), reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. Position your safety belt comfortably and carefully sit down.

### Part 4. Climbing Down with the Signature XTreme

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

Step 1. Reattach your treestand to your feet (with your safety belt still securely fastened around you) by using the procedure in Part 2, Climbing with the Signature XTreme (see Figure 4 again.)

Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the Signature XTreme Seat in place and fold the seat back rest back down. Secure the back rest and seat as shown in Figure 12.

Step 3. Place the Signature XTreme Seat at about waist level, placing your weight on your elbows on the arm rest pads and firmly grasping the upright arms as you did in climbing (see Figure 13).

Step 4. While firmly grasping the Signature XTreme Seat upright arms, disengage the treestand by rotating the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see Figure 6 again).

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Figure 13

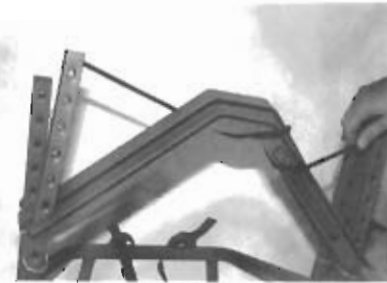


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Figure 16



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### Use of the Shooter 2 Xtreme Climbing Treestand

#### Part 1. Attachment to the tree

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**WARNING! Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.** To ensure that the treestand is level at the height which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between the base of the tree



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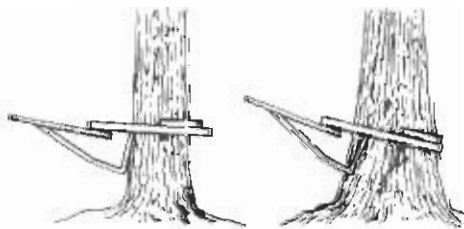


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Usually, the front edge of the treestand (the edge away from the tree) should be 4-6 inches higher than the edge against the tree. (see Figure 2) Both the Shooter 2 Xtreme and foot climber should have the same starting angle at ground level. The foot climber MUST be attached to the tree below the portion you sit on.

#### Part 2. Climbing with the Shooter 2 Xtreme

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The tether rope on the foot climber MUST be attached to the Shooter 2 Xtreme before you begin climbing. This will ensure that you don't disengage the foot climber and drop it to the bottom of the tree because of improper attachment to your feet. It is also helpful to use this rope to bundle the Shooter 2 Xtreme and foot climber when transporting them. (See Part 5 for more information on transporting.) By design, the Shooter 2 Xtreme climbing treestand uses what is called a "cam action" to climb and hold the tree in which you are hunting. The absence of any knife edges, spikes or spurs allows quick, easy, and quiet engagement and disengagement from the tree. This is accomplished basically by using a small angle between the base and upright bar. It is very important, therefore, to keep your weight equally distributed on your feet. **DO NOT TIP YOUR WEIGHT ONTO YOUR TOES** unless you are ready to move the foot climber because this will tend to disengage it from the tree. The individual foot and heel straps are located in such a position that equal distribution of weight will secure the treestand to the tree while climbing.



Figure 3

**Step 1.** Now that the treestand and foot climber are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. Use the safety belt WHILE climbing; use the safety belt instructions provided at the end of this booklet. The belt should be around the tree and your body and draped over the Shooter 2 Xtreme backbar (see Figure 3).



Figure 4

**Step 2.** Flip the foot rest out, which will give you more room on the platform, as shown in Figure 4. Move the top (Shooter 2 Xtreme) portion down the tree and position it so it is resting on the foot climber. Climb onto the foot climber, then position the seat in a comfortable seating position, and place one foot in each foot strap. Pull on the free end of the green strap to tighten the straps over your feet. **YOU MUST** pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, shown in Figure 5. If the foot straps or heel cords are too loose, adjust them as described later in this instruction



Figure 5

sheet (see **adjustments**).

**Step 3.** To begin climbing, raise the Shooter 2 Xtreme up to about waist level and sit on the padded arm rest or in the seat (facing the tree) and firmly grasp the upright arms near the tree as shown in **Figure 6**.

**Step 4.** While sitting on the Shooter 2 Xtreme, disengage the foot climber (by lifting and tipping the platform toward the tree) and lift the foot climber (see **Figure 7**).

**Step 5.** To reengage the foot climber, press the two curved arches against the tree, then press down with your feet on the platform. This will cause the platform to rotate back toward the level position and engage the tree. (see **Figure 8**)

**Step 6.** Now ease your weight onto the treestand (to ensure that it has not been placed on an unseen knot or limb on the back side of the tree), slide your safety belt up the tree and repeat steps 3-6. **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

### **Part 3. Preparing to Hunt From the Shooter 2 Xtreme Climbing Treestand**

When you get to the desired hunting height (do not climb any higher than 15 feet; it is unnecessary), while your safety belt is securely fastened around you and the tree with your weight resting on the padded arm rest, release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps one at a time. While still sitting, attach the black bunge cord on the Shooter 2 Xtreme upright bar to the opposite upright bar, as shown in **Figure 9**. You may now leave the seat facing the tree or lift the plastic coated hooks and reposition the seat so you are facing away from the tree as shown in **Figure 10**. This can be easily done by unsnapping the padded arm rests and flipping them off to the side. Once you have repositioned the seat, flip the arm pads back onto the tubing and snap them back on. **MAKE SURE** the plastic coated hooks are completely seated onto the steel tubing **BEFORE** you sit down.

### **Part 4. Climbing Down with the Shooter 2 Xtreme**

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

**Step 1.** Position the seat so you are facing the tree. Reattach the treestand to your feet (with your safety belt still securely fastened around you) by using the procedure in *Part 2 - Climbing with the Shooter 2 Xtreme* (See **Figure 3** again).

**Step 2.** Place the Shooter 2 Xtreme



**Figure 6**



**Figure 7**



**Figure 8**



**Figure 9**

(top portion) at about waist level, placing your weight on the padded arm rest and firmly grasp the upright bars close to the tree.

**Step 3.** Now carefully disengage the foot climber by rotating the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the foot climber (see **Figure 7** again).

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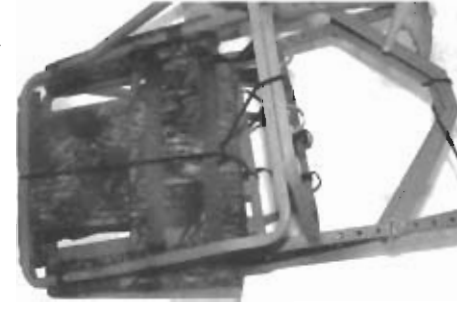
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### **Part 5. Carrying the Shooter 2 Xtreme Climbing Treestand and Foot Climber.**

The Shooter 2 Xtreme Climbing Treestand and foot climber are lightweight and easy to carry as one unit. To combine the two pieces, place the foot climber right side up on the ground. Take the Shooter 2 Xtreme and place the two upright arms on top of the foot climber's upright bars as shown in **Figure 11**. It may be necessary to adjust the back bar for a snug fit. Use the black nylon rope to bundle the two pieces together for quiet, easy carrying. The black bunge cord on each end of the Shooter 2 Xtreme upright bars can also be used to secure the two pieces together. Use the backpack straps to carry the combined unit.



**Figure 10**



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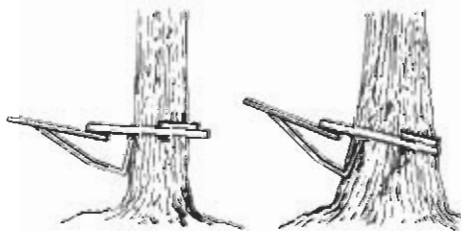


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By design, the Summit Classic climbing treestand uses what is called a "cam action" to climb and hold the tree in which you are hunting. The absence of any knife edges, spikes or spurs allows quick, easy, and quiet engagement and disengagement from the tree. This is accomplished basically by using a small angle between the base and upright bar.

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**Step 1.** Now that the treestand and handlimber are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. Use the safety belt WHILE climbing; use the safety belt instructions provided in this booklet. The belt should be around the tree and your body and draped over the QuickClimber (see Figure 3).

**Step 2.** Climb onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap. Tighten the foot straps over your feet by pulling on the loose end of the green strap. YOU MUST pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, shown in Figure 4. If the heel cords are too loose, adjust them as described later in this instruction booklet (see adjustments).

**Step 3.** To begin climbing, raise the QuickClimber up to about chest height and rest your forearms on the two upright arms on the QuickClimber (sticking out towards you) and firmly grasp the upright arms near the tree as shown in Figure 5. If you have purchased the Summit



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Climbing Sling, it can be used as a hand/seatchimber combination as shown in the instructions included with your climbing sling.

**Step 4.** With your weight resting on your forearms, now disengage the treestand (by rotating the edge against the tree down) and lift the treestand. (see **Figure 6**)

**Step 5.** To reengage the treestand, simply rotate the edge against the tree upwards. (see **Figure 7**)

**Step 6.** Now ease your weight onto the treestand (to ensure that it has not been placed on an unseen knot or limb on the back side of the tree).

**DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand. Now slide your safety belt up the tree and repeat steps 3-6.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**DO NOT USE** the Summit Classic treestand without a Summit QuickClimber or other handlimber. A handlimber, especially the Summit QuickClimber, is designed to aid in the correct operation of the treestand while climbing by keeping your weight away from the tree. The QuickClimber is also built so that it fits snugly between the upright bars for carrying.

**Part 3. Preparing to Hunt From the Summit Classic Climbing Treestand**

When you get to the desired hunting height (do not climb any higher than 15 feet; it is unnecessary), while your safety belt is securely fastened around you and the tree and turn the QuickClimber around out of the way. (see **Figure 8**)

With your weight resting on one heel and away from the tree, now release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps one at a time. To attach the seat to the tree, carefully step around the seat and push the seat against the tree.

Take the seat rope (attached to one side of the seat) and swing it around the backside of the tree and attach it to the opposite seat tube with the hook provided (see **Figure 9**). To secure the seat rope, reach around and hold the rope where it is spliced through the other section of rope and pull the loose end with your other hand. Now sit down and enjoy one of the most comfortable seats on any treestand.

**Steady Rest Adjustment**

To operate the Steady Rest Bar on the Summit Classic:



**Figure 7**



**Figure 8**



**Figure 9**



**Figure 10**

Loosen the two thumb screw knobs on the plastic adjustment sleeves as shown in **Figure 10**. After both sides are loose, simply pull the Steady Rest Bar up to the desired height as shown in **Figure 11**. After you have pulled it up, tighten the two knobs on the tube. The Steady Rest Bar can now be used as an arm rest, gun rest, or as an aid in standing (while always using your safety belt). **WARNING! THIS IS NOT A SAFETY DEVICE TO PREVENT FALLING! YOU MUST CONTINUE TO USE YOUR SAFETY BELT AT ALL TIMES!** To reposition the Steady Rest Bar, simply loosen the two knobs on the tube, pull or push the Steady Rest Bar to your desired location, then re-tighten the two knobs.



**Figure 11**

**Part 4. Climbing Down with the Summit Classic**

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

**Step 1.** Reattach the treestand to your feet (with your safety belt still securely fastened around you) by using the procedure in **Part 2 - Climbing with the Summit Classic** (See **Figure 3** again).

**Step 2.** Place the QuickClimber at about waist level, placing your weight on your forearms on the upright tubes and grasping the upright arms as you did in climbing (see **Figure 5**).

**Step 3.** While firmly grasping the QuickClimber upright arms, carefully disengage the treestand by rotating the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see **Figure 6**).

**Step 4.** To reengage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the treestand (see **Figure 7** again). **DO NOT** jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

**Step 5.** Slide your safety belt down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

**Part 5. Carrying the Summit Classic Climbing Treestand and QuickClimber.**

The Summit Classic Climbing Treestand and QuickClimber are lightweight and easy to carry as one unit. To combine the two pieces, place the treestand right side up on the ground. Take the QuickClimber and place the two upright arms under the treestand's backbar as shown in **Figure 12**. It may be necessary to move the backbar closer to the treestand for a snug fit. Connect the elastic heel cords to the QuickClimber as shown in **Figure 13** for a noiseless, easy carry. Use the backpack straps to carry the combined unit.



**Figure 12**



**Figure 13**

# READ ME FIRST!!!

## Please read carefully BEFORE using your new Summit Viper Climbing Treestand.

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available treestand on the market today. The Viper Climbing Treestand is designed and built to provide years of troublefree, successful hunting with a minimum of maintenance and care. This booklet is provided to you to outline the recommended use, care, and maintenance of your Viper climbing treestand.

• **BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, MAKE SURE YOU WEAR A SAFETY BELT EVERY TIME YOU CLIMB!!!**

• **DO NOT USE THIS OR ANY OTHER TREESTAND IF YOU HAVE BEEN USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!**

• **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!**

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

NOTE: Weight limit for this treestand is 300 lbs.

### Use of the Viper Climbing Treestand

Part 1. Attachment to the tree

Note: The only assembly required is the attachment of the high traction strips, described in the later section (Attachments) of this booklet.



Figure 1



Figure 2

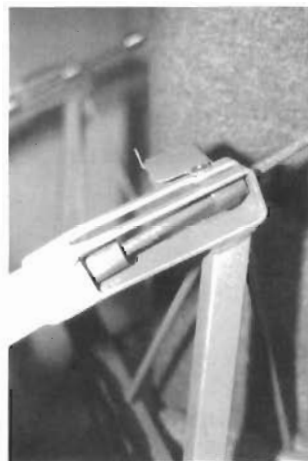


Figure 3

Before using your new Viper treestand, ALWAYS inspect the treestand for any structural damage, cable wear or abrasion that may have occurred in transporting your treestand. You should attach the base platform to the tree first. To do this, rotate the hatch cover out of the way, as shown in **Figure 1**. Take one end of the cable and begin to slide it down into the tubing, as shown in **Figure 2**. Once the cable is easily sliding into the tubing, you are ready to place it in its final position. Pull the cable towards the back of the tree and "seat" one of the cable stops against the back of the bracket, as shown in **Figure 3**. YOU MUST rotate the hatch cover back over the bracket so that it locks into place, as shown in **Figure 4**. If necessary, go to the other side of the tree and position the other end of the cable by repeating the steps of opening the hatch cover, sliding the cable into the tubing, and locking the hatch

cover back into position.

To ensure that your Viper is level at the height at which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between the base of the tree and the final treestand height. It is very important to adjust the treestand and Viper Seat at the base of the tree such that the treestand base will be level at the height you hunt. Trees commonly found in swamp or marsh areas have a tendency to swell at the base, and these may require a greater starting angle in order for your treestand to be level at the same hunting height as compared to a normally tapered tree..

Usually, the front edge of the treestand (the edge away from the tree) should be 4-6 inches higher than the edge against the tree (See **Figure 5**). The Viper Seat (the seat climber) attaches above the standing platform. The Viper Seat should also have the same basic angle as the treestand before you begin to climb. The standing platform and climber MUST BE attached to one another with the tether rope provided, as shown in **Figure 6**.

### Part 2. Climbing with the Viper

Step 1. Now that your treestand and Viper Seat are attached to the tree, you are ready to climb. It is

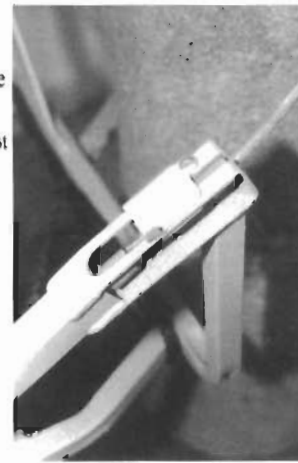


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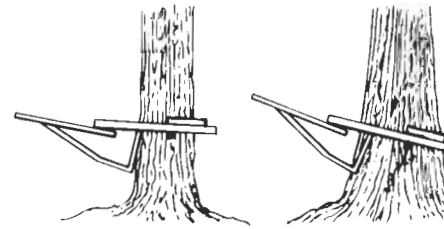


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required that you use a safety belt as you climb: use the safety belt instructions later in this booklet for proper use of your safety belt. Simply attach the safety belt to the tree above the Viper Seat and around your chest for climbing, as shown in **Figure 7**.

Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the tourniquet buckle and sliding the green webbing through it until you have plenty of room for your boot to fit it.

Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap and tighten the strap over your boots by pulling on the free end of the green strap. YOU MUST pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, as shown in **Figure 8**. If your heel cords are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustments). **At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.**

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your Viper Seat up to about waist height, sit on the padded bar and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in **Figure 9**.

Step 4. With all of your weight on the padded bar, now disengage the treestand (by rotat



Figure 8



**Figure 9**



**Figure 10**

ing the edge against the tree down) and lift the treestand, as shown in **Figure 10**.

Step 5. To re-engage the Viper, simply rotate the edge against the tree upwards, as shown in **Figure 11**. DO NOT jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

Step 6. Now ease your weight onto the treestand (to ensure that you have not placed it on an unseen knot or limb on the backside of the tree), slide your safety belt up the tree and repeat steps 3-6.

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**Figure 12**

### Part 3. Using the Viper Seat

When you get to your hunting height and have assured that your treestand is level, position your Viper Seat slightly below waist level (higher or lower if you desire; slightly lower will be more comfortable, higher makes for less movement when you stand.) Wrap the supplied strap with the tourniquet buckle around the tree and under the cable, as shown in **Figure 12**. Securely tighten the strap to prevent the notched v-bar from losing contact with the tree. Unhook the bungee cord that held the seat back rest secure while you were climbing. Position the seat back rest against the tree and attach the Viper Seat with the elastic cord provided, as shown in **Figure 13**. The bungee cord will prevent the back rest from falling forwards if you stand to shoot. The Viper Seat will provide maximum comfort when the seat pad is near horizontal rather than tipped down in the front. With your safety belt attached to the tree, above the Viper Seat and snugly around your body (see **Figure 14**), reach down and release the heel cords on the treestand and slide your feet out of the straps. Position your safety belt comfort-



**Figure 13**

ably and carefully sit down.

The Viper seat height can be easily raised (for bowhunting) or lowered (for gun hunting) by adjusting the metal 3-bar slides under the seat cushion. Only one side is adjustable; the other side is not adjustable.

### Part 4. Climbing Down with the Viper

To climb down the tree after hunting, follow these steps:

Step 1. Reattach your treestand platform to your feet (with your safety belt still securely fastened around you) by using the procedure in Part 2, Climbing with the Viper (see **Figure 8** again.)

Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the Viper Seat in place and fold the seat back rest back down. Secure the back rest and seat as shown in **Figure 15**.

Step 3. Place the Viper Seat at about knee level, sit on the padded bar, and grasp the upright arms as you did in climbing (see **Figure 16**).

Step 4. While firmly grasping the Viper Seat upright arms, disengage the treestand by lifting and tipping the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see **Figure 10** again).

Step 5. To re-engage, rotate the top edge of the treestand closest to the tree upwards. Now carefully place your weight back on the treestand. DO NOT jump or bounce on the treestand to attempt to cause it to "dig" into the tree. It is not necessary and may cause you to inadvertently disengage the treestand.

Step 6. Slide your safety belt down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

### Part 5. Carrying the Viper

The Viper and Viper Seat are light weight and easy to carry as one unit. To combine the Viper Seat and Viper, place the Viper seat right side up on the ground. Take the Viper platform (in the same orientation as it would be on a tree) and position it so that the notched v-bar is positioned as shown in **Figure 17**. Secure the Viper seat to the Viper with the green strap with the tourniquet buckle. This will prevent the Viper and Viper Seat from making noise as you hike to your hunting location. Use the backpack straps to carry the unit as shown in **Figure 18**.



**Figure 14**



**Figure 15**



**Figure 16**



**Figure 17**



**Figure 18**

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### Use of the Cobra Climbing Treestand

#### Part 1. Attachment to the tree

Note: The only assembly required is the attachment of the high traction strips, described in the later section (Attachments) of this booklet.

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To ensure that your Cobra is level at the height at which you will be hunting, observe the relative change in the tree diameter between the base of the tree and the final treestand height. It is very important to adjust the treestand and Cobra Seat at the base of the tree such that the treestand base will be level at the height you hunt. Trees commonly found in swamp or marsh areas



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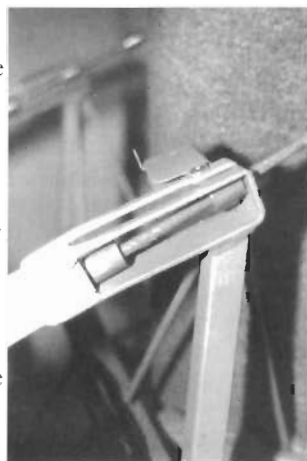


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#### Part 2. Climbing with the Cobra

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Step 2. Loosen the footstrap assembly by releasing the tourniquet buckle and sliding the green webbing through it until you have plenty of room for your boot to fit it. Step onto the treestand, placing one foot in each foot strap. YOU MUST pull the elastic heel cord around the back of your boot, as shown in **Figure 8**. If your heel cords are too loose, adjust these as described later in this instruction booklet (see Adjustments). At this point we recommend attaching your safety belt.

Step 3. To begin climbing, raise your Cobra Seat up to about chest height and rest your forearms on the seat pad and firmly grasp the upright arms as shown in **Figure 9**.

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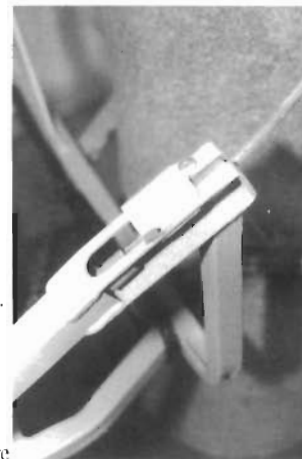


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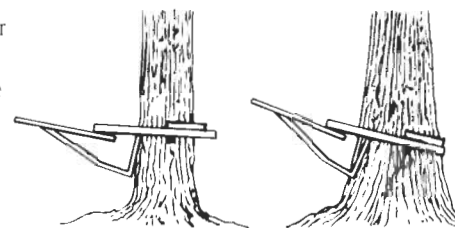


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Figure 8

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Step 6. Slide your safety belt down to about chest height and repeat steps 3-6 until you have reached the bottom of the tree.

### Part 5. Carrying the Cobra

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Figure 11



Figure 14

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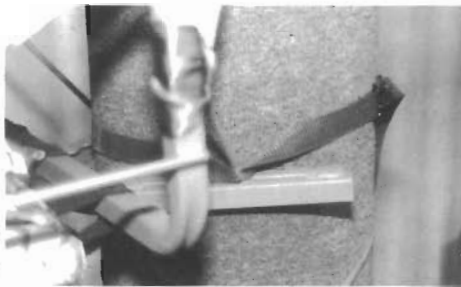


Figure 12

Step 2. Undo the elastic cord that has been holding the Cobra Seat in place and fold the seat back rest back down. Secure the back rest and seat as shown in Figure 15.

Step 3. Place the Cobra Seat at about waist level, placing your weight on your elbows on the arm rest pads and firmly grasping the cross brace as you did in climbing (see Figure 16).

Step 4. While firmly grasping the Cobra Seat cross brace, disengage the treestand by lifting and tipping the top edge closest to the tree downward and then lower the treestand (see Figure 10 again).

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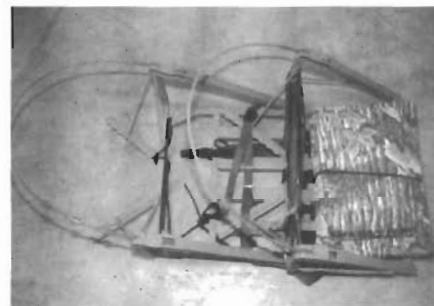


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Figure 18



# How to use the Summit Safety Belt

Saber XTreme, Signature XTreme, Shooter 2 XTreme,  
Summit Classic, Viper and Cobra Version

## A. Climbing with the Summit Safety Belt

1. The first time using the belt, push the furnished 3-bar slide buckle onto the end of the belt that is not attached to the Climber (see **Figure 1**). This step is only necessary once, as the slide buckle can be left on the belt (if desired). *Note: If you lose the 3-bar slide buckle, do not use your safety belt until a replacement is obtained from Summit!*



Figure 1

2. Once the Climber is attached to the tree, take the free end of the belt (the one with the slide buckle) around the tree (above the Climber) and bring the free end under the belt section attached to the Climber (see **Figure 2**).



Figure 2

3. Now bring the free end back over the belt section attached to the Climber and then under the belt (bringing the free end towards you) where the half-hitch is being formed (see **Figure 3 & Figure 4**). This is very similar to the first steps in tying a necktie.

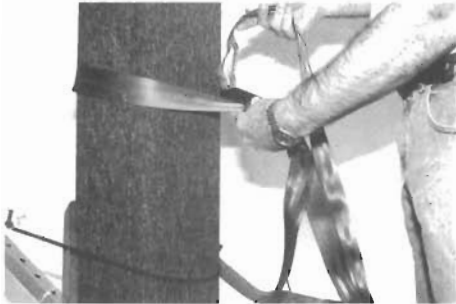


Figure 3

4. The slide buckle should now be pushed onto the belt far enough to allow for placing the loop on the free end of the belt (see **Figure 1 again**) over your head and shoulders and then around your chest (see **Figure 5**). Now pull the slide buckle towards your chest until the belt is snug (see **Figure 6**).



Figure 4

The belt MUST be positioned directly underneath your arms. **IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount of slack between your body and the tree must be adjusted so that no more than 3 (three) feet of slack exist while standing.**

5. To prepare to climb, take the section of belt looped around the tree and drape it over the Climber. Now pull the belt section on the back side of the tree snugly against the Climber backbar and hold it there by grasping the belt against the two "arms" of the Climber (see **Figure 7**). While this is the quickest and most preferred method of using the Summit Safety Belt, the belt may also be used by sliding the loop around the tree upwards after each

"pull" up the tree. It may take a few times using the belt to climb with a minimum of noise, but this belt method will provide the maximum security and safety.

**Use this belt while climbing! We care about your safety!**

## B. Use After Reaching Your Desired Hunting Height

1. If you are using the EasySeat (Saber XTreme), Cobra Seat (Cobra), Viper Seat (Viper), Signature Seat (Signature XTreme) or the Shooter 2 XTreme and foot climber, we recommend sliding the half-hitch knot up to about shoulder height on the tree and "snug up" the knot so that it will not slide down the tree. Now secure the elastic seat cord to hold the seat at the desired hunting height.



Figure 5

If you are using the QuickClimber (Summit Classic), after reaching your hunting height, turn the QuickClimber around so that the backbar is on the same side of the tree that you are on. Slide the safety belt up the tree and "snug up" the knot so that it will not slide down the tree.



Figure 6

2. The slide buckle can now be rotated around to your back without affecting the snugness of the belt on your chest. This will allow freedom of movement in the stand.

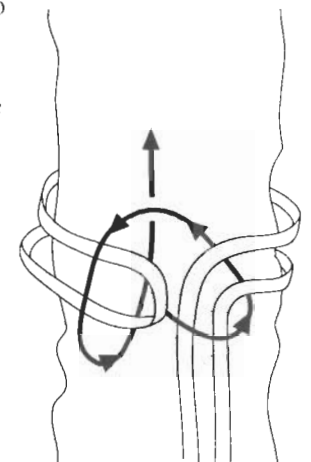
**IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount of slack between your body and the tree must be adjusted so that no more than 3 (three) feet of slack exist while standing.** This will allow for ample freedom of movement as well as comfortable sitting on your tree-stand seat. On larger trees, simply make the "noose" high enough on the tree to reduce the slack to 3 (three) feet. For smaller trees, this can be done by looping the belt twice around the tree (or more if necessary) before making the half-hitch on the tree.



Figure 7

Should a fall occur, the belt will enable you to determine a safe way to get down - either by getting help or by making a controlled descent. The loop around your chest will end up as a sling under your arms and offer more freedom to turn and move as compared to a waist belt.

**Thanks for choosing Summit Products!  
Please Use Caution in all of your Hunting Activities!**



Simplified Safety Belt Diagram

## Maintenance and Care

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 rain water 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.

Since your treestand is constructed from steel, it is very important to ensure that any areas where the camouflage finish has been worn or chipped to expose the base metal, it must be properly cleaned and reprimed with a high quality metal primer to prevent the formation of rust. The powder coat finish that is 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. Unauthorized repairs, modifications, or alterations will void the warranty and could degrade the integrity of the treestand.

**You MUST perform periodic inspections of the treestand for damage. DO NOT use the treestand if ANY obvious or suspicious damage is observed.**

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 safe and successful hunting.

## VIPER and COBRA Cable Maintenance & Care

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to inspect the cable on your Viper or Cobra treestand to ensure that there is no sign of fraying, damaged or broken strands. If **ANY** such damage is noticed, you must replace your cable **IMMEDIATELY**. Replacement covers for the cable are also available.

## Adjustments

The only adjustments that may be required on your Summit treestand would be the heel-strap, backpack straps or seat height.

The heelstrap elastic cord on Summit climbing stands may be shortened by tying an overhand knot from inside one of the foot straps. Tie the knot at the desired adjustment length.

If the backpack straps on the back (bottom) of any Summit climbing treestand need to be shortened to fit more comfortably, simply adjust the small straps using the buckle provided to the length desired.

To adjust the seat height on the Summit Classic, simply remove the bolts holding the seat bars to the frame and raise or lower the seat as preferred. *Important Note: The bolts and nuts MUST BE securely tightened before putting the stand in a tree!*

## Attachments

To attach the High Traction Strips, first lay one strip on each of the four or five channel sections of the platform. If trimming is required, do so **before** removing the adhesive backing. The traction strip for each channel should run the entire length of the channel. Now remove the adhesive backing from each strip and place one strip in the middle of each of the four or five channels. *Note: The channels should be free of dirt and grime before applying the strips.*

# HELPFUL HINTS

*"My backbar won't go quietly into the holes when I'm putting my stand on a tree."*

Lay the treestand on it's side on a flat surface. Hold the backbar up to the holes. Either push down or pull up on the upright bar (the bar with the holes in it) until the backbar will silently slide into and out of the holes.

*"My Saber "pings" occasionally when I shift my weight on the stand."*

The inside surfaces of the tubing that make up the perimeter of your treestand may be touching on the front two corners. Simply place the front corners (one at a time) on a hard surface and tap the center of the bend with a hammer, as shown in the figure.



*"The seat on my stand has started to squeak after years of successful hunting."*

Either order a new bushing kit or buy Glycerin (colorless, odorless) from a drug store and put one drop on the bushings. This will lubricate the bushings and they will stop squeaking. Also try loosening the locknut 1/2 turn.

*"I can't locate the source of a noise on my climbing stand."*

More than likely the source is one of two places: either the front corners of the stand mentioned in the hint to the above or the arches have become polished after many years of hunting. If the arches (the two half-circles that come in contact with the tree as you climb) appear polished, simply "roughen" them with a center punch or file. All it needs is a small amount of texture.

*"I hike a long way to my hunting location. Can I do anything to make my stand easier to backpack?"*

If we are going to hike a considerable distance with a treestand, we typically tie a piece of rope or strap around our waist and through the arches on the treestand (the arches should be positioned at your lower back.) This takes the majority of the weight off of your back and puts it on your hips, like a good backpack.