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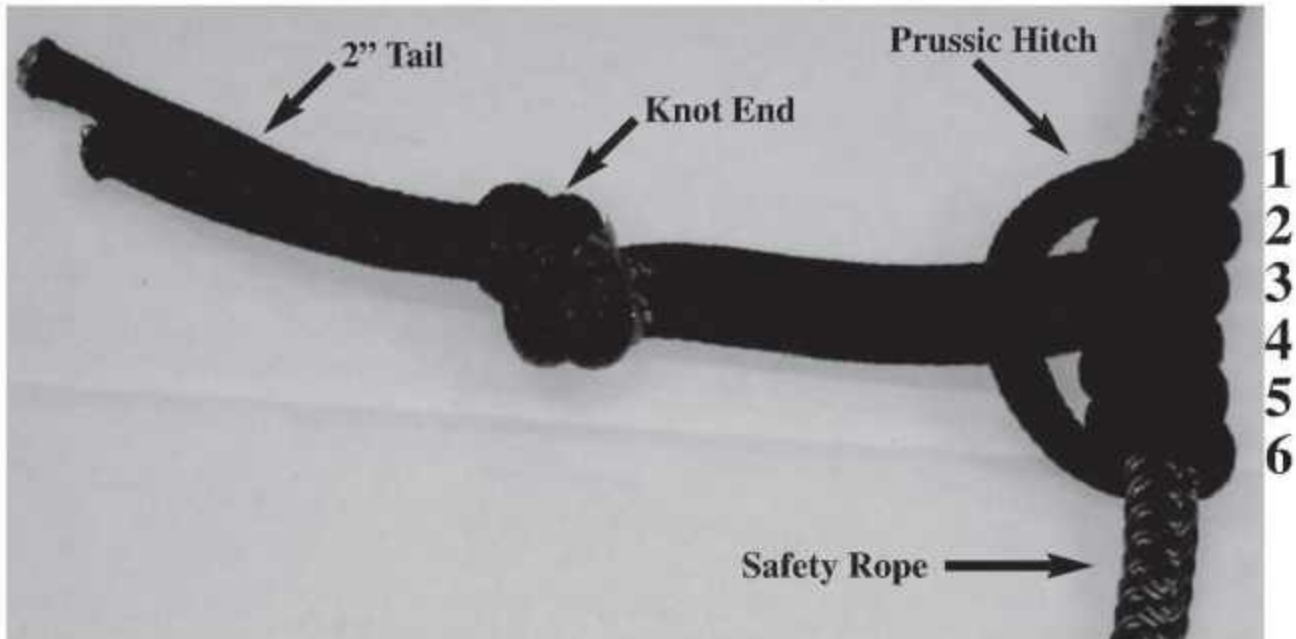
MAKE SURE YOUR PRUSSIC HITCH LOOKS LIKE THIS PICTURE BEFORE USING!

DO NOT USE unless your prussic hitch has 6 (six) loops!

DO NOT USE unless your prussic hitch has a minimum of a 2" tail beyond the knot end!

Pull on the knot end of the prussic hitch and make sure it locks to the safety rope. **DO NOT USE** your harness unless your prussic hitch looks like the one pictured here. In addition, the prussic hitch must lock to the safety rope when you pull on the knot end.

Contact **SUMMIT TREESTANDS, LLC** if you have any problems. 1-256-353-0634



The Summit Treestands, LLC safety rope has the ability to adjust the length while attached to the tree. **NEVER** exceed 24-inches of total tether length (safety rope and tether strap combined). The prussic hitch slides along the safety rope until loaded, at which point it locks securely in place.

WHEN TO REPLACE YOUR SAFETY ROPE:

The safety rope has been subjected to severe shock loading.

The safety rope has been subjected to the kind of overload for which it was not designed, such as towing a vehicle.

The safety rope shows signs of fraying from substantial use.

The safety rope was used in preventing a fall.

If you have any questions, please call us at
(256) 353-0634

READ ME FIRST!!!

Please read carefully BEFORE using your new Summit **Seat-O-The-Pants Harness, SOP FastBack Harness or SOP Supreme Harness.**

Congratulations! You have purchased the finest commercially available hunting harness on the market today. Summit harnesses 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 safety harness.

BEFORE USING ANY TREESTAND, BE SURE YOU USE A 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!

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 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 BACK ON YOUR CLIMBING STEPS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, ALWAYS HAVE A WHISTLE, CELL PHONE, TWO-WAY RADIO, OR SOME OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATING FOR HELP. A TREE DESCENDER (AVAILABLE FROM SUMMIT, 256-353-0634) OR A SCREW-IN STEP WILL LET YOU RELIEVE YOUR BODY PRESSURE OFF THE HARNESS. 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.

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!

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

NOTE: Weight limit for this harness is 300 lbs!

WARNING!

1. Always check to make sure leg straps are secure around legs and buckled before climbing the tree!!!

2. Be sure tether strap is attached to safety rope!!

3. Never allow the tether strap to get under or around your neck as shown in **Figure 1.**

4. If wearing harness under hunting clothes, make sure your hunting clothes are not tight around your neck because the harness will shift up if you fall as shown in **Figure 2.**

5. Always check harness webbing and hardware before every use for any damaged or worn stitching, webbing or hardware. If you find a problem, DO NOT use the harness until the problem has been resolved by Summit Treestands, LLC.

Note: If you fall, you must replace the harness by calling **Summit Treestands, LLC.**

NOTE: This harness has been designed to be used only as a safety device for hunting from elevated tree stands and ladders. Any other use is **PROHIBITED.**

Harness Packaging:
If you purchased the SOP original or the SOP Supreme, remove your harness from the pouch. The SOP FastBack will not have a pouch. You should have one safety rope with a black locking clip attached and one extra clip for converting the safety rope to a climbing belt.

Harness Instructions
If you purchased the SOP Supreme you have the option of storing the harness in the pouch or not. If you purchased the SOP original, put everything back in the pouch except for the leg straps. Put the black tether strap in the pouch on top. This will be the strap you will pull out when you remove the harness from the pouch. If you have the SOP FastBack, always pick the harness up by the black tether strap.

Putting on the Harness:

Step 1. If you have the SOP Supreme, simply put the harness on like a jacket. If you have the SOP FastBack, pick the harness up by the tether and look at the D-rings on the side of the belt to tell if the harness is right side out. Slip your arms through the shoulder straps. Buckle the main belt

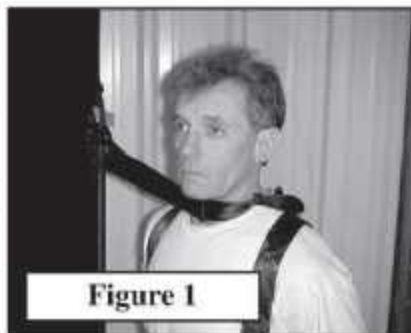


Figure 1



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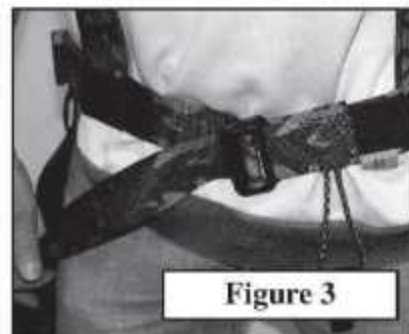


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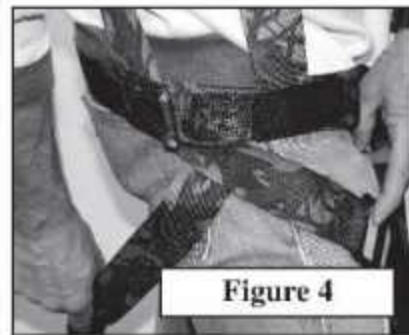


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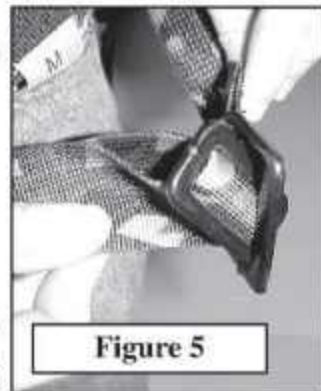


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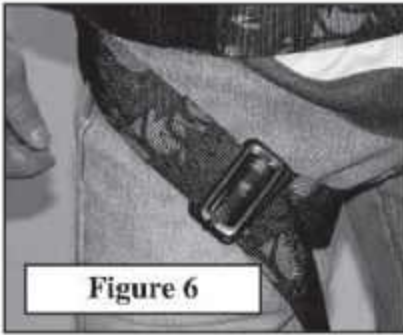


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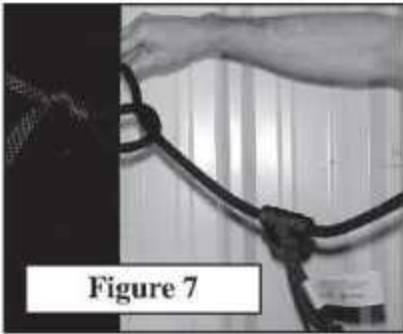


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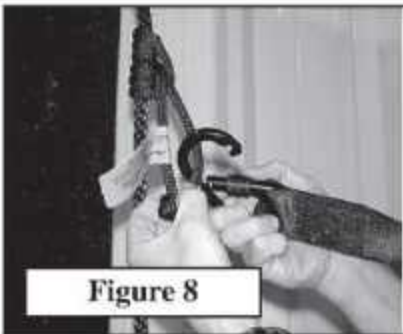


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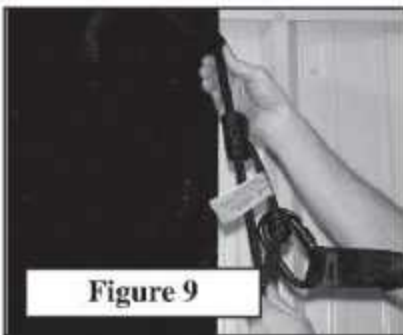


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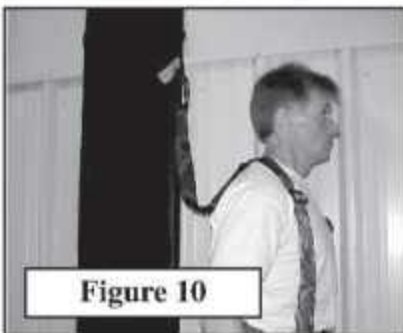


Figure 10

around your waist as shown in **Figure 3**. Pull tag end to a snug fit. If you have the SOP Original, go to **Step 2**. Otherwise, go to **Step 3**.

Step 2. Rotate the pouch to your front. Unsnap the pouch and pull out the black tether strap (the black tether strap will act like a pull cord to pull out the shoulder straps.) Rotate the pouch back behind you. Slip your arms through the shoulder straps as you would a jacket. Be sure the shoulder straps do not cross each other and are not twisted. Adjust the 3-bar slide on each shoulder strap until the shoulder straps and waist belt are comfortable and snug.

Step 3. Bring leg strap **BEHIND** the leg then between legs to the front. Leg strap can cross over or under the leg buckle strap as shown in **Figure 4**.

Step 4. Thread male part of leg buckle through female part as shown in **Figures 5 & 6**. Pull tag end of leg strap to adjust fit. Leg strap should be comfortably snug.

Attaching safety rope To Tree

WARNING!

When attaching the safety rope to the tree, be sure the adjustable prussic hitch has been completely inserted through the loop at the end of the safety rope as shown in **Figure 7**. Do this **BEFORE** you begin to climb with a climbing tree-stand. Always check safety rope to be sure all knots are secure and tight. The prussic hitch should have **six loops** around the 7/16" camo rope. The end of the

prussic hitch has an overhand knot. Be sure it is tight and it has at least a 2" tail beyond the knot.

Always adjust the safety rope to minimize the slack. **NEVER** allow more than 24 inches total combined slack in the rope and tether strap. The more slack you have in the safety rope, the farther you will fall. This may result in injury or prevent you from returning to

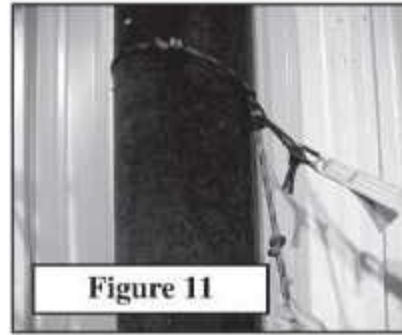


Figure 11

the tree-stand after falling.

The adjustable prussic hitch should be snug to the safety rope. It should be tight when sliding it on the safety rope. If necessary, gently pull on the prussic loop to increase the tension of the prussic on the safety rope.

1. Put the loop end of the safety rope around the tree.

2. Thread the knot end and the adjustable prussic hitch all the way through the loop end of the safety rope (**Figure 7**).

3. Clip the tether strap of the harness to the adjustable prussic hitch using the large black locking clip that is provided. See **Figure 8**.

4. Position the safety rope above your head and pull on tag end to tighten the safety rope securely around the tree as shown in **Figure 9**.

5. Slide adjustable prussic hitch up the safety rope to a comfortable hunting position. See **Figure 10**. Tie an overhand knot in the safety rope approximately one foot under the prussic hitch as shown in **Figure 11**. This will help maintain your position on the safety rope in the event of a fall.

NOTE: This is an adjustable safety rope. Always adjust the safety rope to minimize the slack needed for hunting. **NEVER** allow more than 24 inches total combined slack in the rope and tether strap (See **Figure 10** again).

Using the Bow Holder

The snap hook in the front of the belt may be used as a Bow Holder. To use it follow these simple steps:

1. Stand your bow on end on your tree-stand platform.
2. Place your feet on each side of the bow limb to help stabilize the bow.
3. Hook the Snap Hook to the bow string. This allows your bow to "hang" away from you, freeing your hands.

Note: When using a climbing tree-stand, **DO NOT** remove your safety rope or harness from the tree until you have reached ground level. When using a **fixed position stand**, we recommend using the "Climbing System" or secondary safety rope to increase your safety during the ascent and descent.

Removing your harness

1. Put safety rope in pouch.
2. Undo the leg straps.
3. Slip the shoulder straps off of your shoulders. Rotate the storage pouch to the front of your waist. Put the shoulder straps in the pouch. **DO NOT** roll them around the cross strap divider. Simply hold the cross strap divider and black tether strap and put them in the pouch. Remember that you will use the black tether strap as a "pull cord" to pull the shoulder straps from the pouch. Stuff the shoulder straps in and snap the pouch closed.

NOTE: Step 3 **MUST** be done to keep the harness **TANGLE-FREE**.

Using the Harness with a Climbing Tree-stand

1. Attach safety rope to tree, follow "Attaching safety rope"

instructions.

2. Slide safety rope up the tree as you climb.
3. When you are at hunting height, position safety rope above head (See **Figure 9** again).

Converting the safety rope to a climbing belt

1. Clip locking safety clip to the loop end of the safety rope.
2. Clip the extra clip to the adjustable prussic hitch on the safety rope.
3. Attach one clip to one D-ring on belt. Put the safety rope around

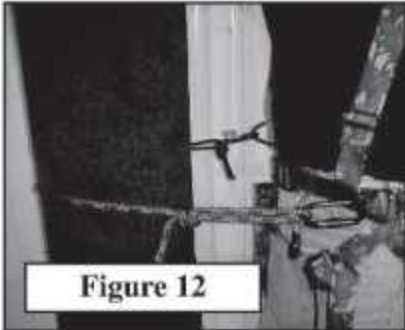


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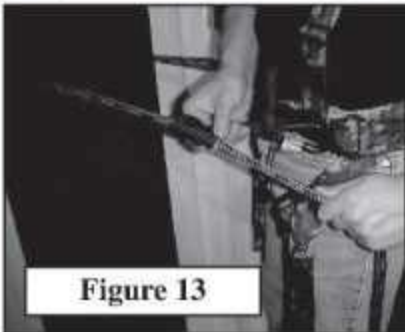


Figure 13

the tree and attach the other clip to the other D-ring. The lineman style climbing belt should now look like **Figure 12**.

4. To adjust the climbing belt, simply slide the adjustable prussic hitch forward or back.

NOTE: To slide the hitch forward, you will need to hold on to the tag end of the rope as shown in **Figure 13**.

Helpful Hints

1. In the event of a fall, you must be prepared to recover. If you cannot reach your stand, you may want to carry a Tree Descender rope (available from Summit Treestands,

LLC), screw in step, or some other device to allow for a controlled descent.

2. If you will be bowhunting, you need to make sure you position the safety rope high enough above your head so the tether strap will not be in the way when you draw your bow.

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).

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.

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