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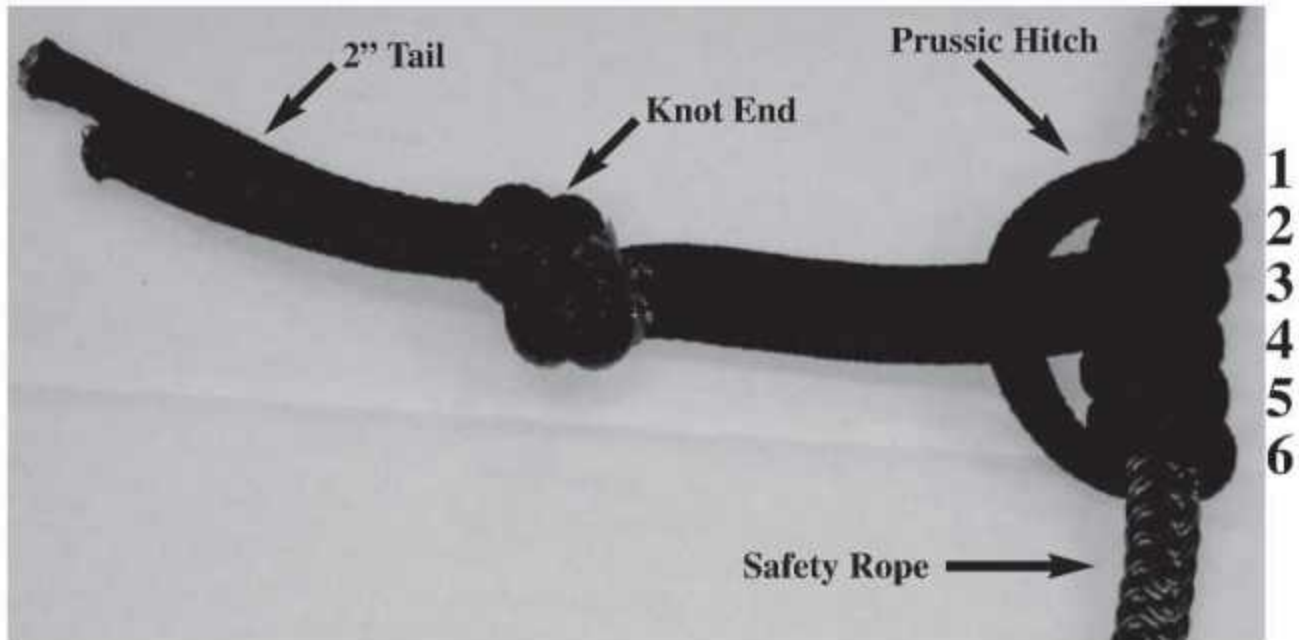
MAKE SURE YOUR PRUSSIC HITCH LOOKS LIKE THIS PICTURE BEFORE USING!

**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 line 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  
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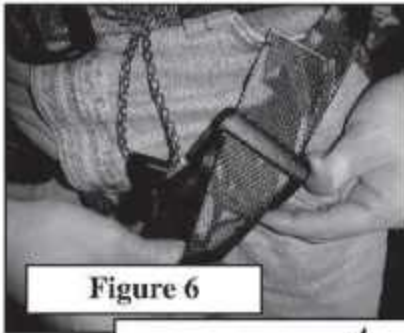


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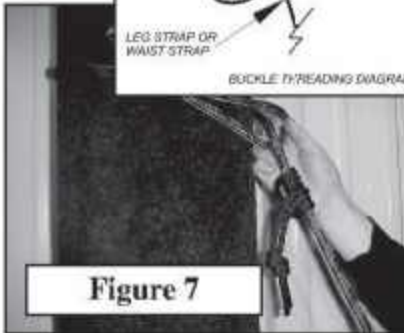
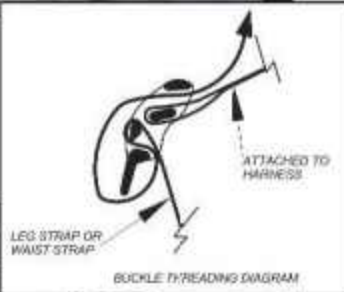


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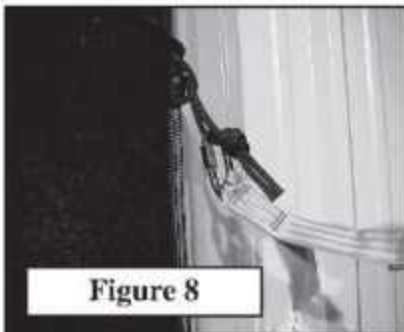


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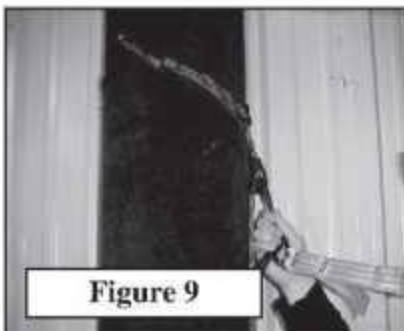


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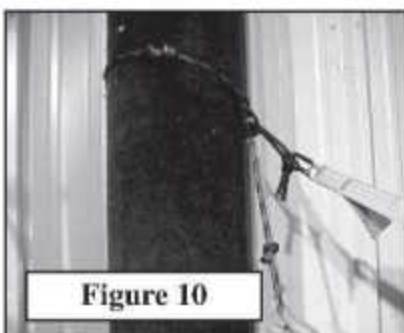


Figure 10

## Harness Instructions

### Putting on Harness:

**Step 1.** Buckle the main belt around your waist. Thread the buckle as show in **Figure 3**. Pull tag end to a snug fit.

**Step 2.** 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 leg strap through leg buckle as shown in **Figure 5**. Pull tag end of leg strap to adjust fit. Leg strap should be comfortably snug. Back thread tag end of strap to keep leg buckle from loosening as you walk, as shown in **Figure 6**. (see **Buckle Threading Diagram** above for complete threading instructions).

### Attaching safety rope To Tree

#### WARNING!

When attaching the safety rope to the tree, be sure the adjustable prussic hitch has been completely fed 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 treestand. 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 the treestand 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 (See **Figure 7** again).
3. Open the prussic hitch loop and insert the harness tether safety clip through this loop as shown in **Figure 8**. **Screw the locking collar COMPLETELY closed to secure the safety clip.**
4. Slide adjustable prussic hitch up the safety rope to a comfortable hunting position and pull on the end of the prussic hitch to secure it to the safety rope. See **Figure 9**.
5. Tie an overhand knot in the safety rope approximately one foot under the prussic hitch as shown in **Figure 10**. This will help maintain your position on the safety rope in the event of a fall.
7. Slide the adjustable prussic hitch up the safety rope to a comfortable hunting position as shown in **Figure 11**. **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 11** again).

### Converting the safety rope to a climbing belt

If you purchased the Headhunter or Copperhead non-climbing treestand, you received a second safety rope. Your harness has loops sewn on the sides of the harness belt. These loops allow you to use the harness as a lineman-style climbing belt. This will assist you while ascending and descending, installing climbing sticks and installing your hang-on treestand.

1. Take the large loop at the end of the safety rope and thread it through one of the loops on the side of the harness belt. Insert the



Figure 11

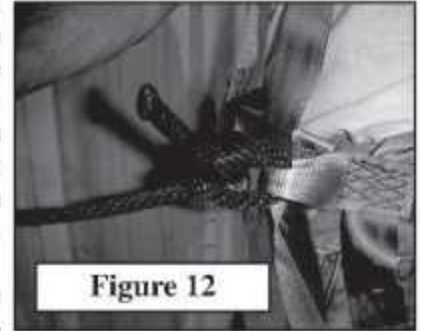


Figure 12



## READ ME FIRST !!!

Please read carefully BEFORE using your new Summit Safety 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!**

**PRIOR TO HUNTING, YOU MUST NOTIFY SOMEONE OF YOUR HUNTING LOCATION AND WHEN YOU WILL**

**RETURN!**  
**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!!**  
**NOTE: Weight limit for this harness is 300 lbs!**  
**If you purchased a Goliath Climbing Treestand, your harness weight limit is 350 lbs.**

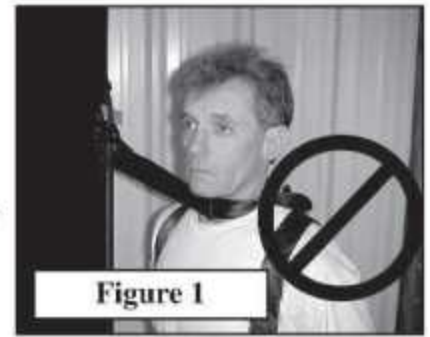


Figure 1

### 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.**

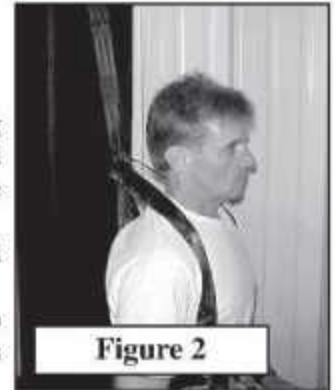


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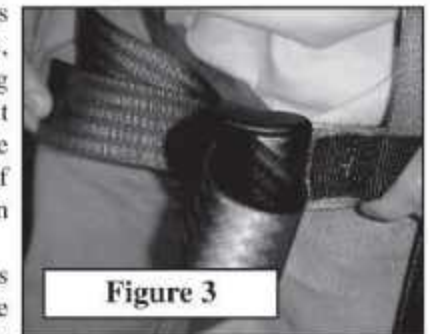


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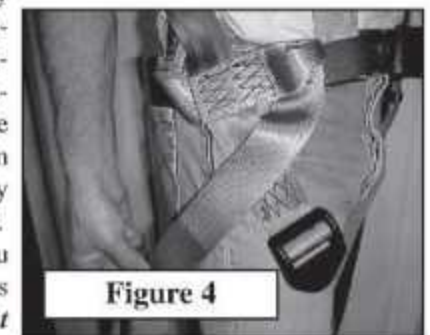


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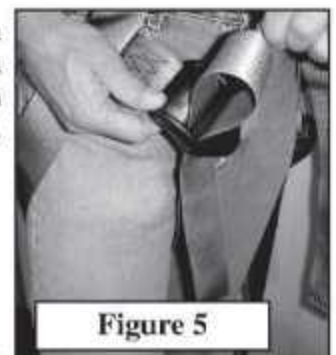


Figure 5

### Harness Packaging:

The harness contains one (1) harness, one (1) Safety Rope with prussic hitch attached, one (1) locking clip and instructions.

rope and prussic hitch through the large loop at the end of the safety rope. This will attach one side of the safety rope to one side of the harness belt as shown in **Figure 12**.

2. Attach the safety clip to the loop on the opposite side of the harness belt.

3. Put the safety rope around the tree and attach the prussic hitch to the safety clip as you did in Figure 8. Screw the locking collar **COMPLETELY** closed to secure the safety clip.

4. To adjust the climbing belt, simply slide the adjustable prussic hitch forward or back. **NOTE:** To slide the hitch forward (towards the tree), you will need to hold on to the tag end of the rope.

5. As you ascend and descend the tree you will be able to stay attached to your safety harness by using the extra safety rope as a second climbing belt. You will alternate climbing belts as you encounter branches or as you maneuver above your hang-on treestand. Once on the platform of your treestand, attach the free climbing belt as explained in the section "**Attaching the safety rope to the tree.**"

**Note:** When using a climbing treestand, **DO NOT** remove your safety rope or harness from the tree until you have reached ground level. **NEVER** disconnect your safety rope or climbing belt from the tree while you are off of the ground.

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.

### Using the Harness with a Climbing Treestand

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 11** again).

### 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) 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.

3. Always pick your harness up by the tether strap. This will help keep your harness tangle-free.

### 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 sus-

pending 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](http://www.fallguysafety.com)).

**WARNING: Prolonged harness suspension may be fatal. If rescue personnel cannot be notified, you must have the ability to recover/escape.**

### 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.**

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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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