

Bushwacker, Ambusher and Bushwacker Cableless Series

UPC: 909264	BUSHWACKER EXTREME COMFORT II HANG-ON TREE STAND
UPC: 909265	BUSHWACKER EXTREME COMFORT I HANG-ON TREE STAND
UPC: 909258	BUSHWACKER CLASSIC HANG-ON TREE STAND
UPC: 909248	BUSHWACKER HANG-ON TREE STAND
UPC: 909243	AMBUSER EXTREME HANG-ON STAND
UPC: 909260	AMBUSER CLASSIC HANG-ON STAND
UPC: 909252	CABLELESS HANG-ON TREE STAND (PLATFORM AND SEAT)
UPC: 909253	CABLELESS HANG-ON TREE STAND PLATFORM
UPC: 909254	CABLELESS HANG-ON TREE STAND SEAT

**Maximum weight limits 300 lbs.
Minium tree diameter 6".**

WARNING: You must wear a TMA certified Full Body Fall Arrest System (FAS) at all times while using a treestand, climbing sticks, or any other equipment that you choose to use in an elevated position off the ground. Do not leave the ground without your FAS system properly fitted and attached as instructed. Failure to follow FAS instructions could result in serious injury or death.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

It is your responsibility to carefully read and understand all instructions and safety warnings/labels, expiration date, and how to use XOP, Inc. Han-On Treesatnds and all additional XOP, Inc. merchandise before use. This owners manual and product labels provide important use and safety information. Failure to read and follow these safety warnings could result in serious bodily injury or death. When hunting from a treestand or elevated position, falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death. Please retain this manual and preserve all product labels for future reference.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Do not use XOP, Inc. merchandise until you read and thoroughly understand all instructions and safety warnings. You must read and follow all instructions and safety warnings before each use. Failure to read and follow these instructions and safety warnings could result in serious injury or death. If you are unsure of any instruction or safety warning, stop and contact XOP, Inc. immediately at 563-690-1214.

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IMPORTANT PRODUCT INFORMATION

- Before each use inspect equipment carefully making sure all the parts are in working order and are in good condition. Do not use if any signs exist of product abrasion, damage, wear or defects. Replace any parts only with XOP, Inc. parts. Contact XOP, Inc. at 563-690-1214 with any product concerns or replacement part requests.
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- Lubricate all hardware annually or as needed.
- Instructions (written and video) should be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually. It is the responsibility of the Segmented Ladder owner to furnish the Instructions to any person that borrows or purchases the XOP, Inc. equipment.
- Between usages store in dry place away from weather, wildlife, sunlight, and sharp or abrasive objects.

ALWAYS:

- Use good judgment and practice general hunting safety measures and precautions.
- Keep others informed. Hunt with others or let someone know where you will be hunting and when you will return. Carry a cell phone or other two-way communication equipment in case of emergency.
- A signal device such as a mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or personal locator device (PLD) must be on your person and readily available at all times.
- Wear a fall arrest system (FAS) comprising of a full body harness at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using climbing and hang-on treestands. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer preferred and should never be used. If you are not wearing a full body harness that is protecting you from a fall, do not leave the ground.
- Attach the safety harness securely to the tree with minimum slack. The length of the harness tether must be minimized at all times. It should be adjusted so that it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position and you should have the minimum amount of slack possible when climbing. The less slack, the less distance you will fall making it easier to return to your tree-stand.
- Inspect the equipment carefully making sure all the parts are in working order and are in good condition. Do not use if any signs exist of product abrasion, damage, or defects.

- Check every ladder section connection every time you use the stand before you leave the ground. If ladder sections are separating, do not use the stand.
- Practice with all equipment at a low level in the presence of a responsible adult until you are comfortable with it. Then use at the products only at the intended elevated position.
- Clean boots of mud, snow, debris before climbing/descending equipment.
- Take your time and place feet securely on platform and steps when moving about, descending, or climbing on treestand.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing a ladder treestand.
- Lean forward as you climb and attaché your harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform.
- Take your time and place feet securely on platform and steps when moving about, descending, or climbing on treestand. Climbing aids (stick ladders, sectional ladders, steps, etc.) must extend above the platform of the hang-on tree stand to allow the user to step down onto the platform. Never step up to your stand from a climbing aid.
- Use only for intended purpose.
- Use at least three people to install and/or take down a ladder treestand.
- Use a haul line to raise and lower the hang-on treestand. Never climb with anything on your back.
- Be prepared if you happen to fall. There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing a full body harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." Hunt from the ground when self-recovery/escape ability is absent.
- Have a personal plan for recovery/escape because prolonged suspension in a harness can be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. Hunters with varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans to recover/escape the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/rescue plan will work for every hunter on every tree in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best recovery/escape plan for your hunting situation and you must have a recovery/escape plan for your situation before leaving the ground.

NEVER:

- Use any treestand if you have not followed the manufacturer's care and maintenance guidelines.

- Exceed the recommended weight limit or safe working load of each XOP, Inc. product.
- Use a freestand during or immediately following any kind of storm that produces precipitation, lightning, or thunder, and form wet or icy weather conditions.
- Allow more than one person on a “one man” freestand and more than two persons on a “two man” freestand.
- Rely on a tree branch for support.
- Use this or any other XOP, Inc. product if you are fatigued, dizzy, ill, or nauseous, on prescription drugs, physically impaired in any way, or have recently consumed alcohol or any other judgment altering drugs.
- Climb or secure a freestand to any type of utility pole or manmade structure.
- Climb with any type of weapon or other equipment. Always use a haul line or pull-up rope to bring equipment into and out of the elevated position. Unload any firearms and securely cover arrow points before pulling up or lowering from elevated level. Accidental discharge could cause severe injury or death.
- Wear any type of jewelry (rings, watches, necklaces, etc.) when using climbing sticks. These items can catch on equipment and could cause severe injury or death.
- Jump, bounce, or stomp on freestand.
- Stand on any part of freestand except ladder steps and foot platform.
- Lean or put excessive pressure/weight on gunrest or armrests. Do not lean out from freestand.
- Leave freestand attached to a tree for an extended time period. Weather, wildlife, and tree growth will damage freestand causing malfunction or failure of equipment that could result in severe bodily injury or death.
- Make any modifications to this product. Any modifications will void XOP, Inc. of any liability.

ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

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instructed. Failure to follow FAS instructions could result in serious injury or death.

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- 1) Please inspect the shipping carton for damage or evidence that it may have been opened before you received it. Remove treestand from box. Inspect the condition of all contents. Inventory all parts and hardware to make sure you have all necessary equipment to assemble treestand.

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Required Tools:

- Scissors
- 7/16" wrenches (2)

Contents:

- Full Body Fall Arrest System (FAS)

Read instructions included inside packaging before use.

Seat:

- Tree Belt
- Seat Frame
- Seat Post
- Seat Cushion

Seat Hardware:

- Bolts (2)
- Nuts (2)
- Metal Washers (4)
- Nylon Washers (2)

Platform:

- Backpack Straps (2)
- Ratchet Straps (2)
- Buckle Strap
- Foot Platform
- Tree Brace

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- Bolts (2)
- Nuts (2)
- Metal Washers (4)
- Nylon Washers (2)

* Locknuts allow bolts to be threaded into them like a regular nut, but ***do not*** allow the bolts to be turned the other way (or **loosened**). In other words, locknuts are designed to lock against the **threads** of a bolt and are used on parts that need to be held together **permanently**. Be sure you have used the locknuts appropriately before threaded tightly.

- 2) Once contents are removed from box cut any nylon ties holding contents together.



- 3)

Click straps around the Foot Platform when treestand is attached to

- 4) Attach the Tree Brace to the Foot Platform mounting tabs. The Tree Brace should be mounted so that the teeth of the Tree Brace (or the tree blade) should be closest to the Foot Platform.
- 5) Attach the Tree brace using the bolt, two metal washers, locknut, and nylon washer. The nylon washer will go between the mounting tab found on the foot platform and the Tree Brace arm to prevent squeaking. The Tree Brace arms should be secured to the inside of the mounting tabs. One metal washer should be adjacent to the bolt head and the other should be adjacent to the locknut. The bolt head should be on the outside of the Foot Platform mounting tab.
- 6) Next, loosen buckle strap to maximum length. Thread the buckle strap through the slot on the Foot Platform tree blade and down through the slot on the Tree Brace tree blade. The buckle strap connects the tree brace to the platform. The buckle should be towards the front of the Foot Platform so making further adjustments can be easily made.
- 7) Position Seat Frame (U-shaped loops on top side and teeth facing the back) between Side Supports. Line up the bolt holes on Seat Frame with either of the two lower set of holes on Side Supports. You can use either set of lower holes depending on the desired seat height. Secure with (4) 2 1/4 X 7/16" bolts, (8) 9/32" washers, and (4) 1/4" locknuts.
- 8) Attach ratchet strap around tree from platform teeth. Tighten snug but not as tight as you can go. The next step should tighten the ratchet strap against the tree even more securely.
- 9) Take tree brace teeth up the side of tree until the platform is parallel with the ground and is level to stand on.
- 10) Pull down slightly on the front of the platform to securely dig the tree brace teeth into the tree side.
- 11) Take the second ratchet strap and attach to the hole next to the tree brace teeth. Wrap the strap around the tree, secure on the other side of the brace teeth and ratchet tight.
- 12) Adjust the buckle strap to there is no slack between the platform and tree brace.

13) Check both ratchet straps again and tighten up securely to tree.

14) Tighten all bolts on the ladder stand securely with wrenches. Be careful not to over-tighten and distort the tubing. USE

USE:
Practice attaching treestand to tree at a low level until you are comfortable with it. Then use at the products intended elevated position. We recommend you use one of XOP, Inc. climbing stick models to reach elevated level

WARNING: Correct tightening and adjustments of chains, cables, straps, etc. are critical to stable hang-on treestand installation. All treestand contact points must be in contact with the tree before you step onto your stand.

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To remove treestand, reverse the installation process.