

Model: 175-8730

# Command Tower

16' Tripod

MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT: 300 POUNDS

# Timber Strike®

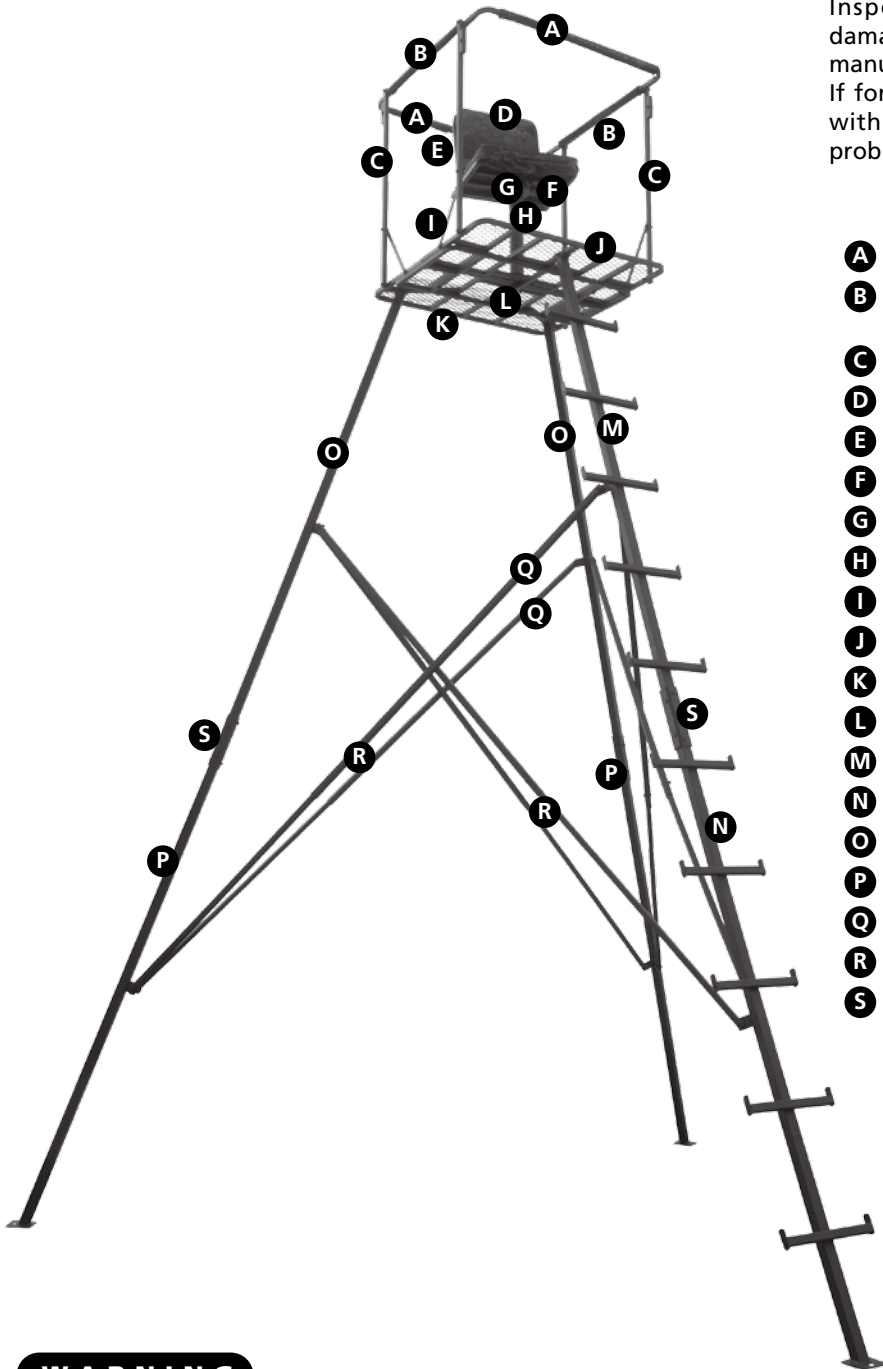
TREESTANDS

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## WARNING

- When hunting from any treestand, falls can occur at any time which can cause serious injury or death. Read, Understand and Follow ALL instructions and warnings prior to each use.
- Do not return this product to the Menards. Call BIG DOG TREESTANDS for replacement of any damaged or missing parts.

Inspect ALL product components for evidence of damage or wear sustained during shipping/handling/manufacturing of the product prior to assembly or use. If for any reason you are not satisfied with product or with any product component, DO NOT use until the problem has been resolved.



## PACKING LIST:

<b>A</b>	2	Shooting Rail	Part # FSR-300
<b>B</b>	2	Sleeve <i>(for shooting rail connection)</i>	Part # SSR-300
<b>C</b>	4	Rail Support Tube	Part # SRS-200
<b>D</b>	1	Seat Cushion	Part # TFC-200
<b>E</b>	1	Back Seat	Part # TBS-300
<b>F</b>	1	Seat Base	Part # TSB-300
<b>G</b>	1	Swivel Base	Part # TSB-300
<b>H</b>	1	Seat Pedestal	Part # SP-300
<b>I</b>	4	Platform Rail Strap	Part # PRS-200
<b>J</b>	1	Front Foot Platform	Part # FFP-300
<b>K</b>	1	Rear Platform	Part # RP-300
<b>L</b>	1	Subframe	Part # TS-300
<b>M</b>	1	Top Step Leg	Part # TSL-300
<b>N</b>	1	Bottom Step Leg	Part # BSL-300
<b>O</b>	2	Top Leg	Part # TL-300
<b>P</b>	2	Bottom Leg	Part # BL-300
<b>Q</b>	6	Upper Cross Support Tube	Part # UCS-300
<b>R</b>	6	Lower Cross Support Tube	Part # LCS-300
<b>S</b>	6	Angled Leg Link Brace	Part # LLB-200
	12	8mm x 2 - 1/8" Bolt	Part # 1516
	15	8mm x 2" Bolt	Part # 1515
	6	8mm x 1- 5/8" Bolt	Part # 1513
	26	8mm x 1- 3/8" Bolt	Part # 1512
	8	6mm x 1 - 1/8" Bolt	Part # 1011
	4	6mm x 5/8" Bolt	Part # 1009
	59	8mm Locknut	Part # 2510
	12	6mm Locknut	Part # 2010
	2	8mm Nylon Washer	Part # 4010
	4	Shooting Rail Pad	Part# SRP-300

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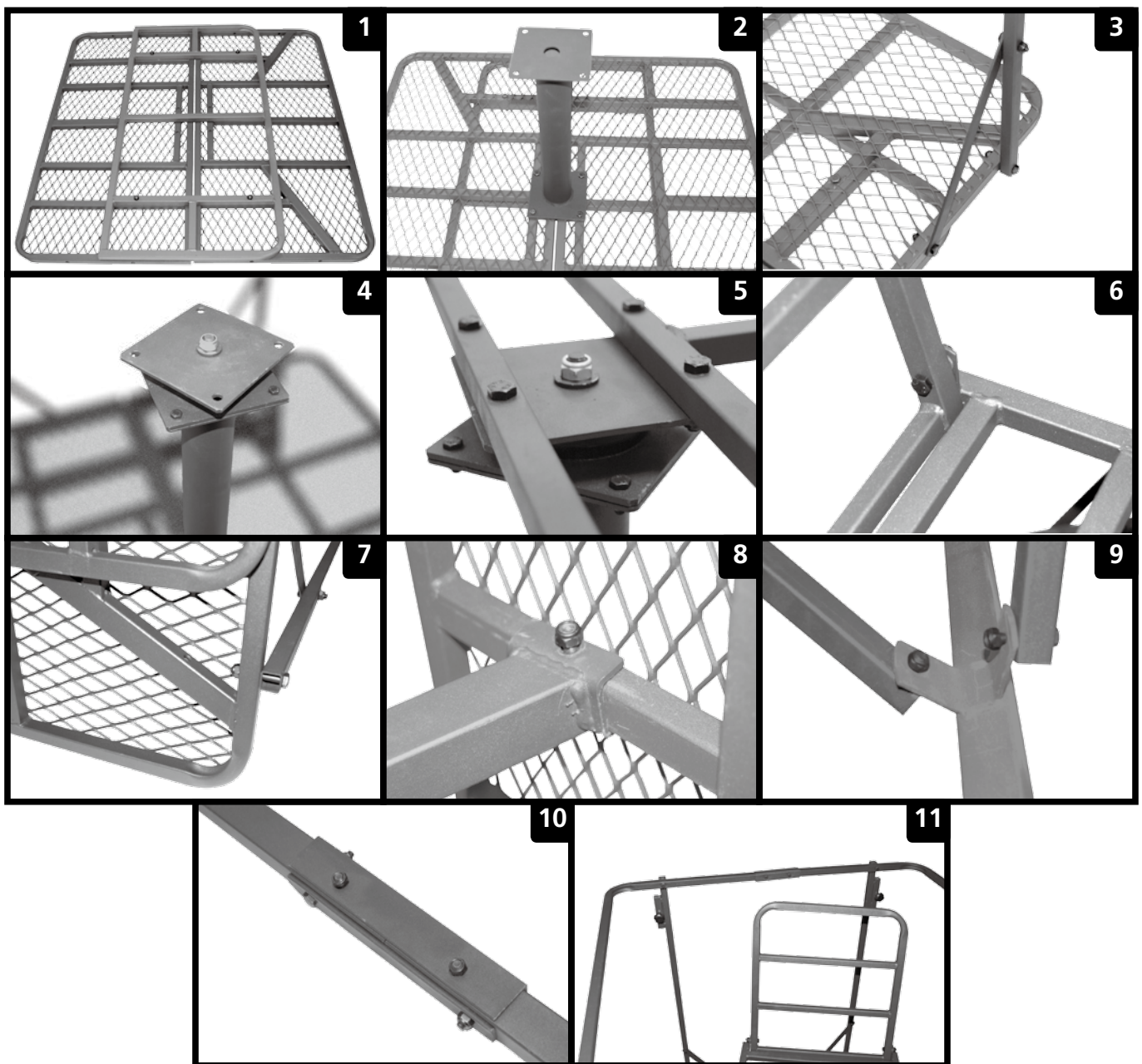
- Inspect ALL parts prior to leaving the ground.
- Always test/practice at ground level w/tripod until comfortable with use of products.
- Proper location/tightening of components is critical. Insure all components are properly tightened/secured and free of damage/wear prior to each use.

Thank you for purchasing the Command Tower. This instruction will tell you how to assemble and use the product. Every year hunters are seriously injured in tree stand accidents. Please carefully read and follow these instructions. For missing or damaged parts, please call customer service for fast service at 1-866-387-2002.

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**Note: TOOLS REQUIRED: (2) 13mm Wrenches, (2) 10mm Wrenches. (3) or more able adults is needed for assembly/set-up/removal. Note: Lay-Out ALL hardware according to size and length on a table or bench FIRST!!**

- 1. PLATFORM ASSEMBLY:** Lay Front Foot Platform **Ⓐ** and the Rear Foot Platform **Ⓚ** face down onto the mesh. Mate the flat ends of platform(s) together. Next, lay Subframe **Ⓘ** onto both platforms and align the holes in Subframe and the Front & Rear Platform. Fasten together using (4) 8mm x 2" bolts and locknuts. Note: Insure the bolt heads are to the top or mesh side of the foot platforms. The Subframe is positioned between BOTH platforms. NOTE: DO NOT tighten any bolts/locknuts until the platform assembly is complete. *(Fig. 1 & 2)*
2. Rotate platform so the mesh is facing upward. Next, attach Rail Support Tubes **Ⓒ** to the outside of Foot Platform Assembly **Ⓐ** & **Ⓚ** and secure with (1) 8mm x 2" bolt and locknut. Repeat for all (4) Support Tubes. Note: The short welded tube on Support tube should be at the top and pointed AWAY from the center of platform. Next, attach Platform Rail Strap(s) **Ⓛ** to the OUTSIDE of Foot Platform Assembly using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolt and locknut and attach the opposite end to the INSIDE of Rail Support Tubes using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" Bolts and locknuts for each Support tube. *(Fig. 3 & 7)*
3. Assemble both ends of Shooting Rail(s) **Ⓐ** together with (1) Sleeve **Ⓑ** between each Shooting Rail end and secure together using (2) 6mm x 1-1/8" bolts and locknuts. Next, align holes in assembled Shooting Rail Assembly with hole(s) in the Rail Support Tubes **Ⓒ** and secure using (4) 8mm x 2" bolts and locknuts. Note: Keep the locknuts to the outside of Rail Support Tube(s) to avoid catching your clothing. *(Fig. 11 and also see packing illustration)*
4. **[SEAT SUB-ASSEMBLY]** Assemble Seat Base **Ⓕ** to Seat Back **Ⓔ** using (2) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolts and locknuts with (2) 8mm nylon washer between both components. Next, assemble Swivel Base **Ⓖ** to Seat Base using (4) 6mm x 1-1/8" bolts and locknuts. NOTE: Insure that the large locknut on Swivel Plate is facing UPWARD or below seat cushion. Now, attach Seat Assembly w/Swivel Plate to Seat Pedestal **Ⓗ** over the hole end of Seat Pedestal using (4) 6mm x 5/8" bolts and locknuts. Note: INSURE THE LOCKNUT ON SWIVEL PLATE IS SECURELY TIGHTENED. CHECK FREQUENTLY. This bolt will keep the sections from coming apart. Next, bolt Seat Pedestal Assy. to platform (in the center of platform) using (4) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolts and locknuts. NOTE: The Seat Pedestal base is attached to both sections of the platform. *(Fig. 4, 5, 6, & 11)*
5. **LEG ASSEMBLY:** [Front Leg Assembly] Identify Top Step Leg **Ⓜ** with a welded U-Plate on one end and Bottom Step Leg **Ⓝ** with a welded foot plate at one end. Insure both sections are orientated correctly and secure both sections together with (2) Angled Leg Link Brace(s) **Ⓢ** (angle iron) to the outside of the joint and align holes. Fasten the Leg joint together using (4) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolt(s) and locknuts. [Back Leg(s) Assembly] Identify the Top Leg **Ⓣ** with welded U-Plate and Bottom Leg **Ⓟ** with a welded foot plate and insure proper orientation of the foot plate in relation to the welded U-Plate on Leg Section. Note: Insure Leg Sections are secured together correctly so that, when attached to foot platform, the foot plates will face AWAY from the platform area. Secure back Leg Sections together using (2) Leg Link Brace(s) and fasten together using (4) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolts and locknuts. *(Fig. 10)*
6. **[\*\*This step requires at least 3 or more able adults and the use of a table/bench\*\*] [Attaching Legs to Platform Assembly]** Lay Platform/Cage assembly on its side on a table or bench so that the single/front leg mounting tube location is sideways or parallel with the table/bench. The table/bench is required to assemble leg sections onto platform with the least amount of difficulty. With (3) or more people, insert U-Plate end of the Front Leg Assembly over the mounting tube and align the holes and insert (1) 8mm x 2" bolt through the U-Plate and through the mounting tube in foot platform and secure with (1) 8mm locknut. NOTE: Insure to have someone hold and support leg while suspended. Next, attach Rear Leg sections to the rear mounting tubes in foot platform. Insert u-plates and align the holes in both the U-Plate and mounting tube and secure with (1) 8mm x 2" bolt and locknut on each rear Leg Section. NOTE: Insure ALL foot pads on ALL leg assemblies are pointed outward. Insure to hold/support all the legs assemblies reducing the stress on the connection joints. *(Fig. 7 & 8)*
7. [Leave the unit on its side on the table or bench] Leg(s) Cross Support Assembly: Identify Upper Cross Support Tubes **Ⓠ** (1" Square Tube) and Lower Cross Support Tubes **Ⓡ** (3/4" Square Tube). Insert (1) Lower Cross Support Tube(3/4") into (1) Upper Cross Support Tube(1"), align the hole(s) in both pieces and secure together using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolt and locknut. Repeat for remaining Cross Support Assemblies, (6) in total. On each Leg Assembly, there are (2) sets of welded "V" connections pads at the top and one near ground level. Attach (1) Cross Support Assembly (1" tube end) to the OUTSIDE of the top welded V connection pad. Note: Insure Cross Support tube assembly(s) are mounted to the OUTSIDE of the welded "V" connections pads. Secure using (1) 8mm x 1-5/8" bolt and locknut. Next, swing Cross Support Assembly to the opposite LOWER OUTSIDE welded "V" connection and secure using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolt and locknut. Repeat for remaining Cross Support Assemblies. NOTE: The Cross Support Assemblies should form a "X" pattern on each side of the Leg Assemblies and the Cross Supports ALL are mounted to the OUTSIDE of the "V" connections. *(Fig. 9)*
8. Go back through and securely tighten all bolts and locknuts BEFORE raising the unit. Be careful not to over-tighten the bolts/locknuts in which the tubes become crushed or deformed.
9. **[SET-UP]:** With (3) or more able adults, carefully rotate the Tripod so that the Front Ladder Leg is pointed UPWARD. [NOTE: Tie a rope to the Front Leg Section to aide in raising the unit] Next, with (1) or more able adults on each back leg section and (1) or more able adults pulling down on the rope tied off to the Front Ladder Leg, carefully raise the Tripod Assembly up until rests FLAT on the Foot Plates of the Leg Assemblies. NOTE: Do not allow the unit to slam against the ground during raising of the unit. Insure the ground under the stand is firm and level and the foot platform is level. Note: Impacting/slaming the unit will stress the unit and cause parts to bend. Thoroughly inspected the unit for any damage before climbing into the unit and insure all bolts/nuts have been tightly secured. Have (3) points of contact while leaning forward while you slowly climb into the unit. Inspect the unit for weathering, wear, damage, connection of "X" brace and leg sections prior to each use/before leaving the ground. Maintain position near the center of the platform and avoid standing near the edge of the platform. NEVER use any type of motor vehicle or mechanical device to raise or move this unit. Insure the ground under the foot plates are firm and level before leaving the ground. It is required to stake the foot plates or secure the platform to the ground by means of a tie down kit (neither provided with this unit) before using this unit. Do not use this product in adverse weather/high winds/ice/rain/lightening is present. Inspect this product fully including all leg connections, bolts, and ground beneath the foot plates prior to each use and before leaving the ground. Do not use this product if it is showing any signs of wear or deterioration or suspect any part of wear or deterioration. This also includes not using this unit if there are any parts missing or stolen from this product. Frequently oil/lubricate ALL hardware prior to each use or as needed to prevent corrosion or rust.



## SAFETY WARNINGS

- Inspect ALL leg assemblies/cross braces/bolts/locknuts/quick pins/ladder sections prior to leaving the ground. Do not use if leg assembly bolts are loose/damaged/ or missing.
- It is strongly recommended to have a certified electrician ground this unit to the ground in the event of this unit being struck by lightning.
- Inspect/Insure ground under the Foot Plates is firm/level and all sections are connected/bolted together are secured properly prior to each use and prior to leaving the ground. Do not use if sections are separated or if items/components are showing any signs of damage or wear.
- This unit **MUST** be secured to the ground by means of ground stakes or tie down(s). (NOT PROVIDED).
- NEVER use/locate this unit on soft ground where the foot plates sink into the ground.
- DO NOT use this unit in adverse weather or if high winds is present.
- Proper Threading/Location/Fastening/Tightening of ALL straps and cables is CRITICAL. Insure all straps/cables/hardware are located/fastened properly and are free of ANY damage/wear/weathering/deterioration prior to each use.
- Inspect ALL expiration tags on all straps & FAS prior to each use. You must replace ALL straps (ratchet, cinch, button, stabilizing straps/ropes, etc) and suspension seats EVERY year. Never use any strap(s) or FAS that has expired or showing any damage or wear. Replace all hardware/cables/nuts/bolts/clips on your tree stand every (2) years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary. Use only Big Dog replacement straps and parts. Any other straps or parts will be viewed as a modification to the product. Any modification will void the warranties and relieve Big Dog Treestands Inc. from all liabilities.
- It is REQUIRED that you oil/lubricate or apply a protective sealant to ALL hardware prior to each use or as needed to prevent corrosion of the hardware due to weathering. WARNING: Keep all lubricants and spray lubricants free and clear of ALL straps. Failure to oil/lubricate the hardware will cause rust or corrosion.
- NEVER exceed the maximum weight limit of this unit.

## ALWAYS

- Insure that your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, tree straps and climbing devices are all in good working order without defects, wear, broken or missing parts prior each use. This inspection includes the following prior to each use: Retightening all hardware, inspection of all components made of metallic and non-metallic material which includes straps/ropes/seats/FAS/treestand for excessive wear or damage prior to using ANY product.
- Practice your Recovery/Rescue/Relief plan with your (FAS) at ground level prior to each use. Insure a Recovery/Rescue/Relief plan has been practiced and in place prior to each time when hunting in a elevated position. If plan is not in place or practiced, hunt from the ground!!
- Test/practice at ground level w/treestand and FAS until comfortable with safe/proper use of the both products prior to each use.
- Use a hoist system or hook system to temporarily suspend or hold the fixed position treestand to the tree until it can be properly secured to the tree. Use a hoist line to pull fixed position stand(s) up to the desired height below the end of the climbing aide while attached to the tree with climbing belt or tether strap of your FAS.
- Step down into the center of the platform from your climbing aide while attached to the tree with your FAS by either the tether strap or linemans strap. Position your fixed position stand below the end of your climbing aide to allow you to step down safely into the center of the platform.
- Store your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, straps/ropes, complete set of instructions/warnings and all climbing devices in a cool/dry location away from sun light, weathering, sharp objects or any type of wildlife. NOTE: Wildlife may chew on straps/seats while the stand is not in use and may cause serious damage. Check ALL straps and seats prior to each use. Always review all warnings/instructions annually and prior to each use of the products.
- Hunt with a friend/partner to insure that someone knows your hunting location as well as the time you are due to return home or to camp. Practice a safe recovery/rescue/relief plan with your FAS and treestand at ground level prior to each use.
- Before each use, insure that all ladder sections are secured/pinned together, all straps and ropes are free of damage or wear, ground beneath the ladder or foot pads is firm and level, adjustable support bar is attached and secured properly to the tree and the criss-cross ropes are secured properly before each use. Do not use if sections are seperated or if there is any visible wear or damage present on treestand, straps, ropes or FAS.
- Take your time and move slowly at all times while you are using, climbing to, or descending from your treestand. Use 3 Point Climbing Technique while ascending to or descending from this product while using your Fall Arrest System (FAS) at all times. Never lean backwards while climbing.
- Use (3) or more people to set-up or to remove of any treestand unless instructed to have more people present. Use a min. 12" diameter straight/healthy tree on ALL treestands.
- Understand the intended use for the treestand/FAS and adhere to all instructions/warnings which pertain to the safe use of Big Dog Treestands products.
- Have a cell phone, walkie-talkie, two-way radio, GPS locator or whistle on your person at all times for emergency purposes and ALWAYS inform someone of your hunting location and return time in the event of an emergency. Always practice/review your rescue/recover/relief plan prior to each use.
- 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". Remain calm and implement your practiced/reviewed rescue, relief and recovery plan.
- Wear a TMA approved Fall Arrest System (FAS) properly attached to the tree from the time you leave the ground until the time you return to the ground. Keep the tether strap between you and the tree as short as possible to reduce the distance in the event a fall would occur. Keep the linesman strap tight around the tree while you ascend or descend from the tree. Insure the FAS tether strap is tight while in a seated position.

## NEVER

- Leave any treestand attached to any tree more than (2) two weeks. Tree growth will stress straps to the point of a possible failure that could result in serious bodily injury or death.
- Climb with your weapon. Ensure that the firearm/bow is unloaded with its barrel pointed toward the ground when raising or lowering to your stand. Always use a safe hoist/lift system on the opposite side of the tree from which you climbed while attached safely to the tree with your FAS to pull up your firearm or bow.
- Climb with anything on your back/waist/or side that will restrict your movement or will interfere with safely using your FAS harness or treestand.
- Exceed the manufacturer's total weight limit of the treestand or FAS which includes your body weight plus the weight of your clothing & gear.
- Adjust ANY straps/cables/ropes/adjustable support bars while standing on or leaning against any treestand. DO NOT use any treestand if there is any damage, wear, or excessive corrosion on any part of the treestand of FAS or if any missing parts. NEVER USE or CLIMB any treestand without the adjustable support bar assembly and criss-cross straps or ropes secured to the tree.
- Use this product if you are under the influence of alcohol, mind-altering drugs, prescription medicine, cold or flu medications, have heart problems or conditions, dizzy or have dizzy spells, sleepy or tired, afraid of heights, physically/mentally impaired to use product properly/safely, feeling ill, nauseous, if Fall Arrest System is not present, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem i.e, heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc or if you are not well rested. Do not use ANY product without consent from your medical doctor for safe and proper use of the treestand or Fall Arrest System.
- Modify your stand in any way by repairs, replacing parts, or alternating or adding attachments to without explicitly authorized in writing by manufacturer.
- Replace parts/add attachments/make any adjustments/make repairs unless the product is at GROUND LEVEL only.
- Exceed/modify the suggested manufactures hunting height or weight limit for any product.
- Use any treestand during thunderstorm/rain/sleet/snow storms or any other adverse weather conditions that have the potential to produce lightning, high winds or if snow/ice/water is present on the platform or climbing steps. If any of these conditions arise, end your hunt and return the ground.
- Use a tree stand for any purpose other than hunting. Do not use on utility poles or any other man made structures.
- Jump, bounce, lean-out from, lean against shooting rails or SLEEP in any treestand for any reason or at any time.
- Loan or let anyone use the treestand or FAS Harness without reading/understanding all product instructions/warnings of the product(s). If sold, a complete set of instructions/warnings must be given to purchaser. It is responsibility of the treestand/FAS owner to insure the borrower or buyer furnishes a complete set of instructions and safety warnings.
- Make any modifications/alterations to this product without written consent. Any/All modifications/alterations will void all warranties and relieve Big Dog Treestands Inc. from all liabilities.
- Stand on the Seat/Footrest or lean against the shooting rail/arm-rests or rely on any branches for support while climbing to or from any treestand. Never stand or apply all body weight to the seat platform area while securing or removing any Ladder stand or fixed position. WARNING: All criss-cross ropes/straps and the adjustable support bar assembly must be attached & secured from the treestand to the tree at All times while securing or removing the Platform Ratchet straps to or from the tree.