

Model: BDT-500

Quad Pod

12' QUAD-POD

MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT—500 POUNDS



WARNING

- When hunting from a treestand, falls can occur at any time which can cause injury or death.
- Please do not return this product to the retailer. Call BIG DOG TREESTANDS toll free (1-866-387-2002) for quick replacement of any damaged or missing parts.

Please inspect the shipping carton for evidence of damage or that it may have been opened before you received it. Then inspect your product carefully. Compare it to the image on the product label and the picture illustration in your instructions. You must check and tighten all bolts before each use. If for any reason you are not satisfied with the product, do not use it until the problem is solved or corrected.

PACKING LIST:

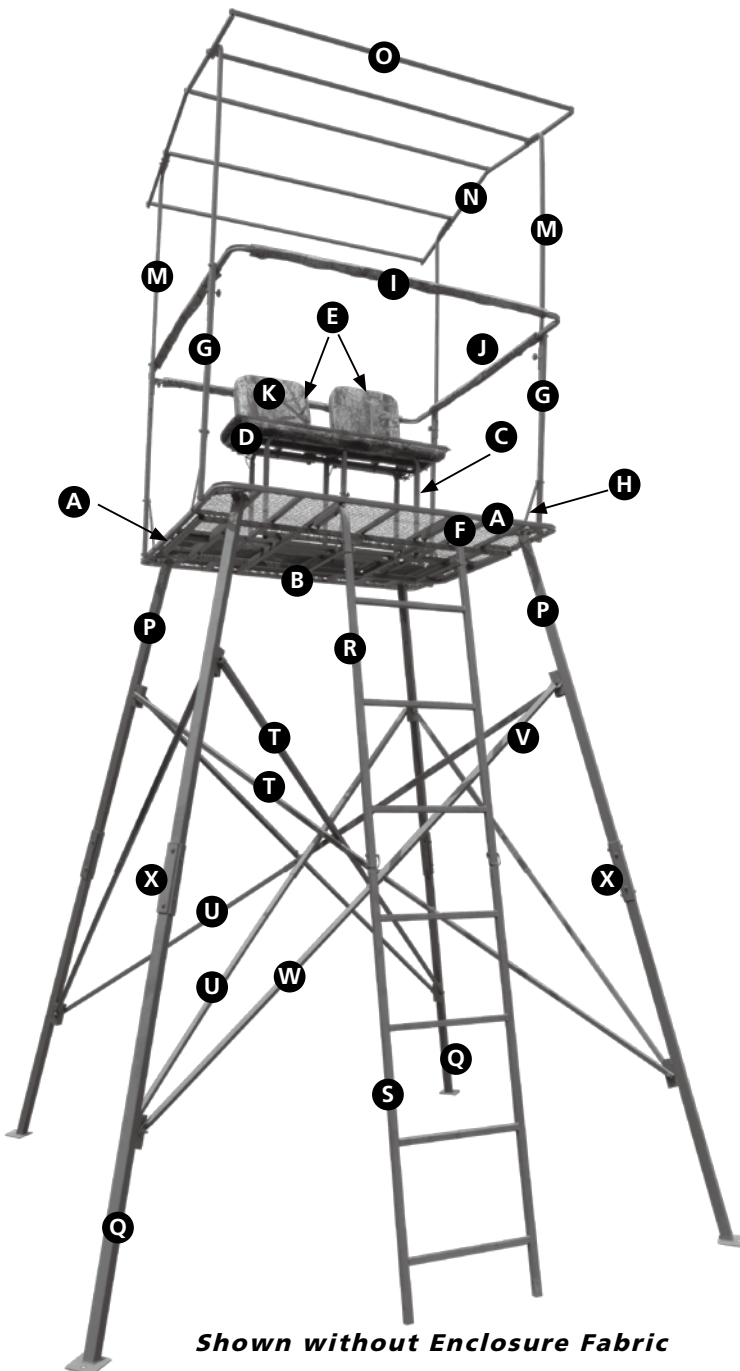
A	2	Foot Platform	Part # TFP-500
B	1	Sub Frame (<i>below foot platform</i>)	Part # TSF-500
C	2	Seat Support Frame	Part # SSF-500
D	1	Seat Platform	Part # SP-500
E	2	Back Rest (seat)	Part # TBR-500
F	2	Ladder Connection Tube	Part # CT-500
G	4	Rail Support Tubes (<i>for shooting rail</i>)	Part # SRS-200
H	5	Cross Brace	Part # CB-200
I	2	Shooting Rail	Part # SR-500
J	2	Sleeve (<i>for shooting rail connection</i>)	Part # SSR-300
K	1	Seat Cushion	Part # TSC-500
L	1	Enclosure Fabric (<i>not shown</i>)	Part # TEF-550
M	4	Frame Post	Part # FP-550
N	2	Side Frame Tube	Part # SFT-550
O	5	Cross Bar	Part # CBT-550
P	4	Top Leg (w/U-Plate)	Part # TLL-575
Q	4	Bottom Leg (w/foot plate)	Part # BLS-575
R	1	Top Ladder Section (4')	Part # L-4000
S	1	Bottom Ladder Section (5')	Part # L-2000
T	4	Upper Cross Brace (1" tube)	Part # UCB-575
U	4	Lower Cross Brace (3/4" tube)	Part # LCB-575
V	4	Top Angled Brace (1" tube)	Part # UAB-575
W	4	Bottom Angled Brace (3/4" tube)	Part # LAB-575
X	8	Leg Link Brace (angled brace)	Part # LLB-200

Hardware for Platform Assembly

8	8mm x 2- 1/8" Bolt	Part # 1516
20	8mm x 2" Bolt	Part # 1515
10	8mm x 1- 3/8" Bolt	Part # 1512
4	6mm x 1- 1/8" Bolt	Part # 1011
18	6mm x 1- 5/8" Bolt	Part # 1013
38	8mm Locknut	Part # 2510
22	6mm Locknut	Part # 2010
4	6mm Cap Bolt	Part # 7025
4	8mm Nylon Washer	Part # 4010

Hardware for Leg Assembly

8	8mm x 3" Bolt	Part # 1520
20	8mm x 2- 1/8" Bolt	Part # 1516
8	8mm x 1- 3/8" Bolt	Part # 1512
36	8mm Locknut	Part # 2510
4	Quick Pin	Part # 8010

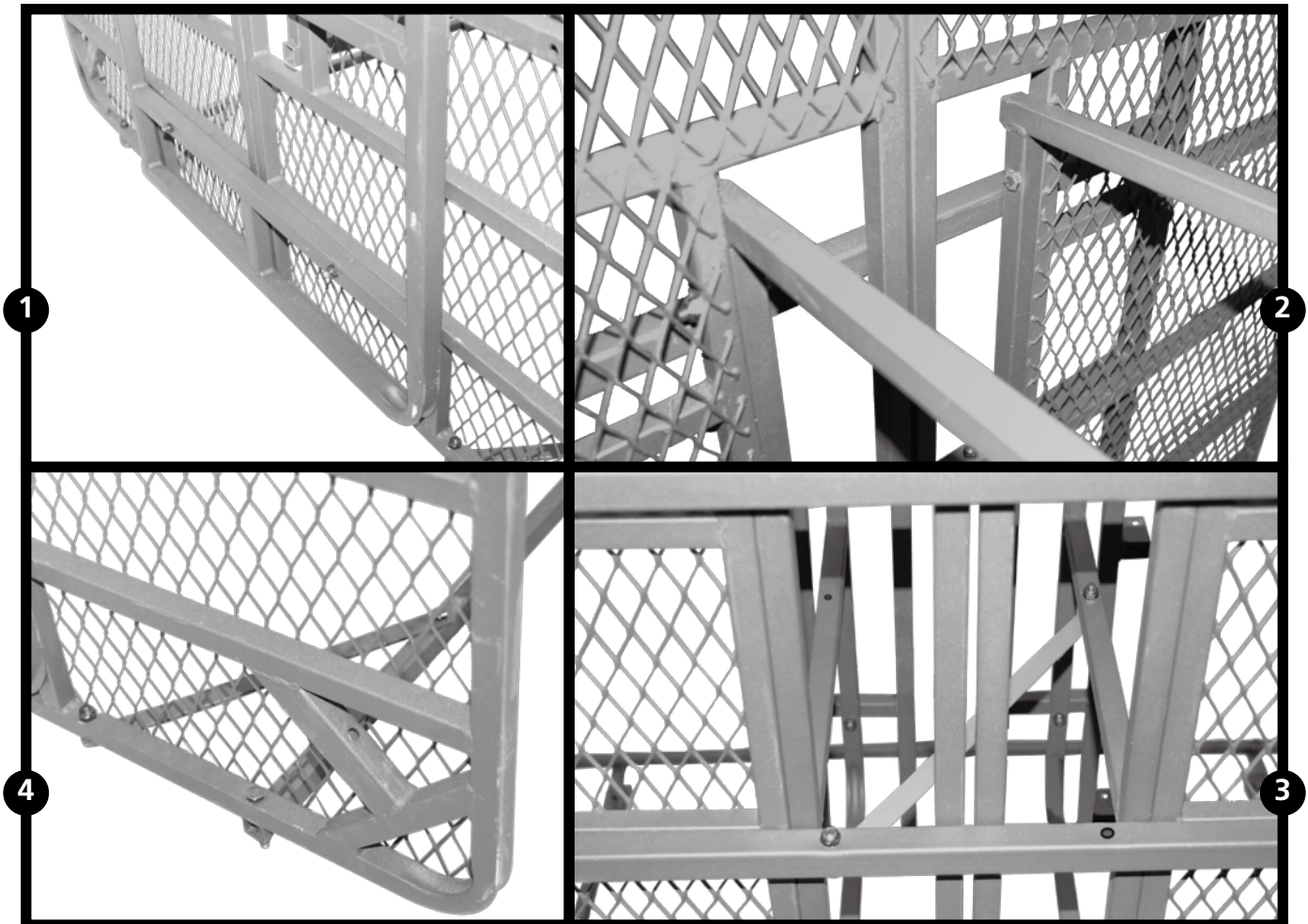


Shown without Enclosure Fabric

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS: PLATFORM

Note: **TOOLS REQUIRED:** (2) 13mm Wrenches, (2) 10mm Wrenches, 13mm Ratchet/Socket, & 10mm Ratchet/Socket

1. Take (2) Foot Platforms (Item A) and set the ends together with the mesh facing down on a table/bench (Note: Insure the angled mounting tubes in the corners of the platforms are to the outer most corner(s) of the Foot Platform Assy). Next place the Sub-Frame (Item B) onto the TOP of the (2) Foot Platforms and align holes in the Sub-Frame with the holes in BOTH Foot Platforms and secure together using (4) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolts and (4) 8mm locknuts. Next, place (2) Ladder Connection Tube(s) (Item F) onto the welded cross tubes on ONE end of the Foot Platform section secure using (2) 8mm x 2" bolt and (2) 8mm locknuts on each Ladder Connection Tube. Note: Both Foot Platforms are drilled for the Connection Tubes. Placement of the Ladder Connection Tubes on either Foot Platform is to end user discretion. Next, rotate the assembly so that the mesh is pointed up. (*Fig. 1, 2 & 3*)
2. Bolt (1) Seat Support Frame (Item C) to the INSIDE open area of the Foot Platform(s) using (2) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolt(s) and (2) 8mm locknuts. Repeat for opposite side. Next, attach the Seat Platform (Item D) to the TOP of the Seat Support Frame(s) and secure using (4) 8mm x 2" bolts and locknts. NOTE: Insure that the short welded tubes on the Seat Platform (Item D) are facing the opposite direction of the Ladder Connection Tubes and ar pointed UP. Next, bolt (2) Back Rests (Item E) between the welded tubes on the Seat Platform using (2) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolt(s) and (2) 8mm locknuts with (1) 8mm nylon washer between the welded tubes and Back Rest on each side on EACH Back Rest Frame. NOTE: Insure while seated that you face TOWARD the ladder Connection Tubes. Next, bolt (1) Cross Brace (Item H) onto one side of the Sub-Frame and Seat Frame Support in the open area under the Seat Assy using (2) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolts and 8mm locknuts. Note: The Cross Brace under the Seat Assy should be mounted diagonally to support the Seat Support Frame that would be aligned with the seat back rest frame. (*Fig. 3 & 12*)
3. Attach (4) Rail Support Tube(s) (Item G) to the outside of the Foot Platform and secure using (4) 8mm x 2" bolts and (4) 8mm locknuts. NOTE: Insure that the short welded tubes on the Rail Support tubes face towards the CENTER of the Foot Platform area. Next, attach (1) Cross Brace (Item H) to the OUTSIDE of the Foot Platform and the opposite end to the INSIDE of the Rail Support Tube (Item G) and secure each end using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolt and (1) 8mm locknut. Repeat on all remaining Cross Brace(s) (4 total). [Shooting Rail Sub-Assembly] Insert the Sleeve(s) (Item J) onto both sides of the Shooting Rail(s) (Item I) and align holes and secure together using (2) 6mm x 1-1/8" bolts and (2) 6mm locknuts. Next, align holes in Shooting Rail Sub-Assembly with holes in the Rail Support Tubes (Item G) and secure using (4) 8mm x 2" bolts and (4) 8mm locknuts. Note: Keep the locknuts to the outside of the platform area to avoid catching on your clothing. (*Fig. 4*) (Also refer to Packing List Illustration)



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS: ENCLOSURE FRAME

1. Insert (1) Frame Post (Item M) into each of the (4) welded sleeve(s) on the Rail Support Tubes (Item G). Next, bolt on (1) 6mm Cap Bolt (from the INSIDE) into the welded locknut on the Rail Support Tube and lock the Frame Post into position. NOTE: The Short angled ends should be pointed upward and to the center of the platform assembly. Next, place (1) Side Frame Tube (Item N) to the INSIDE of the Frame Post and secure with (2) 6mm x 1-5/8" bolt(s) and (2) 6mm locknuts on each end. Repeat on the opposite side. Next, attach the Cross Bar (Item O) to the BOTTOM side of the Side Frame Tube(s) (Item N) on each end using (2) 6mm x 1-5/8" bolt(s) and (2) 6mm locknuts. Repeat on remaining Cross Bar(s) 5 total. IMPORTANT: Tape each corner to prevent ripping in enclosure fabric. Next, lay-out the Enclosure Fabric (Item L) and locate the entry zipper/opening. Carefully slide the cover over the frame assembly being extremely careful not to tear or rip the fabric. Note: Insure the entry zipper opening is in line with the Ladder Connection Tube(s) (Item F) mounted to the bottom side of the Foot Platform. Note: Refer to Packing List illustration. (Items: M, N, & O)

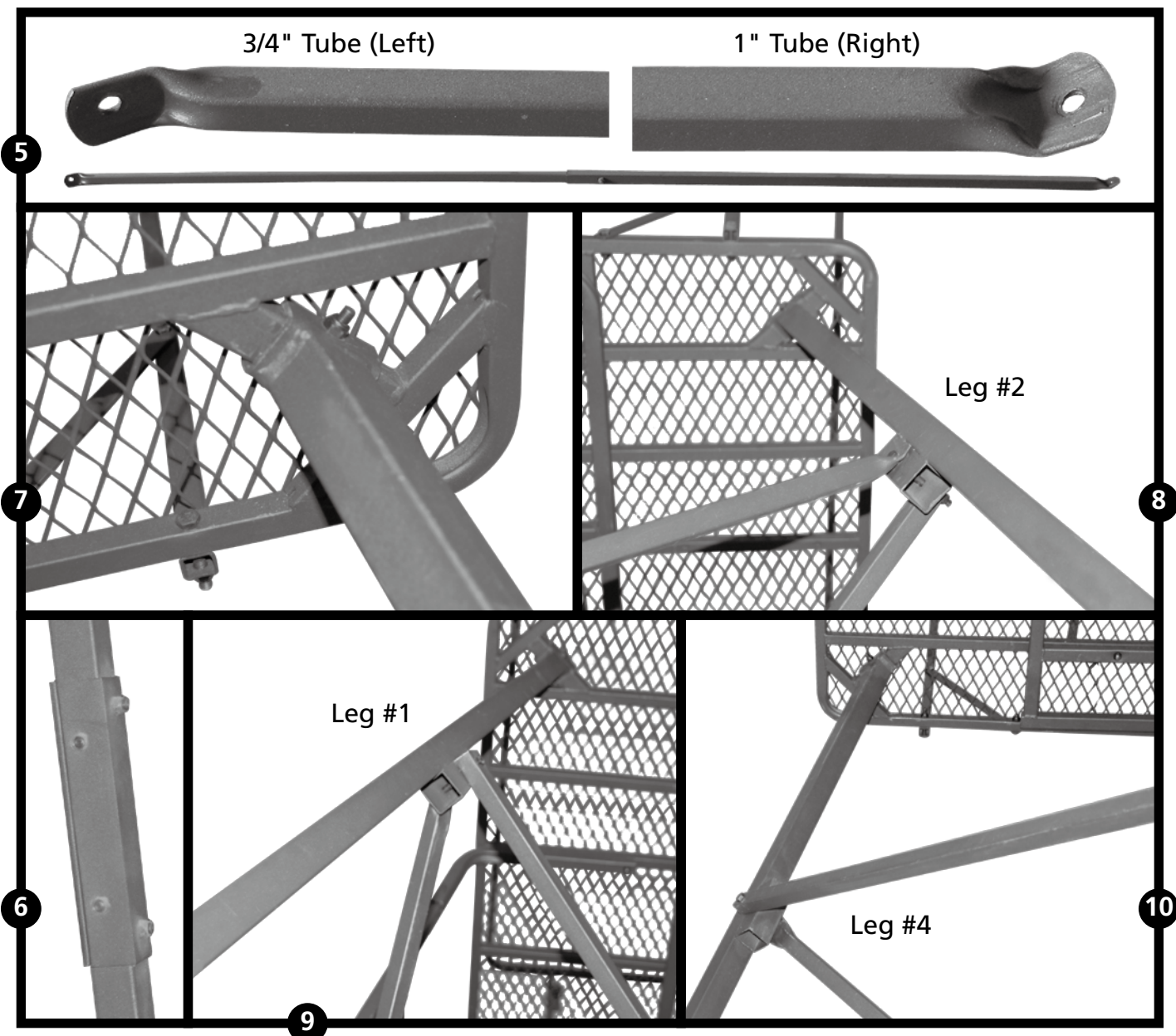
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION: LEG ASSEMBLIES ****Take your time on following steps****

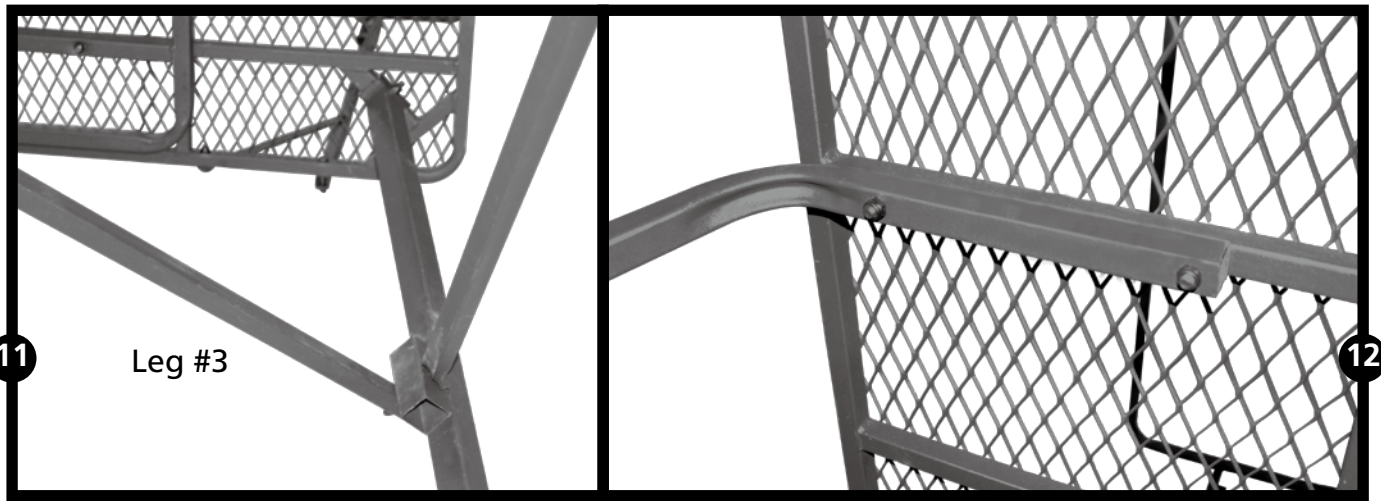
1. "Leg/Cross Brace/Angle Brace Sub-Assembly " Identify Top Leg (Item P) by the welded "u-plate" and Bottom Leg (Item Q) by the foot plate at one end. Insuring correct orientation (U-plate mounting area and foot plate are even or on same plane), attach the (2) Legs together using (2) Leg Link Brace(s)(Item X) to the outside of the joint and align holes. Secure Leg joint using (4) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolt(s) and (4) 8mm locknuts. Repeat on remaining Legs (4 total). **(Fig. 6)** Identify (4) Upper Cross Brace (Item T)(1" tube) and identify the (4) Lower Cross Brace (Item U)(3/4" tube). Next, insert the Lower Cross Brace (3/4" tube) into the Upper Cross Brace tube (1" tube) and align the holes in the end and secure together using (1) 8mm x 1- 3/8" bolt and (1) 8mm locknut. Note: Use the hole that is 3" up from the end on BOTH tubes. Repeat on remaining Cross Tubes (4 sub assemblies total: Cross Brace Sub-Assemblies). Next, identify the Top Angled Brace (Item V)(1" tube-angle tab on 1 end) and the Bottom Angled Brace (Item W)(3/4" tube-angle tab at 1 end). Next, assemble the Top and Bottom Angled Brace(s) together using (1) 8mm x 1-3/8" bolt and (1) 8mm locknut. Repeat on remaining braces (4 sub-assemblies total: Angled Brace(s)). IMPORTANT: See illustration for proper orientation for the Angled Braces. **(Fig. 5)**
2. "Securing Legs to Platform Assembly" [NOTE: Use of 4 or more people and a table or bench is required for this step] Lay the Platform assembly on its side on a table or bench so that the Ladder Connection Tube(s) are pointed to the RIGHT. With (4) or more people, align hole in the "U-plate" of the Leg Assembly with the hole in the corner mounting tube in the Foot Platform and secure using (1) 8mm x 2-1/8" bolt and (1) 8mm locknut. NOTE: Insure that foot plate is point OUTWARD and the "U-plate" is fitted flat and aligned with mounting tube welded in the foot platform. Bolt on the second Leg Assembly directly across from the previous. Being extremely careful, rotate assembly 180 degrees so that the Ladder Connection Tube(s) are pointed in the opposite direction or Ladder Connections Tubes are to the LEFT if looking from the BOTTOM side of the foot platform. Always have 2 or more people to hold onto each Leg Assembly while trying to rotate the unit. NEVER attempt to rotate this unit or set-up by yourself, always have help present. Rotate the unit while on a table or bench to reduce the flex in the leg sections. Attach the remaining (2) Leg Assemblies to the platform assembly. Next, insert the Top Ladder Section (Item R)(has 3 ladder rungs) into the Ladder Connection Tube(s) and insert (2) Quick Pins to secure together. Next, insert crimped end of the Bottom Ladder Section (Item S)(has 4 ladder rungs) into the Top Ladder Section and secure with (2) Quick Pins. **(Fig. 7 & 12)**
3. "Securing Cross Braces /Angled Braces to Upper mounting tubes of the Leg Assemblies" While looking at the BOTTOM side of the foot platform area, insure the attached ladder sections are pointed to the LEFT for proper assembly order/sequence. Insure to have the Platform Assembly on a work bench or table to keep the stress/flex out of the Leg Assemblies. IMPORTANT: The attached Leg Assemblies are numbered as follows: Starting Point, Leg Assembly that is pointed Upward above the ladder sections (ladder sections to the left) is Leg#1, working clock-wise, Leg Assembly directly across (to the RIGHT) from Leg#1 is Leg#2, Leg Assembly that is directly below Leg#2 is Leg#3, and the Leg Assembly below the ladder sections and below Leg#1 is Leg#4. First, you need to attach all the brace sub-assemblies to the UPPER welded mounting tubes located on each Leg Assembly. Starting with Leg#1, place (1) Cross Brace Assy (1" end) to the TOP side of the UPPER mounting tube of Leg#1 and (1) Angled Brace Assy (1" end) to the BOTTOM side of the upper mounting tube of Leg#1. Secure all (3) together using (1) 8mm x 3" bolt and locknut. **(Fig. 9)** (Bolt Stack: Cross Brace, upper mounting tube, Angled Brace). DO NOT tighten any bolts/locknuts until assembly is complete. NOTE: DO NOT attach the opposite bottom end of the brace assemblies until all sub-assemblies have been attached to ALL of the UPPER mounting tubes. Next, working clock-wise, Leg#2, place (1) Angled Brace Assy (1" end) to the TOP side of the upper mounting tube on Leg#2 and (1) Cross Brace Assy. (1" end) to the BOTTOM side of the upper mounting tube of Leg#2. Secure together using (1) 8mm x 3" bolt and locknut. **(Fig. 8)**(Bolt Stack: Cross Brace, upper mounting tube, Angled Brace). Next, Leg#3, place (1) Angled Brace Assy (1" end) to the TOP side of the upper mounting tube on Leg#3 and (1) Cross Brace Assy (1" end) to the BOTTOM side of the upper mounting tube of Leg#3. Secure together using (1) 8mm x 3" bolt and locknut. **(Fig. 11)**(Bolt Stack: Cross Brace, upper mounting tube, Angled Brace). Next, Leg#4, place (1) Cross Brace Assy (1" end) to the TOP side of the UPPER mounting tube of Leg#4 and (1) Angled Brace Assy (1" end) to the BOTTOM side of the upper mounting tube of Leg#1. Secure all (3) together

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION: LEG ASSEMBLIES (Continued)

using (1) 8mm x 3" bolt and locknut. (Fig. 10)(Bolt Stack: Cross Brace, upper mounting tube, Angled Brace).

4. "Securing Cross Braces /Angled Braces to the LOWER mounting tubes of the Leg Assemblies" NOTE: On Step#3, all the Leg Assemblies were numbered clock-wise with the attached ladder sections to the LEFT, the leg assembly above the attached ladder sections (that are to the left) or upper left, is Leg#1. Now, the assembled Cross/Angled Braces will have the same number as the Leg Assemblies that they are bolted to the lower mounting tubes. Step 1: Swing the Cross Brace#1 (attached to upper mounting tube on Leg#1) to the TOP side of the LOWER mounting tube on Leg#3 (lower RIGHT leg assy) and next swing the Angled Brace #1 (attached to Leg#1) to the TOP side of the LOWER mounting tube on Leg#4 (directly below Leg#1 or below the attached ladder sections). Insert (1) 8mm x 3" bolt into each location to hold their position until attachment of opposite brace and locknut in the following steps. Step 2: Swing the Cross Brace#2 (attached to Leg#2) to the BOTTOM side of the LOWER mounting tube on Leg#4 (install (1) 8mm locknut to secure all 3 components) and swing the Angled Brace #2 (attached to Leg#2) to the TOP side of the LOWER mounting tube of Leg#1 and insert (1) 8mm x 3" bolt to hold it's position. Step 3: Swing the Cross Brace#3 (attached to Leg#3) to the BOTTOM side of the mounting tube on Leg#1 (install (1) 8mm locknut) and swing the Angled Brace#3 (attached to Leg#3) to the BOTTOM side of the LOWER mounting tube on Leg#2 and insert (1) 8mm x 3" bolt to hold it's position. Step 4: Swing the Cross Brace#4 (attached to Leg#4) to the TOP side of the LOWER mounting tube in Leg #2 and install (1) 8mm locknut and swing the Angled Brace#4 (attached to Leg#4) to the BOTTOM side of the LOWER mounting tube in Leg#3 and install (1) 8mm locknut. Go back through and tighten ALL bolts/locknuts securely. Insure all bolts/locknuts in the platform assembly are tightened securely. NOTE: All Cross Braces will cross or pass through the center of the leg assemblies. The Angled Braces are attached/secured around the outside or perimeter of the leg assemblies.





ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION: SET-UP

1. With (4) or more people, carefully rotate the unit so that the ladder sections are in the center and are pointed upward. Next, tie off (1) rope to each suspended leg assembly. With (1) or more person on each back Leg Assembly (laying on the ground) and (1) or more person pulling on EACH rope on the suspended Leg Assemblies, pull down on the ropes and push up on the back leg assemblies until the unit is resting on the foot plates. NEVER stand/walk under the unit while raising/lowering/using of this unit. Insure the ground is firm and level under the foot plates and the platform is level. Insure to properly secure each foot pad into the ground to prevent movement in the unit. Inspect all Leg Assemblies/Cross braces as well as all bolt-locknuts and joint connections to insure that nothing was damaged or came loose during raising or lowering of the unit before leaving the ground. HINT: Use a piece of rope or string to tie off the cross braces together to reduce noise during high winds. DO NOT over-tighten the cross braces where they move out of alignment or position.
2. Once the unit is in position, insure the ground under the foot plates is firm and level and the ladder section is sunk firmly into the ground. By some means, anchor ALL the foot plates into the ground securely. Suggested: ground stakes into foot plates (min. 15" in length-large diameter) and or (4) ground stakes with a rope tied off from each side of the platform to the ground to provide extra platform stability. NOTE: It is advisable to ground this unit to the ground by a licensed electrician in the event of a electrical storm. Go back through and all bolts and make sure locknuts are tightened securely. Next, insure all components are free of damage or wear, all ladder sections are pinned together as well as all leg sections are firmly bolted together, and the ground beneath the ladder section and foot plates are firm and level before climbing into the unit. This inspection must be performed prior each use. NOTE: GROUND STAKES ARE NOT PROVIDED.

WARNING

- Inspect ALL leg assemblies/cross braces/bolts/locknuts/quick pins/ladder sections prior to leaving the ground. Do not use if ladder sections are seperated or if leg assembly bolts are loose/damaged/ or missing.
- Always test/practice at ground level with this unit until comfortable with safe use of product.
- Proper location/tightening of components is critical. Insure all components are properly tightened/secured and free of damage/wear prior to each use. Do not use if any parts are damaged or are showing wear or deterioration.
- 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.
- Replace ALL Hardware (bolts/nuts) every (2) years. Use only Big Dog Treestands certified replacement parts/components, all others are viewed as a modification to the product. Frequently lubricate all hardware/parts or as needed.
- 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/componentents are showing any signs of damage or wear.
- This unit must be secured to the ground securely using ground stakes to each foot plate. (NOT PROVIDED).
- DO NOT use this unit in adverse weather or if high winds are present.
- Avoid having (2) people occupying the same side of the foot platform. Keep the weight balanced between both sides or to the center of the unit.
- Maxium Occupancy is (2) person(s). NEVER exceed the manufacturers maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs. which includes the person or persons and all of their gear.

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please Read/Understand ALL Safety Warnings prior to each use and always practice at ground level First!

ALWAYS

- Read and Understand ALL instructions and warning pages thoroughly before using your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, ratchet/stabilizing straps/ropes and climbing devices prior to each use. Replace suspected or damaged components with only factory authorized parts and components. Discontinue use if any part of your product/FAS shows weathering or wear. ALWAYS inspect/check ALL expiration dates/tags on all straps/FAS prior to each use.
- Practice using the treestand and FAS at ground level until comfortable with safe/proper use of both products prior to each use.
- Insure that your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, tree straps and climbing devices are in good working order without defects, wear, broken or missing parts before each use. This inspection includes the following prior to each use: Retightening all hardware, inspecting all components made of metallic and non-metallic items which includes straps/ropes/seats/FAS for excessive wear or damage before using any products.
- Always wear a Fall Arrest System 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 case of a fall. Keep the linesman strap tight on the tree while you ascend or descend from the tree. The FAS tether must be tight while in a seated position.
- Practice your Recovery/Rescue/Relief plan with your (FAS) at ground level before using in an elevated position prior to each use.
- Step down into the center of the platform from your climbing aide while being 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 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. Review all warnings/instructions annually and prior to each use of the products.
- Hunt with a friend/partner to ensure 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 separated 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 that 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 removal of any treestand unless instructed to have more people present. Use a min. 12" diameter straight/healthy tree on ALL treestands.
- Use a hoist line to pull fixed position stand(s) up to the positioning height below the end of the climbing aide while attached to the tree with climbing belt of your FAS.
- 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 rescue, relief and recovery plan.

NEVER

- Leave the ground without properly wearing your FAS harness and being properly attached to the tree from the time you leave the ground until you return to the ground. Failure to wear FAS or FAS not attached to the tree properly could result in serious injury or death. If FAS is not present, do not leave the ground. Single safety belts straps and chest harnesses ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED.
- Climb with your weapon. Ensure that the firearm/bow is unloaded with its barrel pointed toward the ground when raising or lowering it 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.
- 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 for the product which includes your body weight plus the weight of your clothing/gear.
- Adjust ANY straps/ropes/adjustable support bars while standing on or leaning against any treestand nor use if any are not present or show damage or wear.
- 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 doctor for safe & proper use.
- Modify your stand in any way by repairs, replacing parts, or alternating or adding attachments to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by manufacturer.
- Replace parts/add attachments/adjust platform/make repairs unless the product is at GROUND LEVEL only.
- Exceed/modify the suggested manufactures hunting height for any product.
- Jump, bounce, lean-out from, lean against shooting rails or SLEEP in any treestand for any reason at any time.
- Leave any treestand attached to the tree more than (2) two weeks. Tree growth will stress the straps to the point of a possible failure that could result in serious bodily injury or death.
- Use any treestand during thunderstorm/raining/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 inclement 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.
- 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.
- Climb/Use a tree that is diseased, dead, under sized, leaning, has dead/broken branches/loose bark.
- Stand on the seat/footrest/shooting rail/armrest or rely on any branches for support or means of securing or standing.

WARNING

- Failure to Read/Understand ALL Warnings and Instructions stated could result in serious bodily injury or death. Use of an approved FAS is required to be used at all times when hunting from an elevated position.
- You must replace ALL straps (ratchet, button, stabilizing straps/ropes, etc) and suspension seats EVERY year. 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.
- ALWAYS inspect treestand/straps/cables/FAS/ if ladder sections are pinned together/ground beneath the ladder stand is firm and level/adjustable support bar is connected to the tree properly prior to each use. Do not use if ANY physical/visible damage/wear is suspected or present.
- It is recommended that you oil/lubricate ALL hardware as needed or at least annually. It is recommended that you replace all hardware/cables/nuts/bolts/clips on your tree stand every two years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary.
- Failure to use a Fall Arrest System (FAS) at ALL times could result in serious bodily injury or death.
- Insure ALL contact points of the treestands and FAS are in contact with the tree and are secured properly before climbing onto the platform or leaving the ground.
- Proper threading/tightening/fastening/location of all straps/cables are CRITICAL. Insure all straps/cables are properly attached/fastened/secured/loacted on the tree and are free of damage/wear/ weathering/deterioration prior to each use.
- Inspect all expiration tags on all straps and FAS prior to each use. Replace all straps annually. Replace all hardware every (2) years. Use only Big Dog Treestands certified replacement parts, all other are viewed as a modification to the product. Never use any strap(s) or FAS that has expired or showing any damage or wear.
- Always use a haul line while attached to the tree with your FAS by means of the linemans strap/ climbing belt to pull up or take down all fixed position stands.
- Insure all Tripods and Quadpods are properly staked to the ground to prevent movement in the unit in high winds. Note: It is advisable to have a certified electrician ground these unit(s) to the ground in the event of being struck by lightning.