

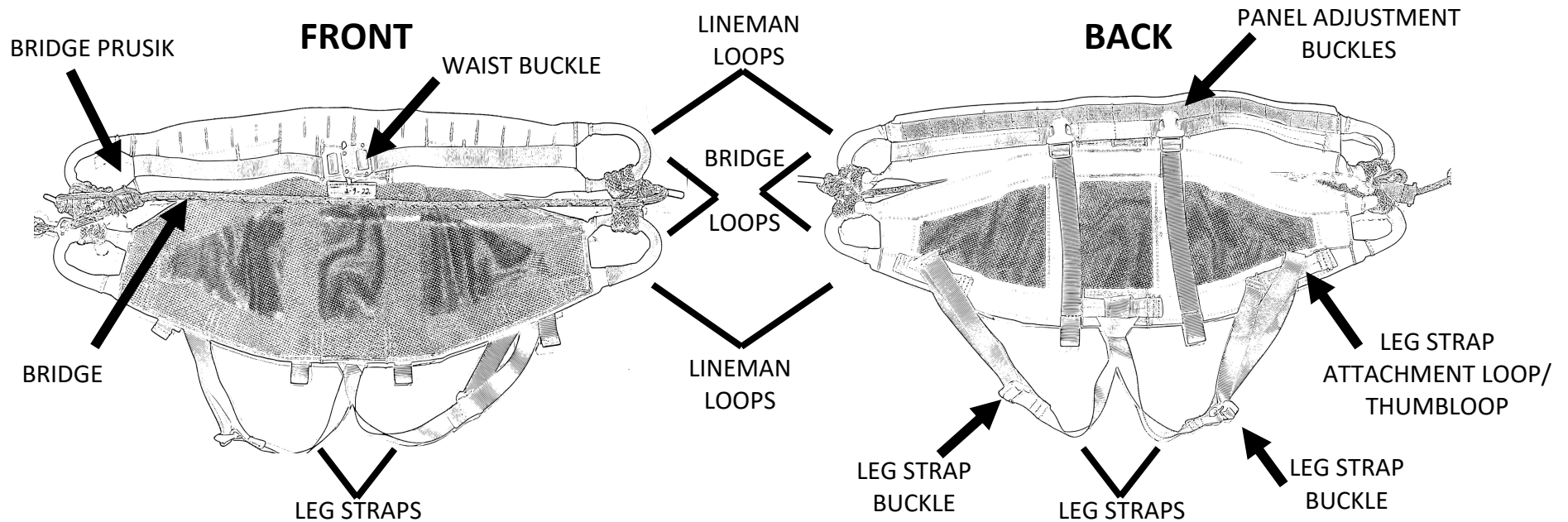
**BUZZARD ROOST
SADDLES
INSTRUCTION
MANUAL**

INSTRUCTIONS – SAFETY WARNING – READ BEFORE USE

WARNING

For hunting from an elevated position only. Hunting with a saddle is dangerous. Understand and accept the risks involved before participating. You are responsible for your own actions and decisions. Before using this product, read and understand all instructions and warnings that accompany it and familiarize yourself with its capabilities and limitations. We recommend that every hunter seek qualified instruction before use. Failure to respect any of these warnings can result in severe injury or death!

PUTTING ON YOUR SADDLE

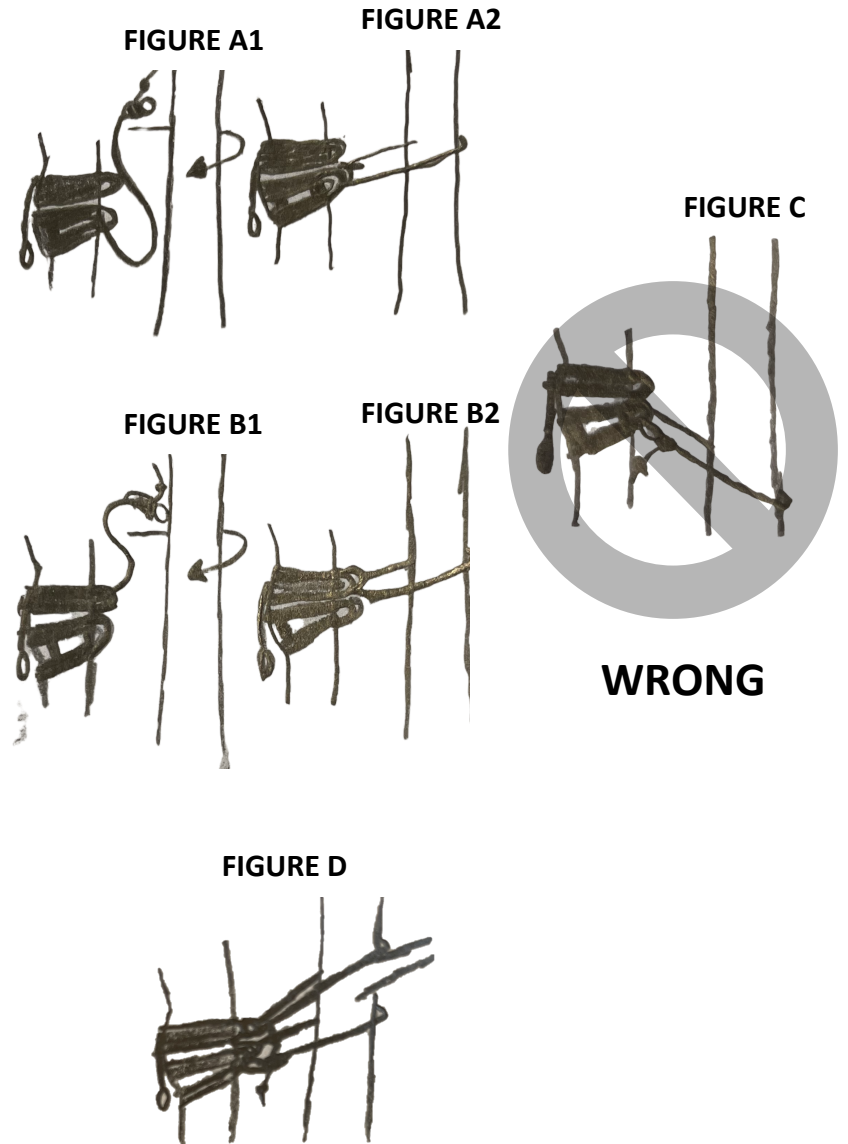


PROPER METHOD OF USE OF YOUR LINEMAN BELT

1. NEVER allow your lineman belt (FIGURE C) to angle downward away from your waist.
2. Buzzard Roost Saddles allow the hunter to choose either the top set of linemans/bridge loops (FIGURE B1 & B2) or lower set of linemans/ bridge loops (FIGURE A1 & A2) as anchor points for lineman use. When traversing tree limbs both the top and bottom loops will be used. (FIGURE D).
3. The Lineman belt (FIGURE A2 & B2) should ALWAYS be angled upwards from your waist.
4. NEVER allow yourself to be more than 14" away from the trunk of the tree.
5. ALWAYS ensure you have a stopper knot tied in the tag end of your lineman belt.
6. You should always ascend and descend the tree using your lineman belt. This allows you to safely affix your climbing method, and your tree tether while remaining attached to the tree at all times.
7. At the base of the tree, pass the free end of your lineman belt around the tree and attach it via a carabiner at the opposite lineman loop. (FIGURE A1 & B1)
8. Adjust your lineman belt with a prusik knot to safely climb the tree.
9. At hunting height, DO NOT remove your lineman belt until you are safely tethered to the tree with your tree tether.
10. At the end of the hunt connect your lineman belt to the tree before removing your tree tether and starting your descent.
11. When traversing limbs while ascending and descending trees use both the upper and lower set of linemans/ bridge loops to maintain 100% tie off at all times.

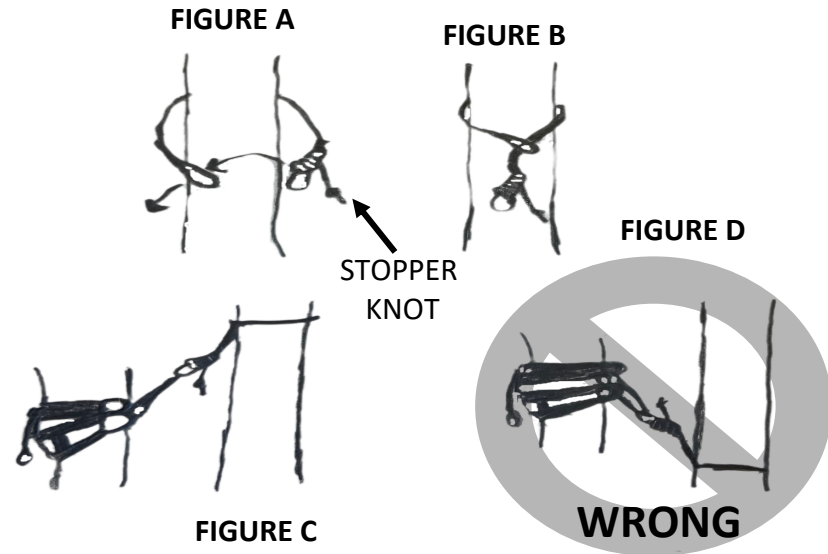


Climbing above a horizontal lineman belt is dangerous. Doing so can cause serious injury or death. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should your lineman belt angle downward away from your waist.



PROPER METHOD OF USE AND ATTACHING YOUR TETHER

1. **NEVER** climb above your tether (FIGURE D).
2. The carabiner and friction knot should ALWAYS be below the girth hitch or knot of your tether (FIGURE B & FIGURE C).
3. **ALWAYS** ensure you have a stopper knot tied in the tag end of your tether.
4. Always attach your tether when you have reached the top of your climbing method **BEFORE** climbing onto your positioning aid.
5. While you are safely connected to the tree with your lineman belt, pass the tether (FIGURE A) loop around the tree at forehead height.
6. Pass the free end of the rope, prusik knot (FIGURE A), and the carabiner through the eye loop and clinch the tether tight to the tree. (FIGURE B) This is commonly known as girth hitch or a larkshead knot.
7. Attach the carabiner to your bridge (FIGURE C) and tighten your prusik knot so the tether is taut and holding your weight.
8. Once the saddle and tether is secure. Adjust your tether height for comfort. After all adjustments are complete, you may safely remove your lineman Belt



Climbing above the loop/girth hitch in your tether creates slack in your tether. Slack in your tether can cause serious injury or death. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should you ever allow slack into your tether

PROPER METHODS OF SUSPENSION RELIEF

FIGURE A



FIGURE B



FIGURE C



In the event of a catastrophic situation, you can use your **lineman belt** or **tether** as a suspension relief device. A suspension relief device must be on your person and readily accessible while using a saddle. These devices allow the user to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a harness, help maintain circulation in the legs, mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling), or allow descent to the ground. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of any suspension relief device.

1. Pass the free end of the rope through the fixed loop of the rope, or pass the free end of rope through to wrap your tether or lineman belt around the tree (FIGURE A).
2. Pull the rope tight and adjust the prusik loop or friction knot so it is approximately three to five inches below the girth hitch.
3. Tie and overhand knot in the rope but do not cinch tight (FIGURE A).
4. Clip the overhand knot into the carabiner (FIGURE B).
5. Tighten the overhand knot by pulling both ends of the rope on either side of the carabiner (FIGURE B).
6. Step into the loop for suspension relief (FIGURE C).

WARNING

- Hunting from an elevated position is dangerous and risky
- Do not attempt to climb off the ground without understanding the safety risks.
- Failure to follow and understand all directions could result in injury or death.

WARNING

DO NOT use Buzzard Roost products without reading all safety warnings and directions.

DO NOT use Buzzard Roost products until you have watched ALL directional videos and warnings at www.youtube.com/buzzardroostsaddles or www.buzzardroostsaddles.com

DO NOT use Buzzard Roost products until you have practiced on the ground with all of your equipment and are 100% confident with the system.

DO NOT use Buzzard Roost products without first inspecting them for damage or excessive wear.

DO NOT use any safety products (ropes, carabiners, etc.) that are NOT climbing rated.

DO NOT ascend or descend a tree without being connected to the trunk at all times.

DO NOT climb on any positioning aid, without being connected to the tree with your tether and lineman belt.

DO NOT use the Buzzard Roost Saddle without fastening the waist or leg straps and keeping them snug.

DO NOT remove your lineman belt for any reason while climbing until you are safely connected to the tree with your tree tether.

DO NOT remove your tree tether from the tree or your harness until your lineman belt is safely attached around the tree.

DO NOT allow slack in your lineman belt or tree tether. They should remain taut at all times.

DO NOT climb above your lineman belt. It should always be above waist level.

DO NOT climb above your tree tether. Slack in your tether is dangerous and could cause serious injury or death.

DO NOT use your lineman belt or tree tether without a stopper knot tied in the free end.

PRACTICE

Practice using your saddle in a safe environment and no more than six inches off the ground. You must practice at least five times in the daylight and at least two times in the dark before using it in a hunting scenario. Under no circumstances should you use a saddle without practicing your system in a safe environment. Practicing will ensure you understand the safe guards of your system, as well as the most efficient way to employ your saddle.

SAFETY PLAN

- If the hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful you must 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 for your hunting situation and you must have a recovery/escape plan for your situation before leaving the ground.
- A suspension relief device must be on your person and readily accessible while using a harness. These devices allow the user to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a harness and help maintain circulation in the legs, mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling) or allow descent to the ground. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of any suspension relief device.
- Hunt from the ground when self-recovery/escape ability is absent or if you do not have all supplied components of your saddle.
- There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if an unforeseen event takes place. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan.

GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Never use a saddle while taking drugs (even prescription drugs) or alcohol.
- Never use a saddle during inclement weather such as rain, lightning, windstorms, or icy conditions and end your hunt and return to the ground if inclement conditions arise.
- Never use a saddle when feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy, or if you have a prior medical that could cause a problem i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc. or if you are not well rested.
- Never use a saddle on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree or on a utility pole.
- Never rely on a branch for support.
- Pull up a bow, backpack, firearm, or other equipment only after being secure in the saddle with your tether. A firearm must be pulled up with it unloaded, chamber open, and muzzle down.
- Always inform someone of the hunting location, where the saddle will be located and the expected duration of the hunt.
- A signal device such as a mobile phone, radio, whistles, signal flare or personal locator device (PLD) must be on your person and readily available at all times.
- Inspect the saddle and all safety devices each time before use and do not store saddle outdoors while not in use.
- Never modify your saddle in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer.
- Instructions should be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annual. It is the responsibility of the equipment owner to furnish the complete instructions or any person that borrows or purchases the equipment.
- Use a haul line to raise and lower all your hunting gear. Never climb with anything on your back.

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BEFORE USING YOUR SADDLE

Read the above warnings, learn how to put your saddle on correctly, Learn how to attach your platform, learn how to attach the tether and lineman belt to your saddle correctly, and test the fit by hanging in your saddle in a safe situation.

SIZING PRECAUTIONS

- The Buzzard Roost saddle is available in 2 sizes and will fit most adults. Persons under the age of 18 must use the saddle under adult supervision.
- It is essential that you wear the correct size and that your saddle fits you well. Before using your saddle, hang in it from a safe place to ensure you've chosen the correct size and adjust it for a comfortable fit.

WARNING

- In climbing and hunting there is no substitute for experience. If you lack experience, hunt and use saddle only under the guidance of a knowledgeable hunter.
- Putting on your saddle and tying/ clipping in requires your absolute attention. Establish a routine. Complete every action, double-check all buckles, knots, and avoid distractions. During use, frequently double-check that your saddle is properly buckled and that your tether and lineman belt is correctly connected to your harness.
- The molle/accessory loops are for gear only; they will not hold body weight. Do not tie into the loops or use them for tethering, climbing, rappelling, or anchoring.
- In the event of unconsciousness this saddle will NOT keep you in an upright position unless combined with a chest harness.

CHOOSING OTHER COMPONENTS

This saddle should be used in conjunction with appropriate CEN certified mountaineering, alpine and arborist equipment. Do not alter the saddle in any way. Alterations may cause injury or death.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Machine wash your saddle warm water on gentle cycle. Use a mild soap, no bleach. Anytime your saddle gets wet, allow it to drip dry away from direct sunlight before storing.
- Saddles must not come in contact with corrosive materials such as battery acid, solvents, gasoline, or bleach.
- Do not allow your saddle to be exposed to temperatures above 140°F (60°C) or below -80°F (-62°C)
- Do not sew, resew, burn or singe loose threads, bleach webbing, file a buckle, drill, saw, modify, or change a saddle in anyway

STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

- Never store a wet or damp saddle.
- Store all of your gear in a clean and dry environment, out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources.
- Keep your saddle and other sewn equipment away from gnawing rodents and pets.
- The threads and fabric in your harness will weaken with age if not stored free from mildew, UV light, temperature extremes or other harmful agents. When not in use or when transporting your saddle, protect it from sharp objects and abrasion.

INSPECTION AND RETIREMENT

Inspect your saddle for signs of damage and wear before and after each use. It is vitally important that your harness be in good condition. A damaged harness must be retired immediately if any damage exists. Examples of damage include, but are not limited to:

- There is any kind of rip or hole in the webbing
- The webbing is burnt, singed, or melted
- There are any torn threads, or heavy abrasion to the webbing
- Bar tacks or stitching are abraded or showing wear
- The mounting apparatus is worn or destroyed
- One of the buckles is cracked, corroded, has a burr, or is damaged or deformed in any way.
- The webbing is faded from exposure to ultraviolet light
- The metal is cracked or destroyed
- The ropes are showing excessive signs of wear or abuse.

If a saddle has been used to arrest a fall, even if it is not obviously damaged, it will need to be retired. If you have any doubts about the dependability of your saddle, retire it and get a new one. Anytime you retire a piece of gear, destroy it to prevent future use. Retire all safety equipment after 5 years regardless of condition.

WARNING: Indicates the inherent dangers and responsibilities the user assumes when using a Buzzard Roost product.

MAXIMUM WEIGHT: The maximum weight for the Buzzard Roost Saddle is 300 lbs including clothes and gear.

WARRANTY

Buzzard Roost warrants for one year from purchase date and only to the original retail buyer that our products are free from defects in material and workmanship. If buyer discovers a covered defect, buyer should contact Buzzard Roost for further instructions. We will replace such product free of charge. That is the extent of our liability under this warranty and, upon the expiration of the applicable warranty period, all such liability shall terminate.

WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

We do not warrant products against normal wear and tear, unauthorized modifications or alterations, improper use, improper maintenance, accident, misuse, negligence, damage, or if the product is used for a purpose which it was not designed. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Except as expressly stated in this Warranty, we shall not be liable for direct, indirect, incidental, or other types of damages arising out of, or resulting from the use of this product. This Warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose (some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages or allow limitations on the duration of an implied warranty, so the above exclusions may not apply to you).

BUZZARD ROOST PLATFORMS

Designed, manufactured and assembled in the USA. Quality, comfort and affordable. The Buzzard Roost platforms were designed for standing, leaning or sitting. Do not compromise on comfort. Buzzard Roost is setting the standards in the mobile hunting industry. These platforms can go on nearly any tree. They have an ergonomically designed angled front and sides that will give you the ability to push 360 degrees around the tree.

Please be sure to read all instruction for better understanding of saddle platforms

- Always practice first at ground level before ascending a tree
- Always check your gear before leaving the ground
- All platforms are designed for single person use only
- Platform is not designed to be jumped on
- Maximum load on platform including all gear is 300 pounds
- Falls can occur any time after leaving the ground.
- Always attach lineman's rope before ascending a tree
- Always have your tether attached before stepping on to platform with full weight
- Avoid using in wet, icy conditions or during storms
- Do not attach to dead or rotten trees or loose bark
- Never use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Do not use while on medication that may cause dizziness or drowsiness
- Do not attempt to alter platforms in any way
- Failure to follow instructions could cause serious injury or even death.

The Tower 12 and Tower 16

1. When you have reached the desired height for hunting, place the Towers V-bracket cut outs against the center of the tree. With one end of the strap looped around the versa button wrap the other end around the tree and place the other ends loop around the versa button. Pull the strap tight
2. Use both hands and push downward on the platform. Continue to push down until firmly attached to the tree.
3. Staying as close to the tree as possible ascend to the bottom step of the Tower
4. Utilizing proper use of your hunting saddle, lineman and tether ascend to the top of the Tower
5. You are now in the hunting position. Continue the proper use of your hunting saddle, lineman and tether while on top of the Tower
6. Reverse this process as you descend down the tree and take all necessary precautions descending as ascending

The Branch

1. When you have reached the desired height for hunting hold the Branch platform against the center of the tree. With one end of the strap looped around the versa button wrap the other end around the tree and place the other ends loop around the versa button. Pull the strap tight
2. Lift the platform up, and pull the strap tight once again to take out any extra slack in the strap.
3. Push down on the top step at the tubing. This will help with getting a good set to the tree.

4. Cam down/pull down platform until it is tight. You may need to adjust the strap accordingly.
5. Utilizing proper use of your hunting saddle, lineman and tether step over or downward from your climbing sticks onto the top step of the platform putting pressure downward to be sure it is tight to the tree.
6. Safely step down to the center of the platform. You are now in the hunting position. Continue the proper use of your hunting saddle, lineman and tether while on top of the Tower
7. Reverse this process as you descend down the tree and take all necessary precautions descending as ascending

Warning: Failure to read and follow all instructions before use could lead to situations that may cause serious injury or even death.