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TREEWALKER SEGMENTED LADDER

UPC: 909225 Package of 4 Ladder Sections
 909245 Individual Ladder Section
 909261 Package of 3 Ladder Sections

Maximum weight limits 300 lbs.

WARNING: You must wear a Fall-Arrest System (FAS) Full Body Harness approved to TMA Standards 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 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. Climbing Sticks and all additional XOP, Inc. merchandise before use. This owners manual and product labels provide important use and safety information. DO NOT Remove or Obscure any safety warning labels on any of your XOP products. Failure to read and follow these safety warnings could result in serious bodily injury or death. When hunting from a treestand 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 Climbing Stick owner to furnish the Instructions to any person that borrows or purchases the XOP, Inc. equipment.
- Take segmented ladders down between usages. Store in dry place away from weather, wildlife, sunlight, and sharp or abrasive objects.

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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.
- Be sure you use a FAS approved to TMA Standards at all times after leaving the ground and while installing or removing any hang-on climbing aids! Attach the FAS to the tree with minimum slack. The less slack, the less distance you will fall making it easier to return to your treestand.
- Hang-on climbing aids must be placed on the tree at a height above the platform where the user can maintain a handhold on the unit and step downwards onto the treestand. Never step up from a climbing device to get into your stand.
- When using a climbing/linemans's belt to ascend the tree, the full body harness should be attached to the tree before stepping down onto the treestand.
- 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, wear or defects.
- 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.
- Select a straight live tree that is suitable for the XOP, Inc. merchandise you are using. A tree suitable for climbing is NOT: dead, rotting, unhealthy, weak, unstable, or has loose, slick, or thick bark.
- Ensure the equipment is secured properly on the tree and ground. Check every stick ladder section connection every time you use the stick ladder before you leave the ground. If stick ladder sections are separating, do not use the stick ladder.
- Clean boots of mud, snow, debris before climbing/descending equipment.
- Take your time and place feet securely on equipment when ascending or descending climbing sticks.
- Use only for intended purpose.
- 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.

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NEVER:

- Use any segmented ladder 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 climbing sticks during or immediately following any kind of storm that produces precipitation, lightning, or thunder, and form wet or icy weather conditions.
- 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 segmented ladders to any dead or unsafe tree, telephone or utility pole, structural column or man-made structure.
- Climb with any type of weapon or other equipment when ascending or descending the tree. Always use a haul line or pull-up rope to bring your gear, unloaded firearm (with safety lock engaged and chamber open) into and out of the treestand. Securely cover arrow points before pulling up or lowering from treestand. 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 climbing sticks.
- Stand on any part of segmented ladder except steps.
- Hang items from segmented ladder that could present a tripping hazard.
- Climb beyond the top of the segmented ladder. If you are also using a treestand, place the treestand's foot platform at a level where you can safely transition from the segmented ladder to the treestand by stepping directly down onto the treestand platform.
- Lean out or hang weight unevenly from segmented ladder..
- Leave segmented ladders attached to a tree for an extended time period (more than 2 weeks). Weather, wildlife, and tree growth will damage the ladders causing malfunction or failure of equipment that could result in severe bodily injury or death.
- Make any modifications to this product. Any modifications void XOP, Inc. of any liability.

ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

WARNING: You must wear a Fall-Arrest System (FAS) Full Body Harness approved to TMA Standards 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 properly fitted and attached as instructed. Failure to follow FAS instructions could result in serious injury or death.

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

Required Tools:

Two 1/2" wrenches

Contents:

Tree Braces (8)

Ladder Sections (4)

Cam Straps & Locks (4)

Hardware Kit:

Bolts 2 1/2 X 1/2" (8)

Locknuts 5/16"* (8)

Washers 11/32" (16)

* 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) Fasten one Tree Brace to the bolt hole on each end of ladder section using the provided a bolt, 2 washers, and locknut. The braces should be attached to the opposite side of the ladder section than the oval hook ring. Tighten all bolts on the ladder stand securely with wrenches. Assemble hardware to parts in this order: bolt head, washer, part, washer, and locknut.
- 4) Place ladder section on tree where you wish to climb. Oval hook ring should be on top half of the ladder section with the steps curving up away from the ground. Hook one Cam Strap S-hook to the oval hook ring on the center vertical bar of the ladder section. Run the Cam strap around the tree to the opposite side of the climbing stick. Attach the other S-hook to the hole on that opposite side. Tighten each Cam Strap until stick is secure and stable against the tree. Failure to tighten the sticks tightly to the tree could cause the sticks to fall or lean away from tree. *To adjust strap press cam lock down and pull strap through teeth of lock. To lock, release cam lock and pull on each end of strap making sure Cam Lock is secure. When attaching Ratchet S-Hooks to anything, always hook from the top*
- 5) Add additional section ladders in the same manner to reach desired height on tree. Sectional ladders should be spaced on the tree to insure each step is no more than 18 inches apart. .

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- ✓ When finished using segmented ladders remove by reversing the installation instructions.