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## STRYKER SELF CLIMBING STAND

Model/UPC: 909316 STRYKER CLASSIC  
(FOOT PLATFORM AND SEAT FRAME)

Maximum Weight Limit: 300 pounds

Minimum Tree Diameter: 8 inches

**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. Hang-On Treestands 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.

## ▼▼▼▼▼ SAFETY WARNINGS ▼▼▼▼▼

### 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 treestand owner to furnish the Instructions to any person that borrows or purchases the XOP, Inc. equipment.
- Between usages store treestand indoors in a 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 your self climbing treestand. The use of a lineman's belt is required when installing, ascending and descending. 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. Adjustments to the safety harness attachment to the tree should be frequent and coordinated with your movement up or down the tree. 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 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, or defects.
- Practice the installation and use of the treestand with all equipment at a low level in the presence of a responsible adult until you are comfortable with it. Then use in a hunting environment at the products intended elevated position.
- Use a haul line or pull-up rope to raise and lower the seat back cushion included with the stand. Never attempt to climb with the seat back attached.
- Clean boots of mud, snow, debris before climbing/descending climbing equipment.
- Make sure the adjustable foot straps are tightened securely over and around both feet so there is no movement while climbing.
- Be sure the seat frame and foot platform are securely tied together with provided ropes.
- Be sure to have the necessary ratchet straps with you before you begin climbing.
- Attach your harness to the tree before climbing or securing the seat frame or platform to the tree.
- Use only for intended purpose. This self climber is recommended for Adult use only.
- Use a haul line or pull up rope to raise and lower your hunting equipment. 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.

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**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 treestand 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 the treestand at any give time.
- Remove the sitting rail from the seat section frame. Any alteration to the original design of the stand is considered a modification to the product and will void XOP, Inc. of any liability.
- 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 attach this treestand 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 treestand. These items can catch on equipment and could cause severe injury or death.
- Jump, bounce, or stomp on treestand.
- Stand on any part of treestand except for the foot platform.
- Do not lean out from treestand.
- Make platform level adjustment unless you are at ground level.
- Leave treestand attached to a tree for an extended time period (more than 2 weeks). Weather, wildlife, and tree growth will damage treestand 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.

The use of a lineman's climbing belt is required when using this self climbing treestand to stabilize the user with the tree.

- 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 to make sure you have all necessary equipment to assemble and use treestand.

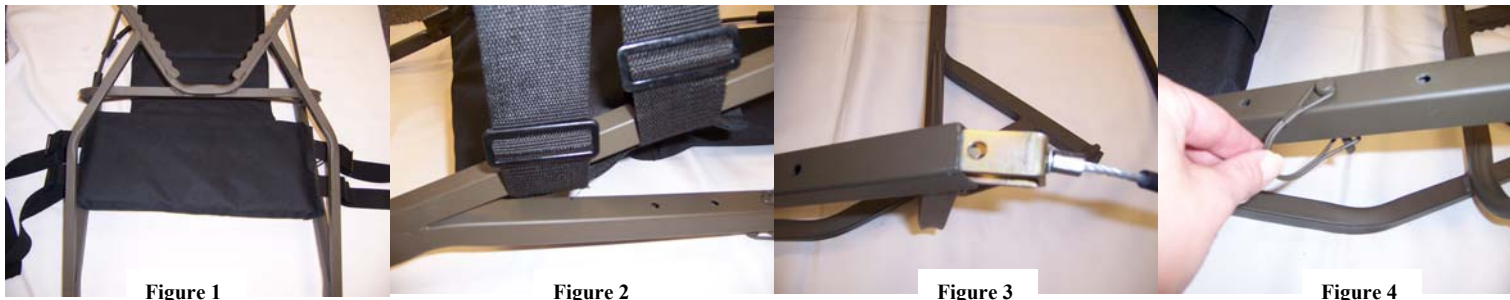
### Contents:

Fall-Arrest System (FAS) Full Body Harness with Lineman's Climbing Belt Attachment  
*(Please read instructions included inside FAS packaging before use.)*

Seat Section Steel Frame  
Foot Platform Steel Frame  
Seat Cushion with Zippered Back Rest Cushion  
Steel Tree Strap Assembly (2)  
Spring D-Pin (4)  
Dual Clip Boot Strap Assembly (2)  
36" Rope (2)  
Ratchet Fasten Belt (2)  
Back Pack Straps (2)

- 2) Once contents are removed from box cut any nylon ties holding contents together.
- 3) Take the Seat Section Steel Frame and place it on ground top-side-down. The frame should sit flat on the ground. The "V" brace with the "teeth" should be facing upwards.
- 4) Next, take the Seat Cushion and turn it top-side-down. You can determine the top of the seat from the bottom by carefully feeling the cushion. The bottom of the seat will have support straps that run under the foam. This provides additional support while seated. Slide the back rest of the cushion under the "V" brace on the seat frame as shown in Figure 1. Attach the seat cushion to the seat frame by wrapping the two left side straps around the upper steel bar of the frame and back through each bucket as pictured in Figure 2. Repeat for attaching the two right side straps. These straps are adjustable to suit each user. All adjustments should be made at ground level.
- 5) Attach one of the (2) provided steel tree strap assemblies to the right and left sides of the seat frame as shown in Figure 3. Secure the tree strap to the seat frame by aligning the bracket at each end of the strap to one of the holes in the frame and inserting a D-pin through the two pieces as pictured in Figure 4. Lock the pin in place by attaching the end of the spring over the top of the pin.

**NOTE:** The bracket at the end of the steel strap must be inserted into the steel tubing with the hole facing up as shown in Figure 3. Do Not Use a Steel Tree Strap if there are any broken or damaged metal strands. Contact XOP immediately to order a replacement strap.



- 6) Next, attach (1) of the dual clip boot strap assembly to the top side of the foot platform frame by feeding the tail end of the long strap through the loop end of one of the short straps as shown in Figure 5, through the ring on the foot platform as shown in Figure 6, under the steel rod on the foot platform as shown in Figure 7, and through the loop end of the opposite short strap and through the bucket as shown in Figure 8. Fasten both clips. Repeat this same procedure to attach the second dual clip boot strap assembly to the foot platform.



Figure 5

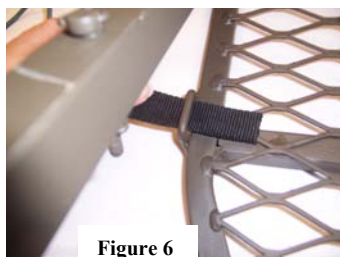


Figure 6



Figure 7

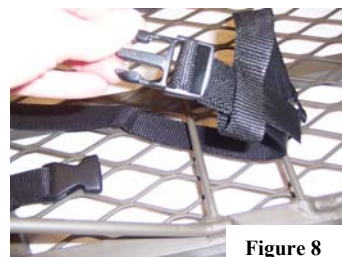


Figure 8

- 7) Attach the second steel tree strap assembly to the right and left side of the foot platform frame. Secure the tree strap to the foot platform frame by aligning the bracket at each end of the strap to one of the holes in the frame and inserting a D-pin through the two pieces. Lock the pin in place by attaching the end of the spring over the top of the pin.
- 8) At ground level, mount the fully assembled foot platform frame onto the tree first. It is important to decide the angle in which the platform should start in order to ensure that it will be level at the height in which it will be used. Observe the relative change in the tree diameter to determine this angle. With the grill side of the platform facing the sky and the front edge of the platform higher than the edge against the tree, unfasten the D-pin on one side, remove the steel tree strap from the frame and wrap it around the tree. Reattach the steel tree strap to the platform and secure tightly as directed above (Step #7).

**NOTE: Never attempt to adjust the angle of the seat or foot platform when ascending the tree. ALWAYS return to ground level to make these adjustments.**

- 9) Next, unzip the back rest cushion from the seat cushion and set aside. After complete installation of your stand at the desired height, use a haul line to raise the back rest cushion to you.

- 10) Next, mount the fully assembled seat section frame to the tree slightly above the foot platform. The seat frame should have an angle similar to that of the foot platform before you start to climb.



Figure 9

- 11) Tie (1) of the rope ends to the left side of the seat section frame. Tie the opposite end to the left side of the foot platform frame as shown in Figure 9. Repeat this on the right side using the second rope.

- 12) While still at ground level with you FAS Fully Body Harness properly fitted, step through the seat frame and stand on the foot platform facing the tree. The dual clip boot straps should already be attached to the foot platform. Starting with the left foot, unfasten both clips on the dual strap. Place foot on top of the horizontal strap and fasten tightly as shown in Figure 10. Next, wrap the other strap around the heel of your foot and fasten tightly as shown in Figure 11. Repeat this same procedure with your right foot. Recheck all boot straps to be sure there is not movement on your feet.



Figure 10



Figure 11

- 13) Attach the safety harness climbing belt around the tree.
- 14) You are now ready to climb. To begin, place both hands on the top side rails of the seat frame. Raise the seat frame to a comfortable position about seat height. Re-engage the seat frame to the tree at the same angle used in Step 8 above and slowly distribute your weight to sit down onto the cross brace located behind you.
- 15) While in the seated position, disengage the foot platform by bending knees while pushing down with your toes. Raise the foot platform with your legs. To re-engage the foot platform position the “V” brace, with teeth, back onto tree and slowing press heels down until your weight is distributed back to the foot platform.
- 16) Reposition your safety harness up the tree to the appropriate height.
- 17) Repeat steps 14 through 16 until you are at the desired hunting height.

**NOTE: Do not attempt to move large distances up the tree. Each step should be no more than 12 inches.**

- 18) After desired hunting height is reached, adjust the distance between the seat frame and the foot platform to accommodate a comfortable seat height.
- 19) Secure the seat frame to the tree with (1) of the provided ratchet straps. Attach one end of the ratchet strap, using the “S” hook, to the left side of the frame. Wrap the strap around the tree and attached the opposite end of the ratchet strap to the right side of the frame. Securely tighten the strap to prevent teeth from losing their container with the tree. Repeat this step to secure the foot platform to the tree. The placement of the “S” hook on the ratchet strap to the foot platform is shown in Figure 12.



Figure 12

- 20) Using a haul line, raise your back rest cushion to the stand. Secure the back rest to the seat with zipper. Attach the back rest section of the cushion to the tree by wrapping the strap around tree and securing clip. Adjust as necessary.
- 21) Reverse the steps above to climb down the tree. Move slowly. Do not attempt to make long steps.

**NOTE: Failure of following any of these directions could result in serious injury or death.**

## Attachment of Backpack Straps

- 1) Attach (1) of the Backpack straps to the front and back of the foot platform frame. This is done by threading the loop end of the strap around the steel bar at the front of the platform and pulling the tail end of the strap through the loop as shown in Figure 13. Wrap the other end of the strap around the steel bar at the back of the platform and secure by threading the end through the underside of the buckle as shown in Figure 14 and back through the opposite side as shown in Figure 15. Pull ends tight as shown in Figure 16. Repeat this on the opposite side with the second backpack strap. Nest the seat frame together with the foot platform. Use the provided ropes to securely tie the two together. Place straps over your shoulders.



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

## **USE**

Practice using your treestand at a low level until you are comfortable with it. Then use at the products intended elevated position.

**WARNING:** Correct tightening and adjustments of straps, etc. is critical to stabilizing your treestand.

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