



PROPER USE & SAFETY WARNINGS!

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SAFETY WARNINGS! DO NOT USE PRODUCT BEFORE READING!

DO NOT: use Wood Hunting Saddles products without reading, watching, and understanding all safety and instruction material FIRST (<https://youtu.be/JXdzdQBecIU> or www.woodhunting saddles.com).

DO NOT: attempt to use Wood Hunting Saddles products until you have practiced at ground level and are competent using the equipment.

DO NOT: attempt to use product prior to practicing in the dark or low light environments to prepare for live hunting scenarios.

DO NOT: attempt to ascend or descend in the dark without the use of a headlamp or other handsfree lighting equipment.

DO NOT: attempt to leave the ground level without first being adhered to the tree with climbing rated gear (carabiner, rope, etc.)

DO NOT: remove your lineman rope (while using sticks or spurs) or your ascending device (if climbing on a rope system) for any reason until you are safely tethered to the tree.

DO NOT: remove your tether for any reason until you are safely reattached to your lineman rope or descending device (if repelling from the tree).

DO NOT: make modifications to Wood Hunting Saddles products, such as removing leg straps, waist belt, bridge, or making additional sewing alterations. Unless specifically authorized in writing by the manufacturer. Doing so could weaken materials and lead to severe injury or death.

DO NOT: Use products without first inspecting to ensure no damage to equipment.

DO NOT: climb above your lineman rope or your tether at any time! Lineman Rope: must always be at waist level or higher. Tether: Must always stay between shoulder level or higher. Do Not allow slack in your lineman's rope or tether, they are to always remain taut.

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

DO NOT: exceed the TOTAL weight limit of the Wood Hunting Saddles products. Total weight includes yourself and your gear.

DO NOT: exceed the size specifications (see sizing) Proper fit is critical for safe use. Use outside of recommended weight and size can result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING - USE AT OWN RISK! ⚠

For use in Elevated Hunting! Hunting at Elevation is Dangerous! Proper use of your equipment is vitally important! Failure to read and follow **ALL** safety instructions and warnings prior to use may result in serious injury or **Death!**

DO NOT: Modify equipment or use in any manner other than intended by manufacturer.

DO NOT: Use damaged equipment. **Always** inspect equipment thoroughly prior to use. Discard any equipment that does not appear to be in good condition. A damaged saddle must be retired immediately! Damage examples consist of but may not be limited to: Rips, tears, or holes in the webbing or rope. Any signs of fraying, melting, or burns. Torn threads or abrasion. Failure to heed this warning and use damaged equipment may result in serious injury or **Death!**

DESTROY or DISCARD: Equipment within or prior to 4 years of the manufacturer date. Always discard equipment if used to arrest a fall or if it is shock loaded. Always secure buckles and leg straps.

Weight Limit: 300lbs

Hunting saddles are work positioning harnesses for all intents and purposes. Meaning they are not an approved fall arrest harness. They are a fall restraint harness. For this reason, keep all tethers and lineman ropes taut at all times.

GENERAL SAFETY

NEVER: Use Wood Hunting Saddles products when under the influence of alcohol or drugs (even prescription)

NEVER: Use Wood Hunting Saddles products when feeling ill, nauseous, dizzy, or if you have a pre-existing medical condition that could be worsened or triggered by use of product, such as heart condition, back injury, joints that lock up, etc. If you are not well rested. You **MUST** be in a physically and mentally capable position in order to recover to your platform, climbing aid, or the ground in the event of a fall.

NEVER: Use Wood Hunting Saddles products during inclement weather such as rain, lightning, windstorms, or icy conditions. If inclement weather should arise while in a hunted position you should end your hunt and return to the ground level.

NEVER: Use a Wood Hunting Saddles product on a small or unhealthy (dead, leaning, sickly, or loose bark) tree or limb for support. If using a limb for a climbing rope system **ALWAYS** use the crotch of the limb, make sure that the limb is a live healthy limb and that it is large enough in diameter to safely sustain at least 3x your body weight. i.e., the limb should be at a minimum as big around as your leg. Never use products on a utility pole.

NEVER: Intentionally flip upside-down in, use as a swing, or shock load your equipment.

NEVER: leave a saddle in the tree or exposed to elements outside of the duration of your hunt. Doing so could cause damage from weather, animals, or tree growth.

Always inform another party of where you will be and the expected duration of your hunt. Always prepare yourself with a signal device, such as a flare, radio, mobile phone, or personal locator device.

Always use a haul line to pull up your equipment after you are safely tethered to the tree. A firearm must be pulled up with it unloaded, chamber open, and muzzle down.

ALWAYS keep instructions (written and video) in a safe place and review at least one time a year. It is the responsibility of the saddle owner to furnish the complete instructions to any person that borrows or purchases the saddle.

CONTINUED SAFETY

- It is recommended that you always share your hunting location with another person for a safety backup. However, if the hunting location is unknown by anyone and you are unable to communicate with anyone it will be important to maintain a personal safety plan to ensure your recovery and escape. It is important to understand that being in a suspension harness for extended periods of time can be fatal. Due to this it is vital to exercise the legs continuously while being suspended, either by pushing against the tree or other forms of exercise to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. The continued safety plan may differ for hunters with varying levels of personal physical fitness. Practice a personal escape and safety plan in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. Be mindful that no one plan will work equally for every hunter and in every circumstance. Only you can determine what will be right for your hunting situation.
- You should always prepare yourself with a suspense relief device and must be readily accessible on your person while using a harness. Use of a relief device allows the user to relieve the load in the lower extremities and helps to maintain circulation in the legs and alleviate suspension trauma (blood pooling) or allow descent to the ground. Be sure to read, understand, and follow the manufacturers' directions on the use of suspension relief device.
- If a self-recovery/escape ability is absent or if you do not have all necessary components of your saddle you should hunt from the ground level.

BEFORE USE:

Read all warnings, learn how to correctly put on your saddle, learn how to attach the tether and lineman rope to your saddle correctly, and always test the fit by hanging in your saddle in a safe environment.

ADDITIONS, OTHER COMPONENTS, AND MODIFICATIONS:

Wood Hunting Saddles, LLC recommends use of products provided directly by Wood Hunting Saddles, LLC as products have been safety guaranteed and are true components to act in conjunction with Wood Hunting Saddles products. However, if you would prefer a component that Wood Hunting Saddles does not readily provide, please ensure your additional component is climbing rated or meets other industry standards. (Additional components: carabiner, tether, lineman rope, etc.)

Modifications to the saddle outside of removable components are not to be made. Adjusting saddle components that are affixed may result in damage to product and lead to serious injury or death.

INSPECTION AND RETIREMENT:

You must always inspect your saddle for damage and wear before and after each use. It is vitally important that your saddle be in good condition. As damaged saddle must be retired immediately if any signs of damage or wear exist. Signs include but may not be limited to:

- Rips or holes in the webbing,
- Burnt, singed, or melted webbing.
- Torn threads, or heavy abrasion to the webbing.
- Bar tacks or stitching are loose, broken showing abrasion, or wear.
- The saddle body (mesh) or harness is worn or destroyed.
- Buckle(s) are cracked, corroded, damaged, or deformed in any way.
- Webbing is faded from UV exposure.
- Always discard equipment if used to arrest a fall or if it is shock loaded.

WARNING: Indicates inherent dangers and responsibilities the user assumes when using a Wood Hunting Saddles product.

MAXIMUM Weight: Maximum weight of user and their gear wearing Wood Hunting Saddles Saddle is 300 lbs.

SIZING:

- The original Wood Hunting Saddles offers three sizes in saddles. Size 1 for 28-33", Size 2 for 34-37" and Size 3 for 38" and up.
- It is extremely important that you wear the correct size and that your saddle fits you well. Before using your saddle, make sure to test it in a safe place to verify that you have chosen the saddle that fits you securely and comfortably.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- Hand wash only with cool to lukewarm water. Use a mild soap, no bleach. If your saddle gets wet, hang it to allow it to drip or air dry COMPLETELY out of direct sunlight before storing. Storing saddle wet may result in bacterial growth, rot, or mold.
- Saddles must not encounter corrosive and oxidative materials such as battery acid, solvents, gasoline, or chlorine 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 saddle in any way.

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

- Never store a wet or damp saddle
- Keep your saddle and other sewn equipment away from gnawing rodents and pets.
- Store all your gear in a clean and dry environment, away from heat sources, and out of direct sunlight.
- Do not store your saddle or other products with sharp objects, always protect it from sharp objects or abrasion when not in use.
- If your saddle is improperly stored and not kept away from a mildew, UV light, temperature tight environment it will weaken at fabric and thread points. Even if stored correctly your saddle should be retired within 4 years or less.

WARRANTY INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

Wood Hunting Saddles, LLC warrants Wood Hunting Saddles' products up to one year from purchase date and only to the original retail purchaser (buyer). Wood Hunting Saddles' products are inspected for defect prior to sell. If buyer discovers a defect in material or workmanship of products buyer should inform Wood Hunting Saddles LLC of defect and return product to Wood Hunting Saddles LLC immediately upon discovery for inspection of product and replacement. Warranty is limited to life support products such as Tether and Tree Saddle. Warranty is limited to manufacturer or product defects and are limited to inspections prior to fulfillment. Wood Hunting Saddles, LLC's warranty **excludes** claims for normal wear and tear, unauthorized modifications/alterations, improper use, improper maintenance, accident, misuse, negligence, damage, or if the Product is used for a purpose for which it is 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 the product. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied. Product refunds and exchanges on life support devices such as Tether and Saddle are subject to inspection, funds or exchange credit will be available after products are received and inspections have been completed.

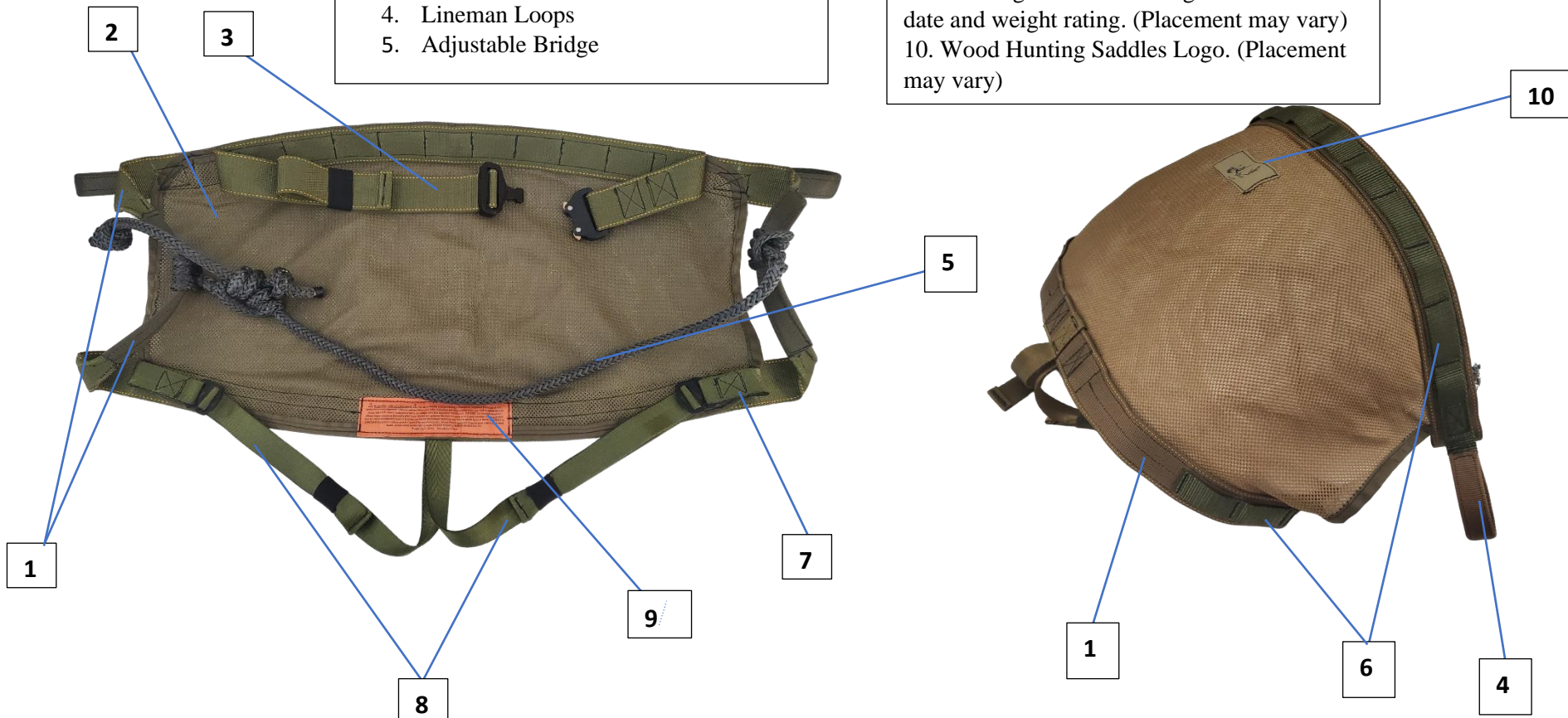
Proper Use and Understanding of Your Equipment

OVERVIEW OF SADDLE FEATURES: ** NOTE: SADDLE SHOULD BE RETIRED 4 YEARS AFTER THE MANUFACTURE DATE **

Your Saddle is comprised of 10 components. The components are listed as follows:

1. Chassis with reinforced bridge loops
2. Mesh Body
3. Waist Belt with quick release COBRA® buckles by AUSTRIALPIN™
4. Lineman Loops
5. Adjustable Bridge

6. Mollie attachment webbing
7. Leg Strap Attachment Points
8. Leg Straps with G-hooks
9. Warning Label containing manufacture date and weight rating. (Placement may vary)
10. Wood Hunting Saddles Logo. (Placement may vary)



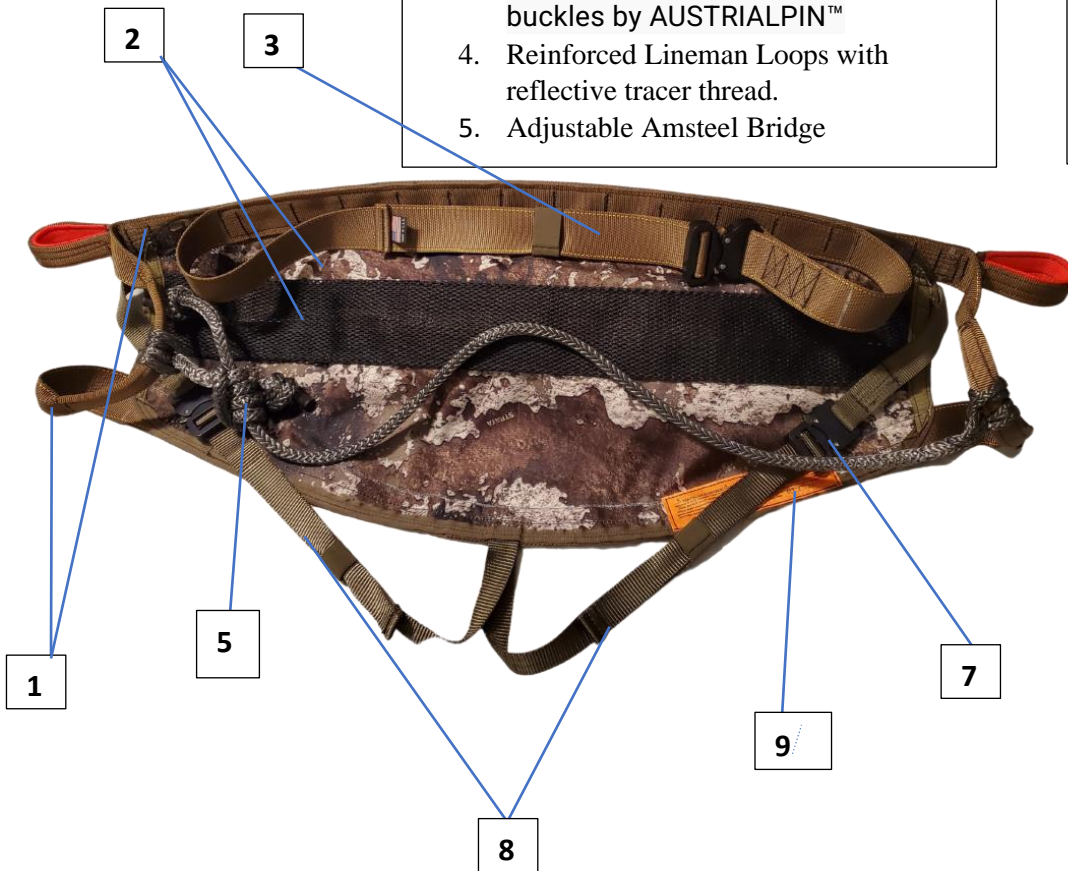
Proper Use and Understanding of Your Equipment

OVERVIEW OF SADDLE FEATURES: ** NOTE: SADDLE SHOULD BE RETIRED 4 YEARS AFTER THE MANUFACTURE DATE **

Your Saddle is comprised of 10 components. The components are listed as follows:

1. Chassis with reinforced bridge loops
2. CORDURA® Body with Mesh Expandable Pleat
3. Waist Belt with quick release COBRA® buckles by AUSTRIALPIN™
4. Reinforced Lineman Loops with reflective tracer thread.
5. Adjustable Amsteel Bridge

6. Mollie attachment webbing
7. Leg Strap Attachment Points
8. Leg Straps with G-hooks or quick release COBRA® buckles by AUSTRIALPIN™
9. Warning Label containing manufacture date and weight rating. (Placement may vary)
10. Wood Hunting Saddles Logo (Placement may vary)



**If your model is the High Pine edition, your saddle contains two additional gear loops as well as three suspender loops (suspenders not included). **

HOW TO USE YOUR SADDLE: FOR IMAGES AND VIDEOS EXPLAINING THESE STEPS FURTHER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.WOODHUNTINGSADDLES.COM .

HOW TO PUT ON YOUR SADDLE

1.) Position Saddle Around your waist:

- a. Either step into saddle, by placing saddle near ground level, stepping through the adjustable bridge, and pulling saddle up to your waistline. By doing this the Mesh seat should be behind you and the bridge should be in front of your waist. IF you have an optional open bridge, you will attach it using the carabiner attachment, by unclipping the carabiner from the Amsteel bridge eye on one side, position your saddle around your waist and then reclip the carabiner when you are ready to use your bridge.
- b. If you choose not to step into your saddle, you can lower the saddle over your head as you would a t-shirt. Make sure the mesh body is behind you, the waist belt quick release buckle towards the front at your waistline, the legs straps underneath your buttocks, and the adjustable bridge is in front of you.

2.) Secure your Waist Buckle:

- a. Once the Saddle is positioned at your waistline you will want to secure your waist belt. You will do this by holding the ends of the buckles in your hands, pulling the webbing across your belt line securing the buckle parts around your waist, pulling the mesh body to your buttocks, the two buckle ends should meet in front of your waist. Snap the buckle together by inserting the male end of the buckle into the female end of the buckle until you hear a click.
- b. Once you secure your buckle you should pull on the two pieces to ensure it is securely buckled. If buckle does not firmly click or ends release without you pressing both release levers at the same time, attempt to re-buckle it, if it does not buckle, do not proceed with the hunt and contact Wood Hunting Saddles. The cobra buckle should not be able to release under load or without both ears of the buckle being pressed in simultaneously.

HOW TO ADJUST YOUR SADDLE AND SADDLE FEATURES

3.) Size the Waist Belt:

- a. If too loose: Once the buckle is secure around your waist you will want to adjust the belt strap to fit your waist snugly. You do this by placing your fingers against the slider bar buckle edge and gently applying upward pressure to the buckle end to alleviate the pressure on the belt strap. At the same time, you will secure the excess end of the strap with your hand and pull to the side of your body away from the buckle. The belt should tighten. Any excess webbing from the waistbelt can be folded and secured out of place using the elastic waistband keeper.
- b. If too tight: If the belt is too tight once secure around your waist you will want to adjust the belt strap by securing the excess end of the waistbelt webbing in your hand and feeding it through the buckle end to move it further down the strap line. When you locate your desired length any remaining waistbelt webbing can be folded and secured out of place using the elastic waistband keeper.

4.) Securing the Leg Straps:

- a. To secure the adjustable leg straps you will reach between your legs and grab both straps, pull them forward so they are exposed, and you can see the G hooks or buckles in front of your legs. On each side of your saddle, you will notice a sewn in loop made from webbing material. This is the leg loop connection point. This is identified as number 7 above. (Depending on the model and size saddle you have yours may be higher on your saddle body and closer to the top of the bridge loops.) You will want to slide the G-Hooks into the leg loops going from top down so that the hook opens towards the ground when secured to the leg loop connection point. Or click the buckles together until you hear a positive click. You will do this individually for each leg loop.
- b. Once the leg loops are hooked to the connection point you can adjust the loops to suite your needs, if you want them tighter pull on the tail of the excess webbing that creates the leg loop to tighten the loop around your leg, to keep them loose either feed the webbing back through the G-Hook/Buckle by pushing from the tail towards the hook or pull from the other side of the leg loop that is wrapped around your leg. Any excess webbing after adjustments are made can be folded and secured in the elastic leg loop keeper on your straps.

5.) Adjustable Bridge:

- a. Your saddle is equipped with an adjustable Amsteel bridge. This bridge is especially important to your hunt as it will be your connecting point to your tether which connects you to the tree. It also will act in conjunction with your tether as your "arm" from the tree allowing you maneuverability, to adjust your comfort, and to determine how far you will lean out or how close you will sit into the tree during your hunting experience.
- b. When walking to your tree most hunters prefer to keep their bridge short and tuck the tail either in their waist band or in a dump pouch that is adhered to their saddle via their Mollie webbing. When in the tree you may find you like your bridge to be long or short. Wood Hunting Saddles adjustable bridge is 32". The bridge can be adjusted for desired length via the friction hitch located between the connection points of the bridge to your bridge loops. When adjusting your friction hitch, if it has been weighted down it will be very tight, so sliding it without removing the weight from it may not be possible. You will need to ensure no weight is on the bridge by standing on a solid surface such as the ground or your secured platform if elevated. (If elevated when adjusting, make sure your bridge remains connected to your tether and your tether is taut to the tree at all times and be cautious not to introduce slack into your system). Once you are secure and the bridge is not weighted take the friction hitch in both hands and slightly bending the knot back and forth one or two times to release some of

the tension, then you should be able to grab the tail of the bridge and push against the hitch upward to shorten the bridge or pull down on the hitch while holding onto the bridge above the hitch to lengthen it.

- c. The bridge is connected to your saddle via a double wrap girth hitch on the reinforced bridge loops (the reinforced bridge loops look like handlebars on your saddle body). The girth hitches on the reinforced bridge loops allow you to move the bridge up or down along your bridge loops to obtain optimum comfort during your hunt. You will position the girth hitches higher on your bridge loops (towards your body) to reduce pressure on lower harness and adjust them lower on the bridge loops (away from your body) to reduce pressure to your back, while increasing the saddle's cupping effect. With small adjustments you will find the settings that best suit your comfort preferences (everyone has a sweet spot).
- 6.) **Expandable pleated mesh center (DELUXE saddles):** Your saddle may be equipped with a mesh pleat. If so, you will operate your pleat by positioning your hands on the top and bottom of your saddle in the back and pulling in opposite directions. By doing this the CORDURA® will separate and the mesh pleat will become visible in the center of your saddle and will expand to create approximately 4 additional inches to the seat of your saddle. The pleat is preferable in a sitting position. To close the pleat you will remove your weight from the saddle by standing on your platform or on the ground, ensuring to remain connected to the tree with no slack in your connection method, place fingertips directly under the top fold of the pleat and lift upwards while pressing fingers inward to return the pleat into the closed position, then repeat the process on the bottom section of the pleat by pulling upward and pressing inward until the bottom of the pleat returns to the original closed position.
- 7.) **Tether: *Tether should be retired within 4 years of manufacture date or immediately if used to arrest a fall, is shock loaded, or there are visual signs of damage or compromise found.***
 - a. If you are hunting from a tree saddle you will utilize a tether to secure you to the tree. The tether is a strong piece of rope that can be secured by wrapping the end of the rope around the tree, through the eye of the tether, forming a girth hitch. Wood Hunting Saddles tethers come equipped with an elastic keeper that slides over the sewn eye and assists in minimizing the tether slipping down the tree while unweighted, keeping the tether taut to the tree. You should NEVER have slack in your tether and bridge at any point during your hunt. At NO point should your attachment point be above your tether, prusik knot or carabiner. Your tether should always either equal to your shoulder level or higher. Your positioning on your tether can be adjusted via tools such as a mechanical ascender or a friction hitch and a carabiner. (The tethers from Wood Hunting Saddles LLC are made by Bluewater Ropes. They feature a sewn eye termination, an elastic keeper, a stopper knot on the end of the tether, a factory sewn prusik loop, and a Tactical D carabiner from SMC) Please review our videos for more information accessible via our website or social media platforms at www.woodhuntingsaddles.com.
- 8.) **Lineman Rope: *Lineman Rope should be retired within 4 years of manufacture date or immediately if used to arrest a fall, is shock loaded, or there are visual signs of damage or compromise found.***
 - a. If you are hunting from a tree saddle, you will likely utilize a lineman rope to climb up the tree. The lineman rope is secured to your lineman loops either by girth hitching the eye to one lineman loop and a carabiner on the opposite loop, or via a carabiner from the eye to one loop and an additional carabiner from the adjustable prusik end to the opposite lineman loop. You should NEVER have slack in your lineman rope at any point during your climb. Your lineman rope should never allow a gap of more than 18" from your stomach and the tree. Wood Hunting Saddles rule of thumb is the distance of your forearm, meaning to place your elbow against your stomach, and place your palm against the tree, the lineman rope should not extend beyond this space. You can adjust the length of your lineman rope by sliding the prusik knot towards you to extend length and towards the tree to shorten. At NO point should your lineman rope be below your waistline, your rope should always be equal to or above your waist. (All lineman ropes from Wood Hunting Saddles LLC are made by Bluewater Ropes. They feature a sewn eye termination, a stopper knot on the end of the lineman rope, a factory sewn prusik loop, and a Tactical D carabiner from SMC) Please review our videos for more information accessible via our website or social media platforms at www.woodhuntingsaddles.com.

Once your saddle is positioned on your body and is comfortable to you, you can start practicing how to use the saddle and be safe while doing so!

HOW TO PROPERLY INSPECT YOUR SADDLE

Your saddle MUST be inspected BEFORE and AFTER every use to ensure you do not have any visible damage, such as tears, fraying, loose or broken threads, or reduced integrity due to wear and tear, etc. ANY equipment you use in conjunction with your Wood Hunting Saddle should be equally inspected for damage and should be retired immediately if damage is identified or if any of the product is used in a fall arrest, is shocked loaded, or is involved in a high impact situation such as drops or severe swinging motions.

- 1.) In good lighting look over your entire saddle chassis, front, back, along the safety buckle, and along the edges, for any signs of material compromise. Such as cuts, tears, loose threading, fraying, or heavy wear and tear zones. Visually inspect your waist belt for the same types of visual damage or signs of compromise. Inspect your quick release buckle by buckling and unbuckling your safety buckle, listening for positive affirmation "click" when buckled. Also attempt to pull the buckle apart without touching the buckle release.
- 2.) In good lighting look over the entire mesh body, along the edges near the binding, along the binding, throughout the mesh body, front, back, and sides, to identify any signs of material compromise. Such as cuts, tears, fraying, over stretched holes in mesh, or heavy wear and tear zones.
- 3.) In good lighting look over the bridge loops and lineman loops along the tops, bottoms, sides, and connection points to ensure there are no signs of material compromise. Such as cuts, tears, loose threads, loss of rigidity, separation of loops at connection points, heavy wear, and tear zones.

- 4.) In good lighting look over leg loops and leg loop connection points ensure leg loop connection points are still securely adhered, there are no loose or missing threads, and there are no tears in the loops. Review the same on the Leg straps, ensure the G-Hooks are still adhered securely with no loose threads, no missing threads, and there are no rips, tears, or heavy wear and tear on the straps.
- 5.) In good lighting look over the adjustable bridge, feel along the bridge for rough spots or melted points, move the friction hitch up and down along the bridge to identify any signs of severe fraying, broken or stretched strands, or burns in the rope. Light fraying over time is a sign of normal wear and tear on this system. If flat spots are found on the bridge, attempt to fluff them out by running your hand along the flattened spot and lightly twisting the rope. Flat spots that do not return to original shape may be sign of rope damage and further inspection may be necessary. If this occurs, please contact Wood Hunting Saddles LLC immediately!
- 6.) In good lighting look over your tethers, lineman rope, and prusik loops, feel along the bridge for rough spots or melted points, move the friction hitch up and down along the rope to identify any signs of severe fraying, broken or stretched strands, or burns in the rope. Light fraying over time is a sign of normal wear and tear on this system. If flat or soft spots are found on the rope, attempt to fluff them out by running your hand along the spot and lightly twisting the rope. Flat or soft spots that do not return to original shape may be sign of rope damage and further inspection may be necessary. If this occurs, please contact Wood Hunting Saddles LLC immediately! **Always store your ropes in a safe and dry location away from dirt, moisture, and UV light. **
- 7.) In good lighting look over your carabiners for any visual damage such as cracks, bends, and warped metal. Always ensure that the carabiner springs open and closed, if equipped with a screw gate or locking gate ensure this mechanism is not compromised and works as intended.

Please review videos on our website and social media platforms to further enhance your understanding of your equipment, how to safely use it, how to inspect it, when to retire use of your equipment, and more. www.woodhuntingsaddles.com

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