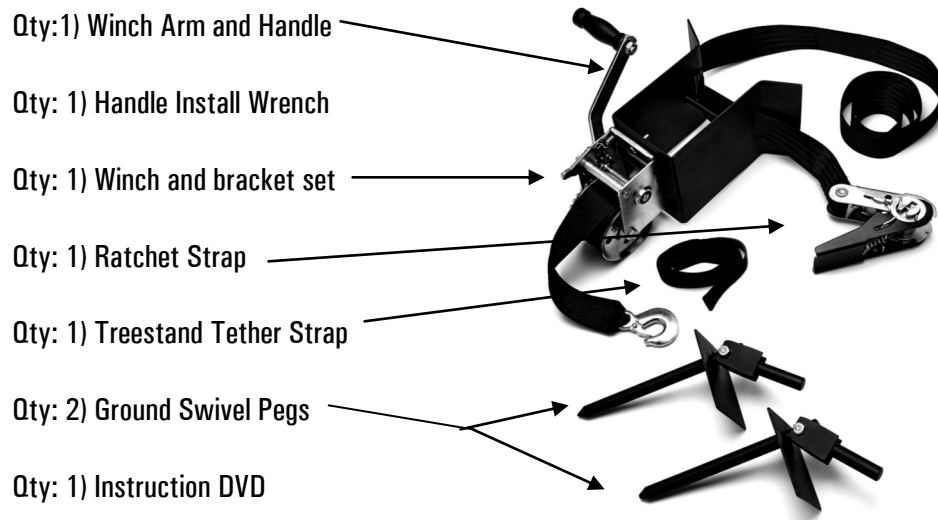




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## Parts Check List



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# **Please Do Not Return this unit to the place of purchase .**

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**Warning!** You must read, understand and follow these instructions anytime you use the Ladderstand 2nd Man to install any make or model ladder treestand. Failure to do so could cause serious injury or death. Call 614-409-9300 and speak to a .30-06 Outdoors representative **BEFORE** using this product if there is anything about it you do not understand. If you call after hours, or when a company representative is not available, do **NOT** use this product until you speak to a company representative who clarifies anything you do not understand.

It is true, the Ladderstand 2nd Man will hoist many different sizes and styles of Ladder Treestands it is important to note on larger single person and all two person ladder treestand stands we strongly urge you to use a steady brace to prop up the top section of your treestand about 3 feet off the ground to aid in the initial lift off of this hoisting process. (Discussed in Section 5) This will make the job much easier. We suggest a piece of wood like a 2x4 (not provided) or anything else available that will safely aid in this.

**Ladder Treestand Assembly:** You must read and follow your treestand manufacturer's assembly guidelines before using the Ladderstand 2nd Man. Once the treestand is in place, secured and ready for use, all of the treestand and safety harness manufacturer's safety instructions must be followed. The Ladderstand 2nd Man is simply an aid in setting your ladder treestand. In no way does .30-06 Outdoors LLC guarantee the structural integrity of any model ladder treestand you will be setting with the 2nd Man unit.

**Ladderstand 2nd Man Assembly:** The only assembly required is attaching the crank arm to the winch crank post. To do this, remove the nut from the winch post and place the crank arm on the threaded post inside of the "U" shaped handle holder. Crank arm should be flush with the handle pointing away from the unit. Install the provided nut to secure the crank arm to the post. Do not over tighten. **(Figure A) Do not attempt to use this system with any missing or damaged parts.** The Ladderstand 2nd Man is designed to set Ladder Treestands only.

**Choosing a Location:** Choosing the correct location to use the Ladderstand 2nd Man is critical for safely hoisting your ladder treestand. It is key that these items are addressed before you start any hoisting process. **Warning! You must have level ground.** When choosing a site to insert the ground swivel pegs into the ground prior to raising the ladderstand, make sure the ground is flat and level. This location is where the bottom portion of the ladder will be set and will dictate the degree of angle of the ladder itself. **Warning! Uneven ground at the treestand base is very dangerous and can result in structural damage to the treestand and or cause a treestand to fall when hoisting. This could result in serious injury or death.**

**Warning! Tree straightness is vital.** When choosing a tree that you will be placing your treestand against, choose one with a 90 degree angle to the ground at the point where the top section of the ladder treestand will attach. **Warning! Never choose a tree that is dead, dying, leaning, icy, wet or loose barked. If in doubt to the condition of the tree, DO NOT USE IT! Never hunt or use a Ladderstand 2nd Man on a utility pole.**

**Warning! A clear path for hoisting is critical.** Choose a site where nothing will interfere with your ladder treestands range of motion as you are cranking the treestand into position. Example: tree branches, debris, vines, overhead wires ect.

**Ladder Treestand Set Up:** After choosing the proper location, assemble your treestand according to your treestand manufacturer's mechanical and safe use guidelines. Install and use the Ladderstand 2nd Man with the following steps:

**1) Position the stand for harnessing:** Place the fully assembled ladder treestand face down on the ground with the top (platform/seat section) pointing away from the tree. (Figure 1) Approximately 4-6 feet from the base of the tree is a good starting point to position the bottom legs of the ladder. Positioning will vary on different model treestands.

**2) Install the ground swivel pegs:** Always install swivel pegs with the flag end towards the tree. **(Figure 2)** Slide the short end of the pegs into the hollow tubing of both sides of the ladder bottom. Push the long end of the pegs into the ground creating a 90 degree angle between the ground and the treestand. **(Figure 3)** (If it is too difficult to push the pegs into the ground while they are inside the ladder tubing, simply mark the pegs needed position and push each peg into the ground separately). (When positioning these pegs, it's important to place them parallel to the location you want the top section of your ladder treestand to be positioned when fully installed). Carefully push the pegs into the ground until the flat plate is flush with the ground. (Figure 4) Different soil types may make this easier or more difficult. If a swivel peg pushes in the ground very easy it may be too soft of ground for this system to work properly. This is often found in wet / muddy environments.

**3) Install the winch bracket:** Insert the loose end of the supplied ratchet strap through the rectangular holes located on the side of the winch bracket. Place the bracket on the ground at the base of the tree with the winch gear lever pointing up and the crank handle toward the left. Thread the strap through the slot located in the center of the ratchet spool and pull most of the webbing through the ratchet. With slack still in the strap, slide the winch bracket up the tree to approximately chest height and tighten the ratchet strap tight and flush to the tree. **(Figure 5)** **Note: it is key that the winch bracket at this time is lined up parallel with the ladder itself. So that when the winch webbing starts to tighten it is pulling directly down the middle of the ladder steps. Not slanted or angled left or right. If the winch bracket is offset from the positioning of the ground swivel pegs it will pull the treestand off balanced to the right or left during installation.**

**4) Install the treestand tether strap:** When attaching the supplied treestand tether strap, position it at the top step for ladder treestands 17 ft and under and on the 2nd or 3rd step down from the top for taller stands. Lay the tether strap across the outer legs of the treestand parallel to the step and wrap it around each leg. (Figure 6) Bring one of the looped ends through the other creating a lasso and pull it to the center of the ladder. **(Figure 7)** **Note: Make sure the surface area on the ladder section of the treestand has no jagged metal pieces or shavings or rust that could potentially cut or damage the tether strap under pressure.**

**5) Hoist the ladder treestand:** Engage the free spool lever on the left side of the winch assembly and walk the "C" hook/strap out to the tether strap clipping it to the empty loop. **(Figure 8)** (When clipping to the treestand tether, make sure the winch webbing is not twisted and is flat / parallel to the ground). *After the tether strap is hooked up now is the time to install a prop under the top section of your treestand. If you are hoisting a two person stand or a larger single person treestand it is strongly encouraged to use a piece of wood like a 2x4 cut at approximately 3-4 feet to use as a prop for easier lift off. Simply lift the top section of the treestand and slide the wood piece under the stand angled as to position it even closer to the top of the tree.*

Once the slack has been taken up, begin lifting the treestand slowly. If the winch seems bogged down or extremely hard to crank or if you see the swivel pegs starting to pull out or moving towards you ... **STOP Immediately!!!!**

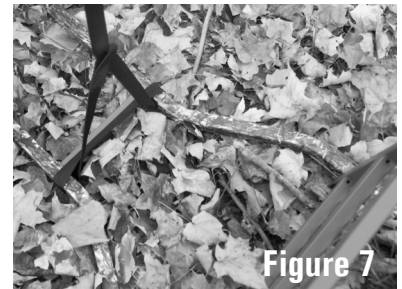
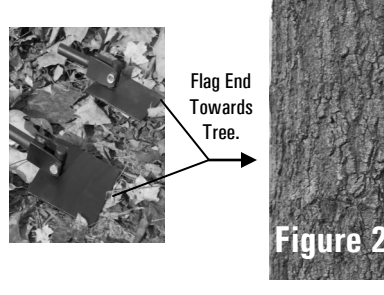
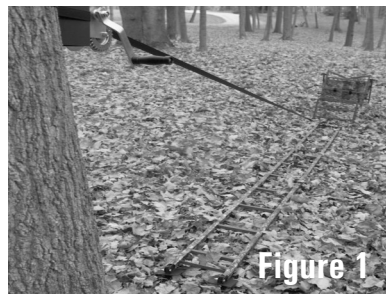
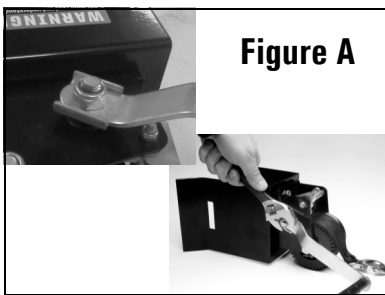
**Let down process.** Unlock the winch lever with one hand while still keeping pressure on the crank handle. Slowly let down the treestand to the ground. When this situation happens there is usually something wrong with your set up.

If there are no issues with the lift off of the ladder treestand continue cranking slowly. (Be aware that the spool webbing needs guided on with the opposite hand as to not get bound up in the winch gears). This cranking process should be slow to be as safe as possible. Watching the webbing being spooled straight and watching the hoisting process of the treestand takes constant attention to both areas. This is why slower is better. If your treestand starts to sway left or right while cranking...**STOP Immediately!!!!** Then repeat the let down process described above. Re-evaluate your set up. Swaying left and right can be caused by the swivel pegs not being properly installed, not placed on even ground or the winch not being fastened parallel with the treestand.

When successfully hoisting your treestand to an 80 degree angle, in relation to the tree, **STOP** cranking. (Figure 10) Finish placing the treestand against the tree by walking to the front section of the stand, using both hands, slowly guide the treestand to the tree. From the ground examine the treestands position for correct angle, clearance from limbs, safety and shot potential.

6) **Secure the treestand:** After the ladder treestand is leaning safely against the tree, it is at your discretion to leave the ground swivel pegs in the ground and installed in the ladder tubing. This may be done for a few reasons like aiding in letting down the treestand after seasonal use (reversing the installation process). Or you may want to leave the ground swivel pegs installed to cushion your ladder from sinking into softer ground. Users choosing to use the Ladderstand 2nd Man on multi ladderstands can purchase additional sets of ground swivel pegs if they choose to leave them in the treestands. If you choose not to leave the ground swivel pegs with the treestand leave enough slack in the winch webbing to lift the treestand off the pegs. (Figure 11) Stand in front of the treestand facing the tree and lift the ladder section with both hands high enough for the swivel pegs to fall away from the ladder. After that, slowly lower the stand to the ground. (Figure 12)

**Warning! Follow your treestand and safety harness manufactures set up and safety guidelines for securing and using your ladder treestand.** After your treestand is completely set up and secured, use your treestand manufactures guidelines in securing the ladder sections to the tree as well as securing the top platform section to the tree. To remove the winch bracket, put the winch in free spool, pull out some slack (Figure 11) then disconnect the "C" hook and the tether strap and remove it from the treestand.



### Limited Warranty

This product is warranted to be free from defective workmanship and / or materials for the period of one year from the date of purchase. Warranty valid for intended use purposes only. Warranty applies to original owner with proof of purchase from an authorized retailer.