Guide Gear GGQ20

Guide Gear 12' 2-Person Hunting Tree Stand Tower Instruction Manual

Model: GGQ20

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Guide Gear 12' 2-Person Hunting Tree Stand Tower. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new tree stand. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure your safety and the longevity of the product. This tower stand is designed to provide a stable and elevated hunting position for two individuals, offering excellent visibility and comfort.

Safety Information

Your safety is paramount. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death. Always prioritize safety when assembling, using, or disassembling the tree stand.

- Always wear a full-body harness (FBA) that meets industry standards when using this tree stand.
- Inspect all components for damage, wear, or missing parts before each use. Do not use if any part is compromised.
- Ensure the stand is placed on level, stable ground. The 3" x 4" footpads are designed to prevent sinking, but proper ground assessment is crucial.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs (226.8 kg). This includes the combined weight of users and gear.
- Never climb or descend with a loaded firearm. Always use a haul line to raise and lower equipment.
- Avoid using the stand in adverse weather conditions, such as high winds, lightning, or icy conditions.
- Ensure all bolts, nuts, and connections are securely tightened before and after each use.
- Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures and how to use your FBA in case of a fall.

Components List

Before assembly, verify that all parts are present and undamaged. Refer to the included parts diagram for identification.

- Main Tower Sections (Legs and Cross Braces)
- Platform Assembly (57.5"w. x 57.5"d.)
- Ladder Sections (20"w.)
- Two Padded Swivel Seats with Armrests

- Shooting Rail Assembly (36"h, 4-sided)
- Hardware Kit (Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Pins)
- Haul Line
- Instruction Manual

Setup and Assembly

Assembly requires at least two adults. Follow these steps carefully. Do not fully tighten all hardware until instructed.

1. **Prepare the Area:** Choose a level, stable location free of debris and obstructions. Ensure adequate space for assembly.
2. **Assemble Base Sections:** Connect the main tower leg sections and cross braces according to the diagram. Hand-tighten all bolts initially.
3. **Attach Ladder:** Securely attach the ladder sections to the main tower structure. Ensure the ladder is stable and aligned.
4. **Install Platform:** Carefully lift and secure the platform assembly to the top of the tower. Ensure it is level and all connection points are aligned.
5. **Mount Seats:** Attach the two padded swivel seats to the designated positions on the platform. Ensure they swivel freely and are securely fastened.
6. **Install Shooting Rail:** Assemble and attach the 4-sided shooting rail around the perimeter of the platform.
7. **Final Tightening:** Once all components are assembled and aligned, systematically tighten all bolts and nuts using appropriate tools. Double-check every connection for security.
8. **Stability Check:** Gently shake the assembled stand to ensure it is stable and does not wobble. Adjust as necessary.





Image: The fully assembled Guide Gear 12-foot 2-Person Hunting Tree Stand Tower, showcasing its overall structure and height.



Image: The Guide Gear 2-Man 12' Tower Tree Stand positioned in an open field, demonstrating its elevated hunting position.

Operating Instructions

Proper operation ensures safety and effectiveness in the field.

- **Pre-Hunt Inspection:** Before each use, perform a thorough inspection of the stand. Check all welds, bolts, and connections. Ensure the ladder is secure.
- **Accessing the Stand:** Use the 20" wide ladder for safe ascent and descent. Maintain three points of contact at all times.
- **Using the Haul Line:** Always use the provided haul line to raise and lower your hunting gear (firearms, bows, backpacks) after you are safely in the stand. Never carry equipment while climbing.
- **Seating:** The two padded 360° swivel seats offer comfort and flexibility. Adjust your position as needed for optimal viewing and shooting angles.
- **Shooting Rail:** The 36" high, 4-sided shooting rail provides a stable rest for aiming. It also acts as a safety barrier.
- **Exiting the Stand:** Reverse the entry process. Lower all gear with the haul line before descending the ladder.



Image: A detailed view of the spacious platform and the two padded swivel seats, highlighting the durable steel construction and comfortable seating arrangement.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your tree stand and ensure continued safe operation.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the stand periodically with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry completely to prevent rust.
- **Rust Prevention:** The stand is made of durable steel. To prevent rust, inspect for scratches or chips in the paint and touch up with rust-inhibiting paint as needed.
- **Hardware Check:** Annually, or more frequently with heavy use, check all bolts, nuts, and connections for tightness. Re-tighten as necessary.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the tree stand in a dry, covered area to protect it from the elements.
- **Fabric Care:** The padded seats can be cleaned with a damp cloth. Ensure they are dry before storage to prevent mildew.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

- **Stand Wobbles After Assembly:**
  - Ensure all bolts are fully tightened.
  - Verify the stand is on level ground. Adjust the footpads or relocate if necessary.
  - Check that all cross braces are correctly installed and secured.

- **Difficulty Swiveling Seats:**
  - Check for any obstructions beneath the seats.
  - Ensure the seat mounting hardware is not overtightened, allowing for smooth rotation.
  - Apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to the swivel mechanism if needed.
- **Rust Appears on Frame:**
  - Clean the rusted area with a wire brush to remove loose rust.
  - Apply a rust-inhibiting primer, followed by a suitable outdoor-grade paint.
  - Ensure proper storage in a dry environment to prevent future rust.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	GGQ20
Brand	Guide Gear
Item Dimensions (LxWxH)	123 x 53 x 11.25 inches (assembled)
Platform Dimensions	57.5"w. x 57.5"d.
Ladder Width	20 inches
Shooting Rail Height	36 inches (4-sided)
Weight Capacity	500 lbs (226.8 kg)
Item Weight	84 Pounds
Material	Durable Steel Construction
Seating	Two Padded 360° Swivel Seats with Armrests

Warranty and Support

Specific warranty details for the Guide Gear 12' 2-Person Hunting Tree Stand Tower (Model GGQ20) are not provided in this manual. Please refer to your purchase documentation or the retailer's website for warranty information. For product support, inquiries, or to order replacement parts, please contact Guide Gear customer service through their official website or the contact information provided at the point of purchase.

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