

## Guide Gear GGL62

# Guide Gear 20' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand Instruction Manual

Brand: Guide Gear | Model: GGL62

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Guide Gear 20' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting to assemble or use the tree stand. Proper understanding and adherence to these instructions are crucial for your safety and the longevity of the product.

## Key Features:

- Padded shooting rail unfolds to create wrap-around Blind with door
- 500-lb. weight capacity
- Double-rail ladder
- Spacious 36 inchw. x 14 inchd. padded seat



Figure 1.1: The Guide Gear 20' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, fully assembled with its hunting blind and padded seat.

Video 1.1: An overview of the Guide Gear 20' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, highlighting its key features and design.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

**WARNING: Failure to follow these safety guidelines may result in serious injury or death.**

### General Safety Guidelines:

- **Always wear a full-body harness:** A full-body harness must be worn and attached to the tree at all times while ascending, descending, and occupying the tree stand.

- **Inspect before each use:** Before each use, thoroughly inspect the tree stand, all straps, cables, and hardware for wear, damage, or deterioration. Do not use if any component is compromised.
- **Never exceed weight capacity:** The maximum weight capacity for this tree stand is 500 lbs. This includes the user(s) and all gear.
- **Proper installation:** Ensure the tree stand is installed on a healthy, straight tree with sufficient diameter and securely fastened according to assembly instructions.
- **Weather conditions:** Do not use the tree stand during inclement weather conditions such as high winds, lightning, ice, or heavy rain.
- **Read and understand:** Read and understand all instructions and warnings provided with the tree stand and any associated accessories (e.g., full-body harness).
- **Two-person setup:** It is highly recommended that two people are present for the setup and installation of this ladder stand due to its size and weight.

### 3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly of the Guide Gear 20' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand requires careful attention to detail. It is strongly recommended that two adults perform the assembly and installation.

#### Required Tools:

- Adjustable Wrench or Socket Set
- Measuring Tape
- Safety Glasses
- Work Gloves

#### Package Contents:

Component	Quantity
Ladder Sections	Varies (typically 3-4)
Platform Assembly	1
Seat Assembly	1
Shooting Rail Assembly	1
Hunting Blind Fabric	1
Hardware Kit (Bolts, Nuts, Washers)	1
Tree Straps/Ratchets	Included
Full-Body Harnesses	2

Note: Refer to the parts list in your specific product packaging for exact quantities and component names.

#### Assembly Steps:

1. **Unpack and Identify Parts:** Lay out all components on a clean, flat surface. Verify all parts listed in the package contents are present. Familiarize yourself with each piece.

2. **Assemble Ladder Sections:** Connect the ladder sections together using the provided bolts, nuts, and washers. Ensure all connections are secure but do not fully tighten until the entire ladder is assembled.



Figure 3.1: Detail of a ladder section connection, showing secure bolt and nut fastening.

3. **Attach Platform and Seat Assembly:** Secure the platform assembly to the top ladder section. Then, attach the seat assembly to the platform frame. Ensure the padded seat is oriented correctly for comfort.



Figure 3.2: Close-up view of the spacious padded seat, designed for comfort during extended periods.

4. **Install Shooting Rail and Hunting Blind:** Attach the shooting rail assembly to the seat frame. The shooting rail is designed to fold up or down. Drape and secure the hunting blind fabric around the stand, ensuring the door opening is accessible.



Figure 3.3: The flip-up shooting rail provides a stable rest and can be adjusted for convenience.



Figure 3.4: The wrap-around hunting blind offers concealment and can be easily deployed.

5. **Secure to Tree:** With the help of a second person, carefully raise the assembled tree stand against a suitable tree. Use the provided tree straps and ratchets to securely fasten the stand to the tree at multiple points, ensuring it is level and stable. Fully tighten all bolts on the ladder sections and frame once the stand is in its final position and securely attached to the tree.



Figure 3.5: The double-rail ladder features textured steps for secure climbing.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Pre-Hunt Checklist:

- Ensure the tree stand is securely attached to the tree and all straps are tight.
- Verify that the full-body harness is properly fitted and attached to the tree.
- Check for any loose components or obstructions around the stand.
- Confirm weather conditions are safe for hunting from an elevated position.

## Ascending and Descending:

- Always maintain three points of contact with the ladder (two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet) while climbing.
- Move slowly and deliberately. Avoid sudden movements.
- Ensure your full-body harness tether is always attached to the tree above you.

## Using the Hunting Blind and Shooting Rail:

- The shooting rail can be flipped up for use as a stable rest or folded down for unobstructed movement.
- The wrap-around hunting blind provides concealment. Ensure the door is easily accessible for entry and exit.
- When using the blind, be aware of your surroundings and maintain clear sightlines for safety.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect all metal components for rust, cracks, or bends. Check all bolts and nuts for tightness.
- **Strap and Cable Care:** Inspect all fabric straps and cables for fraying, cuts, or excessive wear. Replace any damaged components immediately.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the tree stand with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry completely before storage.
- **Storage:** Store the tree stand in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures when not in use.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Stand feels unstable	Loose connections or improper tree attachment	Ensure all bolts are tightened and tree straps are securely ratcheted. Re-position on a more suitable tree if necessary.
Squeaking noises	Loose joints or metal-on-metal contact	Tighten all bolts. Apply a small amount of lubricant to pivot points if necessary, ensuring it does not compromise grip surfaces.
Difficulty with shooting rail height	Incorrect orientation during assembly	Ensure the shooting rail is installed with the correct orientation as per instructions. Some users find flipping it provides better height.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand Name	Guide Gear
Model Number	GGL62
Item Weight	107 Pounds
Package Weight	107 Pounds
Item Package Dimensions L x W x H	63 x 21.5 x 9 inches
Item Dimensions L x W x H	63 x 21.5 x 9 inches
Weight Capacity	500 lbs.
Seat Dimensions	36"W. x 14"D.
Platform Dimensions	55"W. x 14"D.
Height to Shooting Rail	20'

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Guide Gear website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

**Contact Information:** Please refer to the manufacturer's website or product packaging for the most current contact details for customer service and technical support.