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Model: MLS1776 Odyssey XTL | Brand: Muddy

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your treestand. Please read all instructions carefully before assembly and operation. Proper assembly, installation, and use are critical for your safety.





Image 1.1: The Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand, fully assembled and secured to a tree trunk.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety is paramount. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death. Always adhere to all local, state, and federal hunting regulations.

- **Always wear a full-body harness:** A TMA-Certified full-body harness is included and must be worn at all times when using the treestand, including during ascent and descent.
- **Inspect before each use:** Before each use, inspect all components for wear, damage, or missing parts. Do not use if any part is compromised.
- **Proper tree selection:** Select a healthy, straight tree with a minimum diameter of 9 inches. Avoid dead, diseased, or leaning trees.
- **Secure installation:** Ensure the treestand is securely attached to the tree using all provided straps and the Tree-Lok system.
- **Weight capacity:** Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 350 lbs.

- **One person at a time:** This treestand is designed for single-person use.
- **Maintain three points of contact:** Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet) when climbing or descending.
- **Read all warnings:** Pay close attention to all warning labels on the product and in this manual.



Image 2.1: A hunter demonstrating the use of a safety harness while in a treestand. Always wear a full-body harness for safety.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly. If any parts are missing or damaged, do not proceed with assembly and contact customer support.

- Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand (main frame, seat, platform)
- Ladder sections (3 single rail sections)
- Flex-Tek seat cushion (2 individual cushions)
- Padded shooting rail
- Padded armrests
- Adjustable support bar
- 1-inch heavy-duty ratchet strap (x1)
- 1-inch stabilizer straps (x2)
- TMA-Certified full-body harness (x1)
- Orange nylon washers, spacers, and caps
- Accessory hooks (x2)
- Drink holder
- All necessary fasteners and hardware

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully to assemble your Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand. It is recommended to assemble the stand on level ground with assistance.

1. **Unpack all components:** Lay out all parts and verify against the package contents list.
2. **Assemble ladder sections:** Connect the three single rail ladder sections securely. Ensure all connections are tight and stable.
3. **Attach platform and seat frame:** Secure the foot platform (38 inches W x 12 inches D) and seat frame to the top ladder section.
4. **Install seat cushions and backrest:** Place the two individual Flex-Tek seat cushions (16 inches W x 14 inches D) onto the seat frame. Attach the integrated backrest for comfort. These are easily removable for longevity.
5. **Mount shooting rail and armrests:** Attach the padded shooting rail and padded armrests. The shooting rail is designed to flip up and out of the way.
6. **Attach adjustable support bar:** Connect the adjustable support bar to the main frame and prepare it for tree attachment.
7. **Prepare for tree installation:** With the stand fully assembled on the ground, position it against a suitable tree (minimum 9-inch diameter).
8. **Utilize the Tree-Lok System:** The innovative Muddy Tree-Lok system allows you to secure the ladder stand to the tree from the ground. Follow the specific instructions provided with the Tree-Lok system to ensure a confident climb and prevent sliding.
9. **Secure with straps:** Use the provided 1-inch heavy-duty ratchet strap and two 1-inch stabilizer straps to firmly secure the treestand to the tree. Ensure all straps are taut and the stand is stable.



Image 4.1: The Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand showcasing its full 20-foot height and ladder sections.



Image 4.2: A view from below the treestand platform, highlighting the sturdy construction and attachment points.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the treestand is securely installed, follow these guidelines for safe operation.

1. **Wear your harness:** Always put on your TMA-Certified full-body harness before leaving the ground. Attach the tether to the tree as high as possible to minimize fall distance.
2. **Ascend safely:** Climb the ladder slowly and deliberately, maintaining three points of contact at all times.
3. **Enter the stand:** Carefully transfer from the ladder to the treestand platform. Ensure your harness remains attached.

- 4. **Adjust shooting rail:** The padded shooting rail can be flipped up and out of the way for an open shooting lane, or kept down for support.
- 5. **Utilize seat:** The Flex-Tek seat contours to your body for comfort. The large bench-style seat (38 inches W x 14 inches D) provides ample space.
- 6. **Accessory use:** Use the integrated drink holder and accessory hooks to keep your gear organized and within reach.
- 7. **Descend safely:** When ready to descend, carefully transfer back to the ladder, maintaining three points of contact. Ensure your harness remains attached until both feet are on the ground.

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Video 5.1: Official product video demonstrating features and use of the Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand. This video highlights the silencer technology and sturdy DXT oval tubing construction.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your treestand.

- **Clean after use:** Wipe down all metal parts to remove dirt, moisture, and debris.
- **Lubricate moving parts:** Periodically apply a silicone-based lubricant to any pivot points or moving parts to ensure smooth operation and prevent rust.
- **Inspect straps and cables:** Check all straps, cables, and ropes for fraying, cuts, or excessive wear. Replace any damaged components immediately.
- **Check hardware:** Ensure all bolts, nuts, and fasteners are tight. Re-tighten as necessary.
- **Store properly:** When not in use, store the treestand in a dry, protected area away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight. Remove seat cushions for separate storage to prolong their life.
- **Fiber-Guard coating:** The steel components are powder coated with Fiber-Guard for durability and corrosion resistance.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your treestand.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Stand feels unstable after installation.	Straps not tight enough; improper tree selection; Tree-Lok system not engaged correctly.	Re-tighten all straps. Ensure the Tree-Lok system is fully engaged. Verify the tree is healthy and straight with adequate diameter.
Squeaking or noise during use.	Loose fasteners; metal-on-metal contact; lack of lubrication.	Check and tighten all bolts and nuts. Ensure orange nylon washers and spacers are correctly installed to prevent metal-on-metal contact. Lubricate pivot points.
Difficulty flipping up shooting rail.	Mechanism is stiff or obstructed.	Check for any obstructions. Apply a small amount of lubricant to the pivot points of the shooting rail.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Muddy MLS1776 Odyssey XTL with Tree Lok System 20' Ladder Treestand
Construction Material	Steel (powder coated with Fiber-Guard)
Height	20 feet (from ground to seat)
Weight Capacity	350 lbs
Foot Platform Dimensions	38 inches W x 12 inches D
Seat Dimensions	38 inches W x 14 inches D (bench style)
Seat Height	19 inches
Backrest Dimensions	38 inches W x 18 inches H
Ladder Sections	3 single rail sections
Item Weight	73 pounds
Minimum Tree Diameter	9 inches
Included Safety Harness	TMA-Certified full-body harness (x1)

9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Muddy Odyssey XTL Ladder Treestand comes with a **1 Year Limited Warranty**. Please refer to the warranty documentation included with your product for full terms and conditions. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, missing parts, or warranty inquiries, please contact Muddy customer support. Refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or the official Muddy website.

Website: www.gomuddy.com

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