

## Guide Gear TS003N

# Guide Gear 15' Hunting Ladder Tree Stand with Shooting Rail

Model: TS003N

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Guide Gear 15' Mesh Seat Hunting Ladder Tree Stand with Shooting Rail is designed to provide a stable and comfortable elevated position for hunting. Constructed from durable steel, this stand features a mesh seat for comfort during extended periods and a flip-up padded shooting rail for improved visibility and aiming. It is built to support a weight of up to 300 lbs, making it suitable for various hunting scenarios.





Figure 1: Fully assembled Guide Gear 15' Hunting Ladder Tree Stand, showcasing its overall structure and design.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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

- Always read and understand all instructions before assembly, installation, and use.
- Inspect all components for damage before each use. Do not use if any part is damaged or missing.
- Always wear a full-body harness (FBH) that meets industry standards while ascending, descending, and occupying a tree stand.
- Ensure the tree stand is securely attached to a healthy, live tree of appropriate diameter.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 300 lbs.
- Never hunt alone. Inform someone of your hunting location and expected return time.
- Avoid using the tree stand in adverse weather conditions, such as high winds, ice, or lightning.
- Practice proper tree stand safety techniques before hunting season.

## COMPONENTS LIST

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Before assembly, verify that all parts are present and undamaged. Refer to the included hardware pack for specific fasteners.

1. Ladder Sections (multiple)
2. Seat Platform Assembly
3. Foot Platform
4. Shooting Rail (padded, flip-up)
5. Support Bars/Braces
6. Connection Pins/Hardware
7. Tree Straps/Ratchet Straps
8. Full-Body Harness (often included)





Figure 2: Detail of a connection pin used to secure ladder sections, ensuring stability during assembly and use.

## SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Assembly typically requires two people for safety and ease. Follow these general steps:

- 1. Unpack and Identify Parts:** Lay out all components on a clean, flat surface. Compare with the components list.
- 2. Assemble Ladder Sections:** Connect the ladder sections using the provided pins and hardware. Ensure each connection is secure and stable.
- 3. Attach Foot Platform:** Secure the foot platform to the appropriate ladder section, typically near the top.
- 4. Install Seat Platform:** Attach the seat platform assembly to the top ladder section. Ensure it is level and firmly secured.
- 5. Mount Shooting Rail:** If detachable, attach the shooting rail to the seat platform. Verify its flip-up mechanism functions correctly.
- 6. Positioning the Stand:** Select a healthy, straight tree free of dead branches. Position the base of the ladder firmly on level ground.
- 7. Secure to Tree:** Use the provided tree straps and ratchet straps to firmly secure the stand to the tree at multiple points, especially at the top and middle sections. Ensure there is no movement or wobble.





Figure 3: Side profile of the tree stand, illustrating the mesh seat and the foot platform in their assembled positions.



Figure 4: Detailed view of the 17.5" x 12.25" steel mesh foot platform, designed for secure footing.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once the tree stand is securely installed:

- **Ascending:** Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet) with the ladder while climbing. Ensure your full-body harness is properly attached to the tree via a safety line before leaving the ground.
- **Occupying the Stand:** Once on the platform, ensure your full-body harness tether is securely attached to the tree above your head. Sit comfortably on the mesh seat.
- **Using the Shooting Rail:** The shooting rail can be flipped up for use as a stable rest for your firearm or bow. When not in use, it can be flipped down for easier movement or entry/exit.
- **Descending:** Reverse the ascending process, maintaining three points of contact and keeping your full-body harness attached until you are safely on the ground.



Figure 5: Close-up of the comfortable mesh seat, measuring 13" x 17", designed for extended periods of use.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safety of your tree stand:

- **Pre-Season Inspection:** Before each hunting season, thoroughly inspect all welds, bolts, nuts, and straps for wear, corrosion, or damage. Replace any worn or damaged parts immediately.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the stand with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage the finish or materials.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the tree stand in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent material degradation.
- **Hardware Check:** Periodically check and tighten all nuts and bolts.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Stand feels unstable or wobbly.	Not securely strapped to the tree; uneven ground; loose connections.	Re-position on level ground. Tighten all straps and connections. Ensure tree is suitable.
Difficulty assembling sections.	Misalignment of holes; burrs on metal.	Ensure proper alignment. Gently tap with a rubber mallet if needed. Check for obstructions.
Shooting rail is stiff or noisy.	Lack of lubrication; debris in hinge.	Clean hinge area. Apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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**Brand:** Guide Gear

**Model Number:** TS003N

**Material:** Steel

**Color:** Gray

**Height to Shooting Rail:** 15 feet (approximate)

**Seat Dimensions:** 13" x 17" (Mesh)

**Foot Platform Dimensions:** 17.5" x 12.25"

**Weight Capacity:** Up to 300 lbs

**Product Weight:** 41 lbs

**Item Package Dimensions:** 51.8 x 17.5 x 5.5 inches

**Package Weight:** 46 Pounds

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information or technical support regarding your Guide Gear 15' Hunting Ladder Tree Stand, please contact the manufacturer directly. Refer to the packaging or the official Guide Gear website for the most current contact details and warranty terms.

**Manufacturer:** Guide Gear

For additional assistance, you may visit the [Guide Gear Store on Amazon](#).

## OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEOS

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