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Guide Gear 17-Foot 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand Instruction Manual

Model: TS063

Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Guide Gear 17-Foot 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand. This tree stand is designed to provide an elevated hunting position for two individuals, offering a large platform and comfortable seating. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting to assemble or use the product. Retain this manual for future reference.

The Guide Gear 17-Foot 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand features a 40.5" x 28.5" full foot platform, individual flip-up mesh seats (17" x 15"d each), and a flip-up shooting rail. It is constructed from alloy steel and has a maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs. The stand weighs approximately 84 lbs.





Image 1: Front view of the assembled Guide Gear 17-Foot 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand.

Safety Information

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

- Always read and understand the entire instruction manual before assembly, installation, or use.
- Inspect all components for damage or wear before each use. Do not use if any part is damaged or missing.
- Always use a full-body harness (Fall Arrest System - FAS) that meets industry standards. Attach the FAS to the tree at all times while ascending, descending, and occupying the tree stand.
- Ensure the tree stand is securely attached to a healthy, live tree of sufficient diameter to support the stand and occupants. Avoid dead, diseased, or leaning trees.
- Never exceed the maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs (including hunters and gear).
- Do not use the tree stand in adverse weather conditions such as high winds, ice, or lightning.
- Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet) when climbing or descending the ladder.

- Inform someone of your hunting location and expected return time. Carry a cell phone or other communication device.
- Practice using your tree stand and FAS at ground level before hunting.
- Never carry firearms or bows while climbing. Use a haul line to raise and lower equipment after you are securely in the stand.

Package Contents

Before beginning assembly, verify that all parts are present and undamaged. Refer to the parts list (not provided in this general manual, but typically included with the product) to ensure all components are accounted for.

- Ladder sections
- Platform assembly
- Seat assemblies (2)
- Shooting rail
- Support bars and braces
- Hardware kit (bolts, nuts, washers, pins)
- Tree attachment straps/chains
- Instruction Manual

Setup and Assembly

Assembly typically requires approximately 30 minutes with at least three adults for safe and efficient setup.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Lay them out on a clean, flat surface.
2. **Assemble Ladder Sections:** Connect the ladder sections according to the specific instructions provided with your product. Ensure all connections are secure with the appropriate hardware.
3. **Attach Platform:** Secure the platform assembly to the top ladder section. Verify that the platform is stable and level.
4. **Install Seats and Shooting Rail:** Mount the two individual mesh seats and the flip-up shooting rail onto the platform frame. Ensure they are properly aligned and secured.
5. **Attach Support Braces:** Connect any additional support braces or bars as indicated in the product-specific instructions to enhance stability.
6. **Pre-Installation Check:** Before raising the stand, double-check all bolts, nuts, and connections to ensure they are tightened securely.
7. **Raising the Stand:** With the assistance of at least two other adults, carefully raise the assembled ladder stand against the chosen tree. Ensure the base of the ladder is firmly planted on level ground.
8. **Secure to Tree:** Use the provided tree attachment straps or chains to firmly secure the top section of the stand to the tree. Ensure there is no movement or wobble.





Image 2: Side view of the ladder tree stand, illustrating the ladder and platform structure.

Operating Instructions

Follow these steps for safe operation of your tree stand:

1. **Pre-Hunt Inspection:** Before each use, visually inspect the stand, ladder, and all attachment points for any signs of wear, damage, or loose connections. Check the tree for stability.
2. **Wear a Full-Body Harness:** Always wear a properly fitted full-body harness (FAS) and attach it to the tree before leaving the ground. Remain attached throughout your hunt until you are safely back on the ground.
3. **Climbing:** Maintain three points of contact with the ladder at all times. Climb slowly and deliberately.
4. **Entering the Stand:** Once at platform height, carefully transfer from the ladder to the stand platform, ensuring your FAS remains attached.
5. **Positioning:** Adjust the flip-up shooting rail as needed for comfort and stability. The mesh seats can be flipped up for standing room on the platform.
6. **Raising Equipment:** Use a haul line to raise your firearm, bow, or other equipment after you are securely seated or standing in the stand. Never climb with equipment in hand.
7. **Exiting the Stand:** Reverse the climbing process, ensuring your FAS remains attached until both feet are on the ground.



Image 3: Detail of the individual flip-up mesh seats, designed for comfort.

Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safety of your tree stand.

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect all metal components for rust, cracks, bends, or other damage. Check all

bolts, nuts, and connections for tightness.

- **Strap/Chain Inspection:** Examine tree attachment straps or chains for fraying, cuts, or corrosion. Replace any damaged components 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, protected area away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent corrosion and material degradation.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a silicone-based lubricant to moving parts (e.g., seat hinges, shooting rail pivots) to ensure smooth operation and prevent squeaks.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Stand feels unstable or wobbly	Loose connections; uneven ground; improper tree attachment.	Ensure all bolts are tightened. Verify the ladder base is on level ground. Re-secure tree attachment straps/chains firmly.
Squeaking noises during use	Lack of lubrication on moving parts; loose connections.	Apply silicone lubricant to hinges and pivot points. Check and tighten all connections.
Difficulty flipping up seats/shooting rail	Corrosion or debris in hinges; bent components.	Clean hinges and apply lubricant. Inspect for bent parts and replace if necessary.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	TS063
Brand	Guide Gear
Material	Alloy Steel
Height to Shooting Rail	17 feet (204 inches)
Platform Dimensions (L x W)	40.5 inches x 28.5 inches
Seat Dimensions (each)	17 inches x 15 inches (depth)
Weight Capacity	500 lbs (total, including hunters and gear)
Product Weight	84 lbs
UPC	885344931032

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Guide Gear 17-Foot 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact the retailer directly.
For customer support, assistance with parts, or further inquiries, please contact Guide Gear customer service or the

retailer from whom the product was purchased.

Returns: This product may be eligible for a 30-day easy return policy. Please check with your retailer for details.

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