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Model: TS018

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Guide Gear 15.5' Climbing Ladder Tree Stand is designed for hunters seeking a reliable and comfortable elevated position. Constructed from sturdy steel, this tree stand offers exceptional stability and durability for prolonged outdoor use. Its thoughtful design integrates a comfortable mesh seat with a backrest and an adjustable, flip-up shooting rail, providing optimal visibility and comfort during your hunt.





Figure 1: The Guide Gear 15.5' Climbing Ladder Tree Stand, showcasing its full assembly and design.

With a generous 300 lbs weight capacity, this single-man ladder stand is suitable for various hunting scenarios, including deer, antelope, and elk. The 15.5-foot height to the shooting rail ensures excellent sightlines, while the 26" x 15" foot platform provides ample space for comfortable positioning. The stand's design prioritizes ease of setup and secure attachment to the tree, making it a practical choice for any hunting enthusiast.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety is paramount when using any tree stand. Always adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Read the Entire Manual:** Before assembly or use, thoroughly read and understand all instructions and warnings in this manual.
- **Inspect Before Each Use:** Always inspect the tree stand, all straps, cables, and hardware for wear, damage, or corrosion before each use. Do not use if any component is compromised.
- **Use a Full-Body Harness:** Always wear a full-body harness (FBA) that meets industry standards. Remain attached to the tree with a safety line from the moment you leave the ground until you return.
- **Proper Tree Selection:** Select a healthy, straight tree free of dead branches or excessive bark. Ensure the tree diameter is within the recommended range for secure attachment.
- **Secure Attachment:** Ensure all ladder sections and the stand platform are securely fastened to the tree using the provided straps and locking mechanisms. Verify stability before ascending.

- **Weight Capacity:** Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 300 lbs, which includes the user and all gear.
- **Weather Conditions:** Do not use the tree stand during adverse weather conditions such as high winds, lightning, ice, or heavy rain.
- **No Alcohol or Drugs:** Never use the tree stand under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs, or any other substances that may impair your judgment or physical abilities.
- **Children and Unauthorized Use:** Keep children and unauthorized individuals away from the tree stand. Secure it to prevent tampering or accidental use.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please verify that all components are present before beginning assembly. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact customer support immediately.

- Ladder Sections (multiple)
- Tree Stand Platform
- Mesh Seat with Backrest and Handrails
- Adjustable Shooting Rail
- Hardware Kit (bolts, nuts, washers)
- Tree Attachment Straps/Cables
- Instruction Manual

4. SETUP

Assembly of the Guide Gear 15.5' Climbing Ladder Tree Stand is designed to be straightforward, though careful attention to detail is required for safety and stability. It is recommended to have a second person assist with the setup process, especially when raising the ladder sections.

1. **Unpack Components:** Lay out all parts on a clear, flat surface. Refer to the parts list to ensure everything is accounted for.
2. **Assemble Ladder Sections:** Connect the ladder sections together using the provided bolts and nuts. Ensure all connections are tight and secure.
3. **Attach Platform and Seat:** Secure the tree stand platform to the top ladder section. Then, attach the mesh seat and shooting rail assembly to the platform according to the diagrams.
4. **Position Against Tree:** With assistance, carefully raise the assembled ladder stand against the chosen tree. Ensure the base of the ladder is firmly planted on level ground.
5. **Secure to Tree:** Use the provided tree attachment straps or cables to firmly secure the stand to the tree at multiple points. Ensure the stand is plumb and stable before proceeding. The connection points are designed for maximum security.



Figure 2: Detail of a secure connection point, highlighting the robust hardware used for stability.



Figure 3: Side view of the assembled tree stand, showing the ladder and platform structure.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the tree stand is securely installed, follow these steps for safe operation:

- **Ascending:** Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand) with the ladder while climbing. Climb slowly and deliberately.
- **Using the Seat and Platform:** The mesh seat provides comfort for extended periods. The foot platform offers a stable base. The shooting rail can be flipped up for clear shots or down for support.
- **Descending:** Reverse the ascending process, maintaining three points of contact. Ensure your path is clear before stepping down.



Figure 4: A hunter comfortably positioned in the tree stand, demonstrating the spacious platform and seat.



Figure 5: Side view of a hunter utilizing the tree stand, showing the elevated position for hunting.

6. MAINTENANCE

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

- **Clean Regularly:** Remove dirt, debris, and moisture from all metal surfaces.
- **Check Fasteners:** Periodically check all bolts, nuts, and connection points for tightness. Tighten as necessary.
- **Inspect Straps and Cables:** Look for fraying, cuts, or excessive wear on all fabric straps and metal cables. Replace any damaged components immediately.
- **Rust Prevention:** Apply a rust-inhibiting spray to exposed metal parts, especially before storing for the off-season.
- **Proper Storage:** Store the tree stand in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures when not in use.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your tree stand, consider the following:

- **Stand Feels Unstable:**
 - Ensure the ladder base is on firm, level ground.
 - Verify all tree attachment straps are taut and securely fastened.
 - Check all assembled connections (bolts, nuts) for tightness.
 - Confirm the tree is straight and of appropriate diameter for the stand.

- **Difficulty Assembling:**
 - Review the assembly diagrams carefully. Some components may appear similar but have specific orientations.
 - Ensure all parts are correctly aligned before tightening bolts. Do not force connections.
 - If a part seems missing or ill-fitting (e.g., a brace being too short), double-check the package contents against the manual's list. Contact customer support if parts are genuinely missing or defective.
- **Squeaking or Noise:**
 - Tighten all bolts and connections.
 - Apply a small amount of lubricant to pivot points if necessary, ensuring it does not compromise grip surfaces.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand Name	Guide Gear
Model Number	TS018
Item Dimensions (LxWxH)	53.5 x 18.5 x 7 inches (packaged)
Package Weight	61 Pounds
Color	Camo
Suggested Users	unisex-adult
Height to Shooting Rail	15.5 feet
Seat Dimensions	17" x 18"
Foot Platform Dimensions	26" x 15"
Weight Capacity	Up to 300 lbs

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

The Guide Gear 15.5' Climbing Ladder Tree Stand is backed by a commitment to quality. For any inquiries or assistance, please refer to the following:

- **Returns:** Enjoy 30-day easy returns for refund or replacement.
- **Customer Support:** For product support, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact The Sportsman's Guide customer service. Contact information can typically be found on your purchase receipt or the seller's website.

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