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Model: TS063 | Brand: Guide Gear

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Guide Gear 17' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your tree stand. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure your safety and the longevity of the product.

This 2-man hunting tree stand is designed for two hunters, featuring a large foot platform and comfortable mesh seats. With a 17-foot height to the shooting rail, it offers maximum visibility for hunting deer, antelope, elk, and more. The stand is built with durable alloy steel and supports a weight capacity of up to 500 lbs.





Front view of the Guide Gear 17' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, showcasing its overall structure and dual seating.

IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

- Always read and understand the entire instruction manual before attempting to assemble, install, or use this tree stand.
- Always wear a full-body harness (FBH) that meets TMA (Tree Stand Manufacturers Association) standards from the moment you leave the ground until you return.
- Inspect all components of the tree stand before each use for any signs of wear, damage, or corrosion. Replace any damaged parts immediately.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs (including hunters and gear).
- Ensure the tree stand is securely attached to a healthy, live tree with a diameter appropriate for the stand's design. Avoid dead, diseased, or leaning trees.
- Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet) when ascending or

descending the ladder.

- Never hunt from a tree stand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use a haul line to raise and lower your hunting equipment (firearms, bows, backpacks) after you are securely seated in the stand. Never climb with equipment attached to your person.
- Practice using your tree stand at ground level before hunting at elevated heights.
- Always inform someone of your hunting location and expected return time.

COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

Your Guide Gear 17' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand includes the following main components:

- Ladder Sections (multiple interlocking pieces)
- Platform Assembly
- Dual Mesh Seats
- Flip-Up Shooting Rail
- Support Bars/Braces
- Ratchet Straps and Stabilizer Bar for secure tree attachment
- All necessary nuts, bolts, and washers for assembly





Side view of the tree stand, illustrating the ladder sections and overall height.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Assembly typically requires two to three adults. Ensure you have all parts and tools before beginning. Refer to the included hardware pack for specific bolt sizes and quantities.

Step-by-Step Assembly:

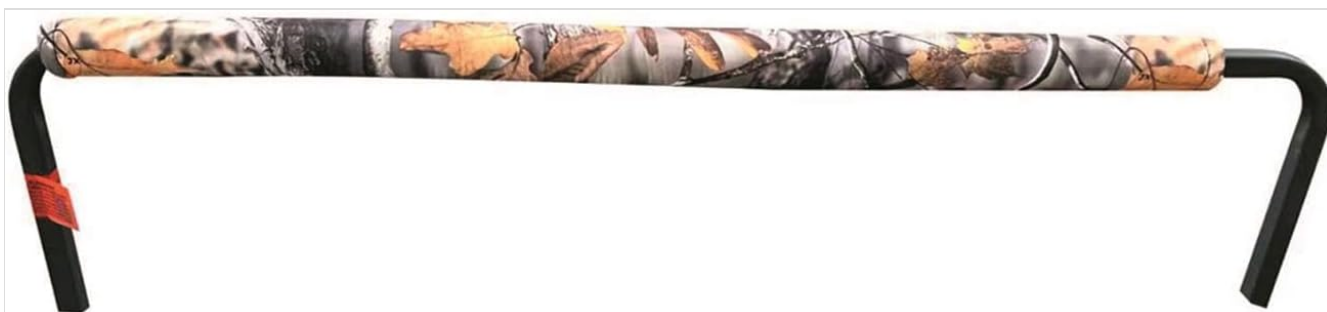
1. **Unpack and Organize:** Lay out all components on a flat, clear surface. Verify all parts are present against the packing list.
2. **Assemble Ladder Sections:** Connect the ladder sections using the provided bolts and hardware. Ensure each section is securely fastened.
3. **Attach Platform:** Secure the main platform to the top ladder section. The platform measures 40.5" x 28.5".
4. **Install Seats:** Attach the individual flip-up mesh seats to the platform frame. Each seat measures 17" x 15"d.
5. **Mount Shooting Rail:** Fasten the flip-up shooting rail to the upper frame of the stand.
6. **Secure to Tree:** With assistance, carefully raise the assembled stand against a suitable tree. Use the provided ratchet straps and adjustable-length stabilizer bar to firmly secure the stand to the tree. Ensure the stand is level and stable before use.



Detailed view of the sturdy platform, providing ample space for two hunters.



Individual flip-up mesh seats designed for comfort during long hunting sessions.



The flip-up shooting rail provides a stable rest for aiming.

Assembly Video (Similar Product):

Video demonstrating the assembly process for a similar Bolderton 18' Deluxe 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, provided by a seller. This video illustrates general assembly steps and features that may apply to your Guide Gear stand.

Video showcasing the Guide Gear 16" Swivel Ladder Tree Stand, provided by a seller. While a different model, it offers insights into the brand's ladder stand features and construction.

Video presenting the Guide Gear 20' Wide Maxi Tree Stand Ladder, provided by a seller. This video highlights features of another Guide Gear ladder stand, which may share common design elements with your 17' model.

Official product video for the Guide Gear 17' Full Platform 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand, provided by the seller. This video offers a direct overview of the product's features and design.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. **Ascending:** Always wear your full-body harness. Maintain three points of contact with the ladder at all times. Climb slowly and deliberately.
2. **Entering the Stand:** Once you reach the platform level, carefully step onto the platform, ensuring your feet are firmly placed. Remain attached to the tree with your FBH.
3. **Seating:** Lower the mesh seats and sit comfortably. Adjust the shooting rail if necessary.
4. **Hauling Equipment:** Use a separate haul line to bring up your bow, firearm, or backpack. Never carry equipment while climbing.
5. **Descending:** Reverse the ascending process. Ensure your FBH remains attached until both feet are on the ground.



An example of two hunters utilizing the tree stand, demonstrating the spacious platform and seating.



Hunters in the tree stand, highlighting the elevated vantage point for observation.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the safety and longevity of your tree stand:

- **Pre-Season Inspection:** Before each hunting season, thoroughly inspect all metal parts for rust, cracks, bends, or loose connections. Check all straps and ropes for fraying, cuts, or excessive wear.
- **Post-Season Storage:** After the hunting season, clean the stand thoroughly. Store it in a dry, protected area away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent corrosion and material degradation.
- **Hardware Check:** Periodically tighten all nuts and bolts. Ensure all connections are secure.
- **Strap Replacement:** Replace all straps, ropes, and harnesses every few years, or immediately if any damage is observed, regardless of age.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Stand Feels Unstable:** Re-check all ratchet straps and stabilizer bar connections. Ensure the tree is suitable and the stand is level. Verify all ladder sections are fully engaged and bolted.
- **Excessive Noise:** Ensure all bolts are tightened. Some noise can be caused by metal-on-metal contact; check for proper installation of any included washers or dampeners.
- **Difficulty Assembling:** Review the instruction manual carefully. Ensure you are using the correct bolts for each section. Assembly may require more than one person.

- **Missing Parts:** Contact customer support immediately if any parts are missing from the original packaging.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Material	Alloy Steel
Brand	Guide Gear
Product Dimensions	20.5"W x 7.5"H (packaged)
Color	Silver
Special Feature	Durable
Item Weight	86 Pounds
Load Capacity	500 pounds
Maximum Height	204 Inches (17 feet to shooting rail)
Number of Steps	17
Model Name	17' 2-Man Ladder
Part Number	TS063
UPC	885344931032

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Guide Gear 17' 2-Man Ladder Tree Stand comes with a **30-day warranty**. For any questions, missing parts, or warranty claims, please contact The Sportsman's Guide customer support. You can find their contact information on their official website or through your purchase platform.

For additional support, please refer to the contact details provided at the time of purchase or visit the [Guide Gear Store on Amazon](#).