



Standard Practice for Treestand Instructions¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice provides guidance for providing user instructions for treestands.

1.2 The values stated are in inch-pound units and are to be regarded as standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Terminology

2.1 The terminology and definitions in the referenced documents are applicable to this practice.

2.2 Definitions:

2.2.1 *backbar or V-bar*—the adjustable component of a climbing treestand or handclimber that engages the tree to provide support. The backbar may be rigid or flexible.

2.2.2 *climbing stick*—a device to assist climbing a tree primarily to a fixed position treestand. A structure that is secured to the tree and allows the user to support his weight and climb to the desired height on the tree.

2.2.3 *climbing treestand*—a treestand that provides both the means to ascend the tree, and allow the user to remain at a desired elevation.

2.2.4 *handclimber, or climbing aid*—a device to assist climbing with a climbing treestand. A structure that allows the user to support his weight when lifting a climbing treestand with his legs.

2.2.5 *ladder treestand*—a treestand that is secured to the tree at the elevation where the platform is located. (The ladder treestand may be secured to the tree at other locations and has steps that are used to reach the platform or hunting position.)

2.2.6 *non-climbing, fixed position or hang-on treestand*—a treestand that is secured to the tree at the elevation where it is used. (The user usually ascends the tree by some means and then lifts the treestand to the desired position and secures it for use.)

2.2.7 *platform*—the horizontal structural area of a treestand on which the user stands and/or places his feet.

2.2.8 *treestand*—a device designed to be affixed to a tree or its branches so as to permit an individual to sit or stand thereon for the purpose of attaining an elevated position from which to observe, photograph or hunt.

2.2.9 *tripod or tower treestand*—a tripod or tower treestand is constructed to be self-supporting and is not required to be secured to a tree.

3. Summary of Practice

3.1 This practice provides guidelines for the selection, content and placement of user instructions for treestands particularly for quality assurance and adequacy of safety.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice is provided to develop and maintain uniformity in practices for selection, content and placement of user instructions for treestands, particularly with regard to quality assurance and safety.

4.2 It is emphasized that the use of these practices will not alter the validity of data determined with specific tests, but provides guidance in the interpretation of test results (valid or invalid) and guidance in the selection of a reasonable general provision in those instances where no standard exists today.

5. Procedure

5.1 It is recommended that manufacturers follow the methods of developing instructions so described herein. When unusual or special conditions require instructions or information not covered herein, the manufacturer shall be responsible for their development to assure adequate information for the user.

5.2 All user instructions shall be clearly understandable, in English, and included with each unit.

5.3 Selection of Content:

5.3.1 Initial, basic instructions shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.3.1.1 The manufacturer's name and address.

5.3.1.2 The unit model identification.

5.3.1.3 The unit weight limit.

5.3.1.4 Notification to read instructions before use and that failure to do so could result in injury or death.

5.3.1.5 A warning to use fall protection such as a safety belt or harness.

5.3.1.6 Cautions on use during inclement weather and on trees of questionable integrity.

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