

HUNTER RESCUE™ SELF RECOVERY DEVICE

This device is protected by patent # 8,348,016 B2 and other patents pending.

WARNING! YOU MUST FULLY READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS (WRITTEN AND VIDEO) BEFORE USING YOUR HUNTER RESCUE™ SELF RECOVERY DEVICE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNINGS, INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE, MAINTENANCE AND WARRANTY

Warnings:

The Hunter Rescue™ can be used with the LPI Universal Harness, Hunter Safety Systems®* harnesses, Summit® Seat of the Pants (SOP)® harnesses and Gorilla® XO Tech G30 harnesses.

- Hunter Rescue™ is rated and for a weight range of 45 lbs to 300 lbs. Do not use this product if you do not weigh at least 45 lbs or serious injuries or death may result. Do not exceed weight limit of 300 pounds or serious injury or death may result.
- Inspect nylon straps and rope for wear and/or damage and replace if needed.
- Do not use a damaged strap or rope if there are any cuts in the nylon strap and/or if the rope is frayed or damaged in any manner or serious injury or death may result.
- Do not allow the Hunter Rescue™ rope, lanyard and/or tether strap to get under your chin, around your neck or around your body or serious injury or death may occur.
- Use only with braided life safety escape ropes with a diameter of 9.0 mm. Do not use three (3) strand ropes of any composition (i.e. nylon, polypropylene, cotton, hemp, etc.). Do not use climbing ropes as they are too elastic.
- Use this device only with a the tree strap included with this kit.
- Use, inspect and repair only in accordance with these instructions or serious injury or death may result.
- Failure to following these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

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- ❑ Serious injury or death may result from the improper use of this equipment.
- ❑ Inform someone of the hunting location, where the tree stand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt.
- ❑ Inspect your tree stand and all safety devices each time before use and do not store the system or its component parts outdoors when not in use.
- ❑ Discard and/or remove your harness from service as well as the rope threaded through the Hunter Rescue™ in the event you experience a fall.
- ❑ Instructions (written and video) should be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually. It is the responsibility of the owner of this equipment to furnish the instructions to any person who borrows or purchases this equipment.
- ❑ Discard and/or remove harness, and tree strap from use and service after five (5) years from manufacturing date or after first fall whichever occurs first. Failure to discard and/or remove your harness from service after five (5) years from manufacturing date or after arresting a fall, may cause serious injury or death.
- ❑ **It is critical that the length of the harness tether must be minimized at all times. It should be adjusted so that it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position and you should have the minimum amount of slack possible when climbing. See Photo.**



Limitations and Proper Use:

The Hunter Rescue™ Self Recovery Device is designed to assist a hunter (or anyone else) to safely and in a controlled manner, lower themselves to the ground in the event they fall out of a tree stand or other elevated platform. For a video demonstration of the use of the Hunter Rescue™ visit our website at www.hunterrescue.com.

Instructions for Use:

- A. Instructions to put on harness - Please read, understand and follow the instructions included with your harness as well as the warnings.
- B. Instructions prior to climbing.
 1. Read, watch and follow these instructions and the enclosed tree stand safety DVD as well as the tree stand manufacturers instructions before using this fall arrest system.
 2. Actuate (pull) release lever on Hunter Rescue™ to confirm it moves freely before you get in a tree. If the release lever does not move due to debris or ice the device will not work! Do not use if release lever does not move down and spring back into its original position. See Photo 1.



Photo 1

3. Inspect rope, lanyard and strap for any damage. If any damage noted then do not use! See photo 2.



Photo 2

4. Practice the use of the full body harness and Hunter Rescue™ at ground level in the presence of a responsible adult to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using in a hunting environment. See photo 3. Activate the Hunter Rescue™ using either of the two methods so that you will know how much force it will take to activate the release.



Photo 3

*After practicing, pull the rope in the opposite direction of the arrows in the rope travel path marked on the side plates to the point where the knot at the top of the rope is snug against the top of the Hunter Rescue™. (See knot in photo 5.)

5. Thread the enclosed tree strap through the loop in the rope at the top of the Hunter Rescue™. See photo 4.



Photo 4

6. Secure the tree strap around the tree by threading it through the supplied tree strap. The rope needs to be at least 8" from the slide buckle (See photo.)



Photo 5

7. Attach connector at base of Hunter Rescue™ to the full body harness. See photos 6 & 7.



Photo 6



Photo 7

8. Screw the connector shut to secure the connection. See photo 8.



Photo 8

9. This kit comes with 30' of rope. Confirm you will not be hunting higher than thirty (30) feet from the ground. If you do, purchase a longer rope. (9mm escape rope) from Hunter Rescue™ and we will provide you with the instructions on how to load the rope into the device.

C. Instructions for Climbing Stands.

1. Read and follow the tree stand manufacturers instructions in installing and using the tree stand.
2. Initially loosen the tree strap above your head, move it up and then tighten. Then climb until you are eye level with the tree strap, then loosen the tree strap and move it up higher above your head and tighten strap. Then continue to climb higher. You will need to continue doing this until you have reached the height at which you wish to hunt. This method will not work with a ladder stand or with a hang on/lock on stand. See photos 9, 10 and 11.



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12

3. **Please note: While climbing the rope and lanyard should be inside the top section of the tree stand. See photo 13.**



Photo 13

4. Once you have reached the height that you wish to go the tree strap needs to be secured such that the length of the harness tether must be minimized at all times. It should be adjusted so that it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position. The height above the head varies depending on how tall, short, etc. you may be. However, the tether and Hunter Rescue™ should be snug while you are in the sitting position. See photo 14.



Photo 14

D. Instructions for a Hang On/Lock On stand.

1. Follow the tree stand manufacturers instructions in installing the stand and using the tree stand.
2. When moving from your climbing sticks to your stand, do not disconnect from life line until after you have connected to the Hunter Rescue™. When you descend, do not disconnect from Hunter Rescue™ until you have connected to your lifeline. In other words, always stay connected!
3. The Hunter Rescue™ should be secured via the tree strap such that the harness tether length is minimized.

4. **The Hunter Rescue™ should be secured such that the Hunter Rescue™ and lines hang to the side of the tree opposite of the sticks or ladder you used to get to the stand in. Why? So that the Hunter Rescue™ clears the hang on/lock on stand in the event it is needed. If you fall on the stick or ladder side you should be able to use the sticks or ladder to get back onto the stand. See photo 15.**



Photo 15

E. **Instructions for Ladder Stand.**

1. Follow the tree stand manufacturers instructions in installing the stand and using it.
2. The Hunter Rescue™ should be secured via the tree strap such that the harness tether is minimized while in a seated position.
3. **In a ladder stand the Hunter Rescue™ should be secured on the tree such that it centers the seat of the tree stand. Why? Because you do not know which side you will fall on. See photo 16.**



Photo 16

4. Finally, we recommend that you tie the end of the release lanyard to a belt loop or clip to an article of clothing so that the release lanyard follows you. However, **DO NOT** tie around neck, arms or your harness!
5. Finally, watch out for ladder stand support bars as you come down. You may have to kick off the support bar as is seen on our website videos.

F. Instructions if you fall.

1. Remain calm. Do not panic!
2. Confirm 9.00 mm rope is not tangled around your body so it can be fed through the Hunter Rescue™ smoothly.
3. Confirm no ropes or lanyard is tangled around your neck.
4. Locate lanyard attached to the release lever of the Hunter Rescue™. See website.
5. Look down for limbs and other things that could catch you when you descend or that you may land on. Look down for a landing spot.
6. Turn your body so that you are facing away from the tree before activating the Hunter Rescue™.
7. Bend knees to absorb shock on landing.
8. Reach up and pull lanyard down with both hands to activate release lever. See photo 17.



Photo 17

9. Slowly pull on lanyard which will release Hunter Rescue™. **The amount of pressure necessary is the same force it will take for you to initiate a pull up.**
10. To stop, simply let go of lanyard or reduce pressure on lanyard. Hunter Rescue™ will automatically stop on rope.
11. The slowest and smoothest method to use is to pull on the release lanyard while at the same time holding and squeezing the larger line that feeds into the Hunter

Rescue™. While the release is open you can control the speed of your descent by how fast you allow the larger line feed through your hand.

12. For a video demonstration of these instructions visit our website at www.hunterrescue.com.

Instructions after use from a fall.

1. In the event you fall replace your harness. Please contact www.hunterrescue.com for replacement components.
2. You will have to purchase a replacement harness. This product is compatible with LPI Universal Harnesses, *Hunter Safety Systems® Tree Stalker harnesses, *Summit ® Seat of the Pants harnesses and *Gorilla® XO Tech G30harnesses.

Maintenance.

1. Replace harness if you fall.
2. Check rope for fraying/cuts/burns and replace if necessary.
3. Check for mud or any debris in unit.
4. If mud or debris is in the unit then wash with soap and water and air dry.
5. Activate release lever to confirm all mud or debris has been cleared from unit.
6. **If release arm can not be activated, DO NOT USE! It is critical that the release arm can be activated. If it can not be activated and spring back the unit will not work.**

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Warranty:

If you are not 100% satisfied with your order when it arrives, we will refund your money if the product is returned in its original container, with original packing and proof of purchase to: Lewis Products, Inc., 600 Century Park South, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35226. Products returned after thirty (30) days from purchase are not eligible for return credit. You will be responsible for the cost associated with shipping the product back to us (we do not accept C.O.D.). If, for any reason, we feel that the product was not returned in the same condition as when it was purchased, we reserve the right to withhold the amount needed to bring the product back to its original condition if we determine that the product has been abused.

Limited Warranty for the Hunter Rescue™ :

We also warrant that the Hunter Rescue™ is free from defects in material and workmanship for as long as you own the product. If Buyer discovers a covered defect, Buyer should deliver the Product at his/her cost (we will not accept C.O.D.), along with proof of purchase directly to Lewis Products, Inc., 600 Century Park South, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35226. We will replace or repair the product free of charge. You are advised to insure the product during shipment in the event it is lost or damaged in return shipment. Replaced or repaired product will be shipped, if available, within three weeks upon receipt by us. This is the extent of our liability under this Warranty. By accepting this Warranty, the Purchaser agrees that the warranty and disclaimer shall be governed by the law of the State of Alabama.

What is not covered by Limited Warranties:

We do not warrant our products for defects caused by modifications or alterations, improper use, improper maintenance, misuse, or if the products are used for a purpose for which they were not designed or intended. Fading of nylon webbing and/or rope is not covered under this warranty. This Warranty gives you specific rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Warranty Disclaimer:

These warranties are given in lieu of any and all implied warranties, including but not limited to: Implied Warranties of Merchantability, and Fitness for a Particular Purpose. In no event shall we be liable for any special, indirect, punitive and/or consequential damages caused as a result of the use of our products. This Warranty does not include any manufacturer responsibility for any incidental or consequential damages resulting from the use of our products. Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion may not apply to you. We are not liable for any injury, or mishaps arising from the use of our product. The user of our product assumes all risks and damages that can occur when falling out of any elevated tree stand or platform and waives any and all claims against us, our subcontractors and our distributors for any and all injuries (including death) that may result from the use of our products.

For additional information contact us at www.hunterrescue.com.

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