

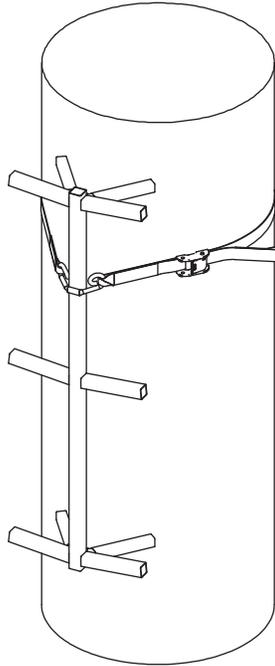


Operator's Manual  
**GRIP STICK™**  
**Climbing Aids**

**Wear Your  
Harness!**



Certified to TMA  
Standards by an  
Independent  
Testing Laboratory



**INCLUDES MODEL #'s:**

RE718, GRIP STICK SINGLE  
RE719, GRIP STICK 3-PACK

**Maximum Field Rating - 300 lb**  
**Tree Diameter Range - 8" to 20"**

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If for any reason you have a problem with your product, **DO NOT return to the retailer**, contact the Rivers Edge customer service department at 800-450-3343 for assistance.

**⚠ WARNING**

**YOU MUST PURCHASE AND ALWAYS USE A FULL BODY HARNESS (FALL ARREST SYSTEM) WITH A CLIMBING BELT THAT MEETS TMA STANDARDS WHILE USING THIS PRODUCT. SINGLE SAFETY BELTS AND CHEST HARNESSES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING A FULL BODY HARNESS WITH A CLIMBING BELT THAT IS PROPERLY ATTACHED TO THE TREE THAT IS PROTECTING YOU FROM A FALL, DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUND.**

**FAILURE TO USE OR IMPROPER USE OF A FULL BODY HARNESS (FALL ARREST SYSTEM) WITH A CLIMBING BELT THAT MEETS TMA STANDARDS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. IF ANY INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD OR IF YOU HAVE A PARTS ISSUE CALL 800-450-EDGE (3343) BEFORE USING.**

**READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL ASSEMBLY, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, & USE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BEFORE EACH USE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

**READ AND PERFORM ALL INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE TASKS BEFORE EACH AND EVERY USE. REPLACE ANY QUESTIONABLE COMPONENTS IMMEDIATELY WITH RIVERS EDGE ORIGINAL REPLACEMENT PARTS. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR STAND OUTDOORS - REMOVE AFTER EACH USE AND STORE INDOORS!**

**INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE AND REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TREESTAND OWNER TO FURNISH THE COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY PERSON THAT WHO BORROWS OR PURCHASES THE TREESTAND.**

**DOUBLE CHECK ASSEMBLY STEPS TO BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE CORRECTLY ASSEMBLED THIS PRODUCT.**

**DO NOT CRUSH TUBING WHEN TIGHTENING BOLT ASSEMBLIES! IDENTIFY AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ALL PARTS BEFORE YOU START.**

**DO NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FIELD RATING- 300 LB.**

**NEVER USE ANY PRODUCT THAT HAS NOT BEEN MAINTAINED OR INSPECTED PROPERLY - YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!**

**WHEN HUNTING FROM A TREESTAND, FALLS CAN OCCUR ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH.**

**NEVER ATTACH TO A DEAD, ODD-SHAPED, LEANING, DISEASED, LOOSE-BARKED TREE OR UTILITY POLES.**

**REPLACE ANY AND ALL TREESTAND STRAPS EVERY TWO YEARS OR WHEN ANY SIGNS OF DAMAGE OR WEAR EXIST BEFORE.**

**⚠ WARNING**

**BE SURE TO RAISE AND LOWER YOUR WEAPON OR GEAR WITH A HAUL LINE. GUN BARREL END OR ARROW TIPS MUST BE POINTED DOWN - AWAY FROM YOU.**

**ALL ASSEMBLY MUST BE DONE IN THIS ORDER AT GROUND LEVEL BEFORE SETUP AND USE.**

**STUDY YOUR NEW CLIMBING AID TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL OF ITS FEATURES AND DESIGN. AT GROUND LEVEL, FOLLOWING PROVIDED USE INSTRUCTIONS, PRACTICE ATTACHING CLIMBING AID TO TREE AND REMOVING FROM TREE BEFORE ATTACHING OVERHEAD. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. PROPERLY USE A FULL BODY HARNESS (FALL ARREST SYSTEM) WITH A CLIMBING BELT THAT MEETS TMA STANDARDS AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING ASCENDING TO AND DESCENDING FROM A TREESTAND.**

**SECTIONAL LADDERS AND STEPS SHOULD BE SPACED ON THE TREE TO INSURE EACH STEP IS NO MORE THAN 18-INCHES APART.**

**CHECK EVERY STICK LADDER SECTION CONNECTION EVERY TIME YOU USE THE STICK LADDER BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE GROUND. IF STICK LADDER SECTIONS ARE SEPARATING, DO NOT USE THE STICK LADDER.**

**BE CERTAIN TO ALWAYS LEAN FORWARD, TOWARD THE TREE WHEN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING CLIMBING AID.**

**ALWAYS HAVE THREE POINTS OF CONTACT WHILE CLIMBING STICK.**

**NEVER HOLD ONTO ANY SECTION OR PULL ON ANY SECTION THAT IS NOT SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE TREE WITH THE PROVIDED STRAP AND BUCKLE.**

**ALWAYS ATTACH THE CAM STRAP ASSEMBLY SO THE SPRING LOADED CAM LEVER OF THE STRAP IS FACING AWAY FROM THE TREE. NEVER TOUCH THE CAM LEVER WHILE PUTTING WEIGHT ON THE STICK AND/OR CLIMBING THE STICK AS THIS COULD POTENTIALLY RELEASE THE STRAP AND REMOVE THAT SECTION FROM THE TREE.**

**A FULL BODY HARNESS WITH LINEMAN'S/CLIMBING BELT MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE INSTALLING OR REMOVING ANY HANG-ON CLIMBING AIDS.**

**HANG-ON CLIMBING AIDS MUST BE PLACED ON THE TREE AT A HEIGHT ABOVE THE PLATFORM WHERE THE USER CAN MAINTAIN A HANDHOLD OF THE UNIT AND STEP DOWNWARDS ONTO THE TREESTAND. NEVER STEP UP FROM A CLIMBING DEVICE TO GET INTO YOUR STAND.**

**WHEN USING A CLIMBING/LINEMAN'S BELT TO ASCEND THE TREE, THE FULL BODY HARNESS TETHER SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE TREE BEFORE STEPPING DOWN ONTO THE TREESTAND.**

**NEVER JUMP OR BOUNCE ON A CLIMBING AID TO SEAT IT TO THE TREE.**

## CRITICAL STRAP ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

At ground level, prior to attaching to tree and leaving the ground, it is critical you familiarize yourself with the Grip Stick and how the strap attaches to the stick. Improper strap attachment to the stick and/or improper stick attachment to the tree may lead to serious injury or death due to sudden release of an incorrectly attached strap/stick!

1. The cam strap (17253) can be attached so that the side with the buckle and adjustment can be put on either side of the welded-on ram horn attachment depending on your left or right hand installation preference. Start by attaching the sewn loop of short strap to either the left or right side of ram horn by sliding sewn loop completely over the ram horn and pulling back for secure attachment to the ram horn. **SEE FIGURES 1a, 1b and 1c**
2. The sewn loop on end of long strap secures to the opposite side of ram horn attachment in the same way as described in step 1 by sliding sewn loop completely over the ram horn and pulling back for a secure attachment to the ram horn.
3. It is critical that you secure the sewn loops of cam strap to the ram horn attachment properly and securely, your life depends on it! **DO NOT** attach the sewn loops of the strap as shown in **FIGURES 2a and 2b** or any other incorrect fashion or you may be seriously injured or killed due to sudden release of an incorrectly attached strap/stick to the tree!

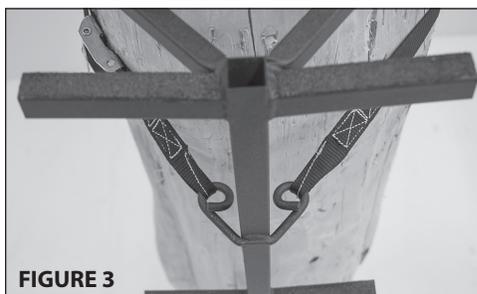
## SETUP AND USE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standing on ground with (1) Grip Stick section against tree, attach the sewn loop of short strap to either the left or right side of ram horn by sliding sewn loop completely over the ram horn and pulling back for a secure attachment to the ram horn. **SEE FIGURES 1a, 1b and 1c**
2. Wrap entire cam strap assembly around the tree and repeat STEP 1 by sliding sewn loop of long strap over opposite side of ram horn, pulling back for a secure attachment to the ram horn. Pull the tail of cam strap tight so that the section is snugly secured to the tree. Be certain all (4) contact points of tree huggers (2) on each hugger, are contacting tree. **SEE FIGURE 3**

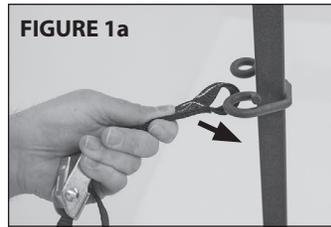
**NOTE: Make sure you wrap the long strap correctly so there are no twists in the strap around tree.**

**NOTE: Be sure you have attached the cam strap in such a way that the lever of cam buckle will not face the tree when attached to the tree during use.**

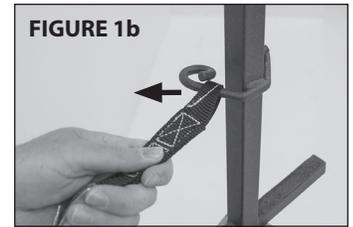
3. Take the section and pull down on it so it feels stable and is "seated" into position before stepping on it. Check again to be certain all (4) contact points of tree huggers are contacting tree. Redo as necessary to accomplish this.
4. While properly wearing/using a Full Body Harness with a lineman's/climbing belt, climb the Grip Stick section only far enough to attach the second section to the tree. Repeat steps 1, 2 and 3 for proper attachment of all remaining Grip Stick sections.
5. Reverse setup and use instructions to remove Grip Stick sections from the tree.



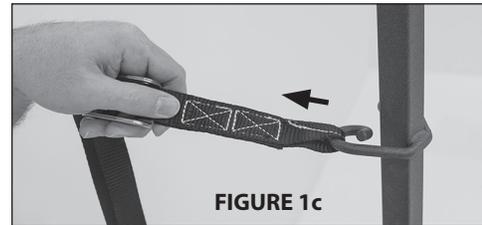
**FIGURE 3**



**FIGURE 1a**



**FIGURE 1b**



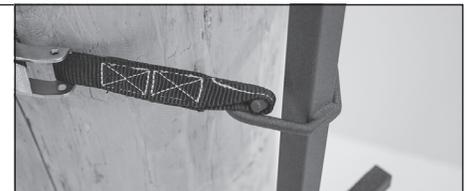
**FIGURE 1c**

### **! WARNING**

**ATTACHING STRAP IMPROPERLY COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**



**FIGURE 2a**



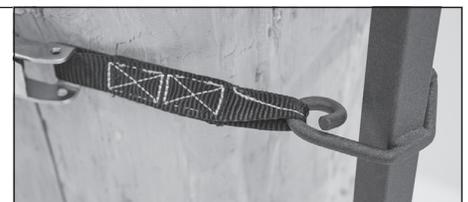
**Sewn loop is only attached to end of ram horn**



**FIGURE 2b**



**Sewn loop is around outside of ram horn**



**Sewn loop is inside of ram horn**

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### FOR ALL RIVERS EDGE PRODUCTS

- Inspect all webbing, rope, cord, and strap assemblies for wear or damage.
- Inspect cables and cable ends for damage or kinking.
- Inspect all hardware and chain components for damage.
- Inspect for any structural damage to product. (Return to factory for repair or discard product if any damage is found.)
- Inspect all nut and bolt assemblies to be certain none are loose.
- Inspect for any missing parts.
- Lubricate all pivot and slide together points with powder graphite to prevent noise, wear, and rust.
- Inspect entire product for any rust, corrosion, cracks, freezing, excessive heat, or rotting damage that may effect the safety of your product. Discard any questionable product.
- Inspect entire product for any structural damage - pay close attention to all weld locations. (Return to factory for repair or discard product if any damage is found.)
- Using correct wrenches inspect all nut & bolt assembly locations and snug up any that may be loose. Be careful not to crush tubing when tightening!
- Inspect and check operation of all cables, cable ends, cord, rope, webbing, and strap or chain assemblies. Replace with factory new any item or assembly that shows signs of wear, damage, kinking, or functions incorrectly.
- Inspect seat. Replace any seat with factory new that shows signs of structural damage or wear.
- Inspect all hardware for wear or damage, also be sure you have no missing parts.
- Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer.

### ALWAYS...

- Be physically fit, mentally alert, and well rested before using this product.
- Read, understand and follow all warnings and instructions before use, save for future reference.
- Use a Full Body Harness (Fall Arrest System) with a climbing belt that meets TMA standards at all times including ascending to and descending from a treestand.
- Be fully aware of foot placement.
- Recommended for adult use only.
- Inspect for missing parts, all hardware condition, and damage before every application, replace if necessary.
- Remove after every use, store product indoors.
- Use only Rivers Edge original replacement parts.
- Lean forward, toward tree, when ascending or descending climbing aid.
- Lubricate all slide together points with powder graphite to prevent binding, wear, rust & noise.
- Avoid all electrical power lines.
- Inform someone of the hunting location, where the treestand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt.
- Carry a signal device such as a mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or personal locator device (PLD) and it must be readily available at all times.
- Inspect the climbing aid/treestand and all safety devices each time before use and do not store outdoors when not in use.

### NEVER...

- Sleep in a treestand.
- Exceed the total field rating of 300 lb.
- Attach to a dead, odd-shaped, leaning, diseased, loose-barked tree or utility pole.
- Use on trees with a diameter smaller than 8 inches or larger than 20 inches.
- Use a climbing aid/treestand during inclement weather such as rain, lightning, windstorms or icy conditions and end your hunt and return to the ground if inclement conditions arise.
- Carry gun or bow when ascending or descending.
- Alter the original design of your climbing aid.
- Jump on or use in a careless manner.
- Lean out over edge of device.
- Use when intoxicated or using over-the-counter medication or prescription drugs.
- Use a climbing aid/treestand when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem (i.e. heart condition, joints that lock up, spinal fusions, etc.) or if you are not well rested.
- Rely on a tree branch for support.
- Use a damaged product, replace with new.
- Loan your climbing aid to someone else.



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