

Operator's Manual

Nested® TREE ROPE

MODEL NT401

MAXIMUM FIELD RATING

350 LB.

TREE DIAMETER RANGE

8" TO 20"

WEAR YOUR HARNES!



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STOP

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS BEFORE ASSEMBLY

MODEL NT401

TOTAL WEIGHT LIMIT - 350 LB

WARNING

- ▲ This product carries strict weight restrictions. **DO NOT** use this product if you exceed the total weight limit. Please note that the total weight limit includes the user(s) and their equipment.

WARNING

- ▲ **WHEN HUNTING FROM, INSTALLING, OR REMOVING A TREESTAND FALLS CAN OCCUR ANY TIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH.**
- ▲ When using, installing, or removing a treestand, **ALWAYS** wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) comprising a full body harness at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using, installing, or removing hang-on treestands. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and shall never be used. When using, installing, or removing a treestand, if you are not wearing a full body harness properly attached to the tree that is protecting you from a fall, do not leave the ground.
- ▲ **READ AND UNDERSTAND** all of the manufacturer's Warnings and Instructions and use all safety devices provided by the manufacturer. Contact the manufacturer for any questions. Failure to do so could result in injury or death.
- ▲ Inspect the treestand, climbing aid, rope, and all safety devices each time before use and **DO NOT** store a treestand or climbing aid outdoors when not in use.
- ▲ **ALWAYS** store your strap/rope out of direct sunlight and any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.
- ▲ **NEVER** modify your treestand, climbing aid, or strap/rope in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer.
- ▲ Instructions (written and video) shall be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually. It is the responsibility of the owner to furnish the complete instructions to any person who borrows or purchases the treestand, climbing aid, or strap/rope.
- ▲ Practice the attachment of hang-on treestands or climbing aids at ground level before using in a hunting environment. Doing so will confirm that the product is manufactured, assembled and installed correctly. Failure to install and test at ground level first puts users at risk for serious injury or death!

WARNING

- ▲ Climbing aids/aider ropes shall be spaced on the tree to insure each step is no more than 18 in. (45.72 cm) apart.
- ▲ Read and perform all inspection and maintenance tasks before each and every use. Replace and questionable components immediately with Nested original replacement parts.
- ▲ **ALWAYS** maintain three (3) points of contact when ascending or descending a ladder or climbing aid. Proper three-point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on the step portion of the ladder or climbing aid at all times.
- ▲ **ALWAYS** wear the appropriate footwear when using a treestand or climbing aid. A good non-slip safety boot is important to your personal safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the treestand, climbing aid, or any of their components (tuck shoelaces into boots before climbing).
- ▲ **ALWAYS** lean forward as you ascend or descend ladder or climbing aid. **NEVER** lean out over the edge of device.
- ▲ Double check assembly steps to be certain you have correctly assembled this product.
- ▲ Replace any and all treestand or climbing aid straps/ropes every two years or when any signs of damage or wear exist before.
- ▲ **NEVER** hold onto any section or pull on any section that is not securely attached to the tree.
- ▲ **DO NOT** crush tubing when tightening bolt assemblies! Identify and familiarize yourself with all parts before you start.
- ▲ **NEVER** use a product that has not been maintained and inspected properly – Your life depends on it!
- ▲ **DO NOT** remove labels/warnings from product, they are there for your safety.
- ▲ Recommended for adult use only.
- ▲ Only use approved Nested parts. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death!

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

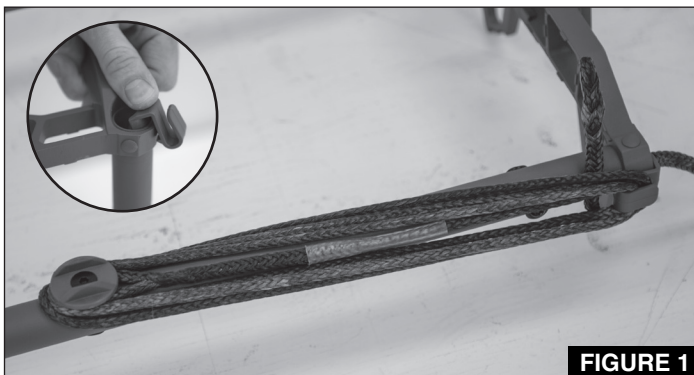
BEFORE EACH USE PERFORM THE FOLLOWING:

- Inspect all webbing, rope, cord, and strap assemblies for wear or damage.
- Inspect all hardware and chain components for damage or wear.
- Inspect for any structural damage to product. (If any exists stop use immediately and call our Customer Service.)
- Inspect all nut and bolt assemblies to be certain none are loose.
- Inspect for any missing parts.
- Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering by adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The Nested® Tree Rope is designed to work with the Lite Rail™ and remain attached to each rail while stacking for transport.

1. Based on your preference to tie the rope on the left or right side of the Lite Rail during installation to the tree. Install the included rope clip to the opposite side of the rail by hooking it below the rivet and rotating it down into place.
2. Secure the loop end of the rope over the strap/rope mount of the rail by sliding the loop completely over the mount.
3. Wrap the rope around the clip and strap/rope mount and secure by tucking the end between the wrapped rope and rail. **(SEE FIGURE 1)**



WARNING

- ▲ Only use with approved Nested climbing aids! Read and understand the climbing aid's owner's manual for proper installation procedure and product warnings.
- ▲ It is critical to familiarize yourself with how the strap/rope attaches to the climbing aid. Practice attaching the climbing aid to the tree several times at ground level before ascending up the tree.
- ▲ **ALL** users are responsible for ensuring strap/rope is attached to climbing aid properly and securely. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death. Read and understand all instructions for proper installation procedure and product warnings before use.
- ▲ Failure to discard and replace this rope after 2 years from purchase date, or when any signs of damage or wear exist could cause serious injury or death.
- ▲ **NEVER** modify this product.
- ▲ Use as its intended purpose only.
- ▲ **NEVER** wash this product in a washing machine.
- ▲ **ALWAYS** keep this product out of direct exposure to ozone generated by an ozone generator/machine.
- ▲ **NEVER** use this product when it has been exposed to moisture and has then froze. If it is stiff and frozen or covered in ice or frost, do not use it until it has thawed completely.

SET-UP & USE INSTRUCTIONS

CRITICAL ROPE ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

At ground level, prior to attaching to tree and leaving the ground, it is critical you familiarize yourself with the Nested® Lite Rail™ and how the rope attaches to the rail. Improper rope attachment to the rail and/or improper rail attachment to the tree may lead to serious injury or death due to sudden release of an incorrectly attached rope/rail!

1. The Nested® Tree Rope can be attached so that the loop side is on either side of the climbing rail depending on your left or right hand installation preference. Attach the loop of the rope to either the left or right strap/rope mount by sliding loop completely over the mount with the rope on the outside of the rail **(SEE FIGURE 2A)**. Tie the opposite end according to the **TYING INSTRUCTIONS** (on page 4) securing the rope to the other side of the strap/rope mount.
2. It is critical that you secure the loop of the Tree Rope to the strap/rope mounts properly and securely, your life depends on it! **(SEE FIGURE 2A) DO NOT** attach the loop of the rope as shown in **FIGURES 2B-2C** or any other incorrect fashion or you may be seriously injured or killed due to sudden release of an incorrectly attached rope/rail to the tree!

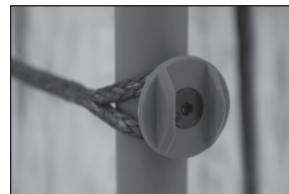


FIGURE 2A
Loop secured properly to strap/rope mount



FIGURE 2B
Loop partially around strap/rope mount



FIGURE 2C
Loop around edge of strap/rope mount

TREE ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standing on the ground with one Nested® Lite Rail™ against tree, attach the loop of the rope to either the left or right side strap/rope mount by sliding loop completely over the mount with the rope on the outside of the rail.
2. Wrap entire rope around the tree and pull it tight. Be sure the rope is even and at the same level all the way around the tree. Wrap the rope over the top of the opposite side strap/rope mount. **(SEE FIGURE 3).**
3. While keeping tension on the rope, proceed to wrap the rope around the strap/rope mount once. **(SEE FIGURE 4).**
4. Proceed to wrap the rope around the strap/rope mount a second time. **(SEE FIGURE 5).**
5. Secure the tag end of the rope to itself by wrapping it over the top and using two half-hitch knots. **(SEE FIGURES 6A & 6B).** Then be sure to pull the rope tight. **(SEE FIGURE 7).**
6. **SEE CRITICAL ROPE ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS.** Be certain all four contact points of tree blades, two on each step, are contacting tree.
7. Take the rail and pull down on it so it feels stable and is “seated” into position before stepping on it. Check again to be certain all four contact points of tree blades are contacting tree. Redo as necessary to accomplish this **(SEE FIGURE 9).**
8. While properly wearing/using a Full Body Harness with a lineman’s/climbing belt, climb the rail only far enough to attach the second section to the tree. Repeat steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 for proper attachment of all remaining rails
9. Reverse the tree attachment instructions to remove the rails from the tree.

