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MODEL: HEH00774
OUTPOST XL 17’ LADDER TREESTAND

- Always Wear a Safety Harness with this Product
- Practice Using at Ground Level
- Weight Limit: 300 lbs.
- Tree Size: 9”-18” diameter

Instruction and Safety Manual

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⚠️ WARNING
Every year serious injury and death can occur from hunting related accidents. To ensure your safety, please COMPLETELY read and follow this safety manual and ALL warning labels BEFORE assembling, installing or utilizing this product.

DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT BEFORE FULLY UNDERSTANDING ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY INFORMATION OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR PRODUCT, CONTACT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-866-972-6168 OR VISIT PRIMALVANTAGE.COM/FIELD-STREAM. KEEP AND MAINTAIN THIS SAFETY AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL IN A SAFE LOCATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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Treestand Safety Warnings

Please read the following instruction manual and warnings labels completely before utilizing this product. Failure to understand and execute the instructions and warnings may result in serious injury or death. In the event of an accident, have a plan for rescue, including the use of devices that may be easily reached while suspended.

ALWAYS read and understand all warnings and instructions. Watch the enclosed DVD in its entirety before doing anything with this product including assembly, installation etc. before each use of this product. Failure to read and understand all warnings and instructions and DVD material may result in serious injury or death. Contact a Customer Service Representative with any questions you may have.

NEVER exceed total weight limit of 300 lbs. DO NOT use if your combined weight with all of your hunting gear and any accessories exceeds 300 lbs. Use of tree stand over the weight limit may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT use this tree stand while under the influence of alcohol, medication or any illegal substances. Use of tree stand while under the influence of any of these substances may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER use this treestand during inclement weather. DO NOT use tree stand during thunderstorms, snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes or any other weather conditions that include (but not limited to) lightning, icy conditions, or high winds that could create slippery or dangerous situations. End your hunt and return to the ground if inclement weather conditions arise.

NEVER use treestand if you are feeling ill, nauseous, dizzy or if you have a prior condition that could cause a problem. i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up spinal fusions, etc., or if you are not well rested and alert. Physical ailments can reduce your ability to safely install, utilize, and remove your treestand. Please consult a physician prior to use.

NEVER use this tree stand if you have a history of health problems such as (but not limited to) heart problems, back problems, high blood pressure, impaired vision, equilibrium impairments, are afraid of heights, have been advised by a doctor or physician not to climb. If you are not physically fit, well rested, and alert, or if you have any other physical or mental condition that would impair your ability to properly use this treestand.

NEVER use this tree stand on a tree that is dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked or on a utility pole as the tree may fall, break, or uproot and may result in serious injury or death.

NEVER rely on a branch for support.

NEVER jump or bounce on the treestand’s platform or ladder sections to seat it to the tree.

NEVER transport any of your equipment with yourself while ascending or descending the tree. You will need to have two hands free during ascending and descending for safety. Use a haul line to pull up your firearm (unloaded, chamber opened with safety lock engaged, barrel facing towards the ground), bows, arrows, knives or any other equipment to your tree stand once you have reached your desired hunting height. ONLY pull up hunting equipment after the tree stand has been secured to the tree and after you and your harness have been secured to the tree. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree from which you are climbing. Make sure that the unloaded firearm’s safety lock is engaged and the gun barrel is pointing towards the ground.

DO NOT carry the stand when ascending or descending the tree. Use a haul line to raise and lower your stand.

ALWAYS hunt with a plan and a buddy. Before you leave home, let others know your exact location, when you plan to return and who is with you.

ALWAYS carry emergency signal devices such as a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, signal flare, PLD (personal location device) and flashlight with you at all times and within reach even while you are suspended in your harness. Watch for changing weather conditions. In the event of an accident, remain calm and seek help immediately.

ALWAYS inspect the treestand and the Fall Arrest System (FAS) (Harness) for signs of wear or damage BEFORE each use. Also inspect to ensure that nuts and bolts are secure. Pay special attention to the harness and straps, guaranteeing that nothing has been frayed or severed. Destroy all products that cannot be repaired by the manufacturer. Contact a Customer Service Representative for replacement parts. The Fall Arrest System MUST be discarded and replaced after a fall has occurred.

NEVER modify your treestand 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. Improper installation or adjustment may cause serious injury or death. Remove all contents from box. Inspect for any damaged or missing parts. If any parts are missing or damaged, you must only use certified replacement parts. Using any other replacement parts will void product warranty. THERE ARE NO EXTRA PARTS. All parts MUST be used to ensure the safety of you and your stand. If you think parts are missing or damaged, STOP IMMEDIATELY and contact our Customer Service Department. Using the tree stand with missing or damaged parts may result in serious injury or death. Contact a Customer Service Representative if you have any missing, damaged or extra parts.

PRACTICE installing, adjusting and using hang-on treestands at ground level prior to using it at an elevated position.

ALWAYS keep instructions (written and video) in a safe place and review before each use. It is the responsibility of the treestand owner to furnish the complete instructions to anyone who borrows or purchases the treestand from you.

NEVER use this treestand for any use other than hunting. Our treestands are designed for hunters to wear a Full Body Harness. If you are not completely comfortable and confident with your ability to safely install, ascend, hunt and descend using a Full Body Safety Harness and this treestand, DO NOT PROCEED.

NEVER use this treestand for trimming trees.

NEVER fall asleep in your stand as you may fall out resulting in serious injury or death.

ALWAYS be sure to retighten all bolts BEFORE each new use of treestand.

ALWAYS have a minimum of three people present when installing or removing this treestand.
**Treestand Safety Warnings**

NEVER adjust your stand while in use. Practice the attachment of this treestand at ground level before using in a hunting environment. ALWAYS ensure that you and your treestand are safely secured to a healthy tree. Your tree stand MUST be attached tightly to the tree and secured in place. If the stand is not secure, it may shift while in use, resulting in serious injury or death.

The Installation Cross Straps and Stabilizer Bar(s) MUST be properly installed before each use of the treestand.

ALWAYS inspect every ladder section connection every time you use the stand before you leave the ground. If ladder sections are separating, with the help of at least two other people, lower the stand to the ground, make adjustments, and reinstall.

ALWAYS check the ground below the tree stand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven terrain (one side of a rock or root) can cause your tree stand to tilt or shift.

ALWAYS maintain three points of contact when climbing the tree stand. (Two feet and one hand or one foot and two hands.)

ALWAYS lean forward as you climb and attach your harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform.

DO NOT leave your treestand outside since weather or animals may cause damage. Tree growth can also cause stress and damage straps and buckles. It must be stored inside, free of moisture, when not in use.

NEVER wear jewelry or loose fitting clothing, which can cause hazardous conditions. Clothing may be caught in your equipment and cause you to fall. You must always wear non-slip or rubber boots. Shoelaces must be tucked into your boots. Rings and necklaces MUST NOT be worn.

DO NOT use this treestand with a second person. The treestand is designed for use by ONE person.

NEVER let children use this treestand without adult supervision. This treestand is not a toy. No one under the age of 18 should attempt to use this product without direct adult supervision.

DO NOT use tree stand if any nuts or bolts or parts are loose, bent, or crooked.

ALWAYS know your physical limitations. Don’t take chances. If you start thinking about how high you are, don’t go any higher. Instead, choose a minimum height that will allow for safe, effective and comfortable hunting.

ALWAYS lean forward as you climb and attach your harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. NEVER lean out from the treestand for any reason.

ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) (Harness) consisting of a full body safety harness after leaving the ground. A Full Body Harness that meets TMA/ASTM standards MUST always be connected to yourself and the tree during ascending, hunting and descending. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should NEVER be used. 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. Failure to wear your Full Body Harness may result in serious injury or death. Be aware that falls can occur at anytime after leaving the ground.

DO NOT wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) (Harness) consisting of a full body safety harness while using this treestand. The use of a full body harness with the treestand will cause the stand to break or fail resulting in serious injury or death.

ALWAYS read and understand the manufacturer’s Warnings, expiration date (if applicable) and instructions on how to use and how to properly adjust the harness. Practice the use of a full body safety harness at ground level in the presence of a responsible adult to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using in a hunting environment. Failure to follow harness instructions may result in not being able to return to the stand and being suspended in a harness after a fall, or serious injury or possibly death. If the hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you MUST have a personal plan for rescue/escape because prolonged suspension in a harness may be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. Hunters with varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans to recover/escape the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/escape plan will work for every hunter on every tree in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best recovery/escape plan for your situation before leaving the ground.

NEVER allow the tether strap to get under your chin or around your neck. The length of the harness tether adjustable at all times. If it should be minimized at all times. It is important to remember “DO NOT PANIC.” Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan.

NEVER use this ladder without reading and understanding all warnings and instructions before each use. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT use this ladder without the ladder warning labels. Exceeding the ladderstand’s weight limit may cause

NEVER use treestand during inclement weather. DO NOT remove or deface ladderstand warning labels. Replacement labels can be obtained from the address below.

Safety must be your first priority during the use of this product.
Choosing A Safe Tree

• **ALWAYS** thoroughly inspect the tree before installing your product. **DO NOT** install your TREE/LADDER STAND onto any dead or unsafe tree, telephone or utility pole, structural column, or man-made structure. Doing so may result in serious injury or death.

• **ALWAYS** select the proper tree for use with your TREE/LADDER STAND. Select a live straight tree that fits within size limits recommended (minimum tree diameter must be no less than 9 inches and maximum of 18 inches.). **DO NOT** rely on a branch for support.

• **DO NOT** select a tree in the dark or choose a tree in close proximity to a fence. You must not have any stumps or rocks beneath your tree.

• **NEVER** use TREE/LADDER STAND on a tree that is dead, diseased, leaning or on wet and uneven ground as the tree may fall, break or uproot.

• Your tree must not be wet, icy or slippery or on wet, swampy, or loose ground that allows the tree to be unstable. Check the ground under TREE/LADDER STAND to ensure it is firm and level.

• Be sure you have a level stand platform. Your tree must not lean or have any irregular shape.

• Tree must not have any loose or scaly bark or excessive vines, nails, screws, or any other sharp objects protruding that may sever webbing on product. Any surrounding trees must not lean or have dead limbs that may fall onto you or your product.

• **NEVER HURRY!!** **HURRYING CAUSES ACCIDENTS!!** While climbing a TREE/LADDER STAND, make slow, even movements no more than ten to twelve inches at a time. Make sure you have proper contact with tree and/or TREE/LADDER STAND every time you move. On ladder tree stand, **ALWAYS** maintain three points of contact with each step up the ladder and **ALWAYS** lean forward as you climb.

Several treestands are equipped with a footrest, armrests and/or shooting rail. Neither the footrest, armrests nor the shooting rail have been designed to support a user’s weight. Under **NO** circumstances should you place more than fifteen (15) pounds of weight on these structures. Doing so will put the user in serious risk of injury or death.

Proper Care And Maintenance:

• Inspection for defects (damage, rot, corrosion, cracks, freezing, excessive heat, etc.) before every use is required. Do not use if damage is detected or suspected.

• We recommend replacing all hardware/cables/nuts/bolts/Clips on your tree stand every two (2) years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary. Use only Primal Vantage approved replacement straps and parts. Use of any other straps or parts, will be viewed as a modification to the product. Any modification will void the warranties and relieve Primal Vantage from all liabilities. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

• **DO NOT** overtighten the hardware. **DO NOT** use a socket wrench. This can lead to structural damage and may negatively affect the performance of your stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

• All photos are taken from the front view unless otherwise noted.

• In most cases, bolts come with two nylon washers. One washer will be placed against the bolt head the other washer will be placed against the nut.
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1. Insert the bushing from 1-M8x90mm Bolt into the front inside of Foot Platform H. Place Footrest J between the bushings at the front of Foot Platform H. Insert the bolt through the footrest, through the Foot Platform, then place the flat side of Yokes against the outside of the Foot Platform. Make sure the sleeved end of Yokes are facing up. (See Right Side Closeup)

2. Insert Left Handle Rail F and Right Handle Rail E over Yoke G. Insert 1-M6x45mm Bolt on each side. Make sure that the flat side of each Handle Rail is facing towards the inside of the stand.
Attach the bottom of Backrest Support K to the brackets on the rear of Foot Platform H using 1-M8x40mm Bolt on each side.

NOTE: The Top of Backrest Support will curve away from the front of the stand.

Attach Backrest Support K to the second hole behind the bracket on the inside of each Handle Rail E and F using 1-M8x70mm Bolt on each side. Make sure the Top of Backrest Support curves away from the front of the stand.

Attach Tree Brace M to the top of Handle Rails E and F at the rear most holes using 1-M8x70 Bolt on each side.

Attach Tree Brace Support L to the top of Handle Rails E and F at the holes just in front of Tree Brace M using 1-M8x70mm Bolt on each side.
5. Turn Seat Platform over. Attach Spreader Bar Q to the front of Seat Platform N using 1-M6x50mm Bolt on each side.

6. Slide Backrest Fabric onto Backrest Supports K. Attach Seat Platform N between brackets on Handle Rails E and F using 2-M8x55mm Bolts w/Bushings on each side. Note: The Bushings will be placed between the bracket and the Seat Frame.

7. Attach Arm Rest Cover to each Armrest O. Note where the holes are located on the armrests. Slide Shooting Rail Bracket P onto each armrest. Attach Shooting Rail Knob V to Shooting Rail Bracket P. NOTE: Shooting Rail Knob will be facing the outside of the stand as the Assembled Shooting Rail will rest on top of these knobs.

8. Attach the front of each Armrest O to Handle Rail E and F with 1-M6x70mm Bolt w/Spacer on each side. Place the Spacer between the Armrest and the Handle Rail. Attach the rear of each Armrest O to each Handle Rail E and F. Place the Spacer between the Armrest and the Handle Rail. Use 1-M6x100 Bolt w/ Spacer and Bushing to hold the armrest in place for the next step. But DO NOT tighten the bolt yet.
Insert both Shooting Rail Arms R into Shooting Rail S.

Insert 1-M6x25mm Bolt through the Shooting Rail and Shooting Rail Arms to secure.

Attach Shooting Rail Cover to assembled Shooting Rail.

Attach assembled Shooting Rail to Armrests using the previously installed M6x100mm Bolt w/Spacer and Bushing. Insert the bushing between the Shooting Rail and the Armrests.

NOTE: Make sure that the Shooting Rail is curved up.

Attach one Ratchet Strap X between Tree Brace and Tree Brace Support L. Attach remaining Ratchet Strap to the rear of Foot Platform H (See Ratchet Instructions).

Attach each Installation Strap Y just behind the Ratchet Straps between Tree Brace and Tree Brace Support. (See Installation Strap Instructions).
Follow above steps to attach the bottom section to the middle section.

13. Attach Top Ladder Section A into Yokes C using 1-M6x45mm Bolt on each side.

14. Attach one end of Platform Brace C to the INSIDE of Foot Platform H using 1-M8x55mm Bolt on each side. Attach opposite end of Platform Brace C to the OUTSIDE to Top Ladder Section A using 1-M8x70mm Bolt on each side.

Ladder Assembly

15. Insert Ladder Section B into the sleeved end of Top Ladder Section A.

16. Insert 1 - M6 Quickclip through the hole on each side of the ladder section.

17. Close the quickclip to secure the ladder sections together.

18. Follow above steps to attach the bottom section to the middle section.
1. Position bottom of stand 4-5 feet from base of tree.

2. One person will stand at the base of ladder with his/her foot on the bottom rung while holding installation straps. This will prevent tree stand from sliding. Two people will stand at opposite ends of tree stand, facing platform and slowly walk tree stand upward using rungs of ladder.

3. As tree stand is being raised, the person holding installation straps will pull toward themselves to take up slack. It will steady and ease the weight of stand on the other two people. Continue walking stand upward, until Tree Connexion Brace is resting against the tree.

4. Slide the inner part of the Stabilizer Bar into the outer part. Attach Stabilizer Bar D to the second rung of the Middle Ladder Section with 1 - M8x45mm bolt and 1 wingnut. Insert the Adjustment Knob in the Stabilizer bar at the proper adjustment point to the tree.

NOTE: Drawings are for illustration purposes only and may not depict actual product.
5. Move base of ladder toward or away from tree slightly in order to make Platform as parallel to the ground as possible.

6. Apply your full weight to the first step so it settles into the ground.

7. Cross Installation Straps behind tree.

Attach to the top rung of the bottom ladder section.

(See Installation Strap Instructions)

Detailed Stabilizer Strap Installation

1. Hold Strap as shown.

2. Insert Strap through looped end.

3. Pull Strap to tighten.

4. Use these same instructions to attach the buckle.

Buckle Instructions

1. Hold buckle as shown.

2. Press down on latch and insert strap underneath teeth as shown.

3. Pull strap to desired length.

4. Pull slack to tighten.

NOTE: Drawings are for illustration purposes only and may not depict actual product.
Stabilizer Bar and Installation Straps MUST be secured prior to climbing the Ladderstand. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT climb ladder without Stabilizer Bar installed. Serious injury or death may occur if Stabilizer Bar and Installation Straps are not installed.
**Installation Strap Instructions**

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1. Place looped end of strap under platform.
2. Insert end of strap through the loop.
3. Pull to tighten. Repeat steps 1-8 to install the other strap on the other side of the platform.
4. Place loose end of strap with clip, under the top rung of the bottom ladder section.
5. Insert the strap through Slot 1 on the clip.
6. Insert the strap through the Slot 2 with the teeth.
7. Pull strap to tighten.
8. Slide the buckles out to the sides to create tension on the straps.

**WARNING** **DO NOT** sit on seat platform until the Ratchet Strap and Installation Straps have been secured.
**Ratchet Strap Instructions**

1. Place looped end of Ratchet under platform.
2. Insert Ratchet through loop.
3. Pull to tighten.
4. Place looped end of strap under platform.
5. Insert strap through loop.
6. Pull to tighten.

**Detailed Ratchet Strap Instructions**

1. Open ratchet handle flat and insert end of strap through opening.
2. Pull Strap through opening.
3. Insert end of strap through slot in ratchet wheel.
4. Ratchet handle back and forth to tighten strap. Ensure that the ratchet wheel makes at least one and a half revolutions once installed. **DO NOT** allow the ratchet wheel to over-fill and contact the ratchet mechanism of the ratchet strap.
5. After strap is tight, close handle to the locked position.
6. To release tension, push spring loaded retaining lock and simultaneously pull on strap.

**YOU MUST READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION**
**WARNING**

Failure to follow all warnings listed below could result in serious injury or death.

**ALWAYS** read and understand all warnings and instructions before each use of this product. Failure to read and understand all warnings and instructions may result in serious injury or death.

**ALWAYS** inspect the tree stand for signs of wear or damage before each use. Also inspect to ensure that nuts and bolts are secure and straps are not frayed, worn, or broken.

**NEVER** exceed weight limit of 300 lbs. DO NOT use if your combined weight with all your hunting gear and any accessories exceeds 300 lbs. Use of tree stand over the weight limit may result in serious injury or death.

**ALWAYS** wear a Fall Arrest System (FAS) after leaving the ground. If you are not wearing an FAS that meets ASTM standards, **DO NOT** leave the ground. Failure to wear an FAS may result in serious injury or death.

**DO NOT** use this tree stand while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or illegal substances. Use of tree stand while under the influence of any of these substances may result in serious injury or death.

**NEVER** use this tree stand if you have a history of health problems such as (but not limited to) heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, equilibrium impairments are afraid of heights or have been advised by a doctor not to do any strenuous activity. If you are feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy **DO NOT** use this tree stand or if you are not physically fit, well rested and alert. Physical ailments can reduce your ability to safely install, utilize and remove your tree stand.

**NEVER** use this tree stand during inclement weather such as (but not limited to) thunderstorms, snowstorms, hurricanes, icy conditions, or high winds that could create slippery or dangerous situations.

**NEVER** use this tree stand on a dead, leaning, loose barked tree or on a utility pole as the tree may fall, break, or uproot and may result in serious injury or death.

**NEVER** modify or alter your tree stand.

**NEVER** remove or deface warning labels.

**NEVER** leave the ground without checking every ladder section connection to ensure they are firmly connected. If ladder sections are separating, with the help of at least two other people, remove the tree stand from the tree, tighten all connections and reinstall on the tree.

**Installation Straps, Ratchet Straps, Quickclips, Tiedown Ropes and Stabilizer Bars MUST be installed and secured prior to climbing tree stand. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.**

**DO NOT** modify or alter your tree stand.

**NEVER** remove or deface warning labels.

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