

CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE INSTRUCTION MANUAL INDEX

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CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



DO NOT USE THIS CRÜZR SADDLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY TREESTAND WHICH REQUIRES THE USE OF A FALL ARREST/FULL BODY HARNESS SYSTEM!



CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE



WARNING! This CRÜZR saddle is NOT DESIGNED to arrest a fall. It is designed as a positioning device ONLY. Do not USE THIS CRÜZR saddle in conjunction with those treestands (i.e., hang-on, lock-on, climbers/climbing, or ladderstands) that require a fall arrest system/full-body harness. You must use a fall arrest system/full-body harness which meets ASTM International ASTM F2337 when installing, removing and/or using these treestands. When doing so, you MUST strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of these. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Falls may occur anytime you leave the ground and may result in serious injury or death! You MUST stay connected to the tree when installing, using or removing this CRÜZR product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! When using a CRÜZR saddle it is imperative you maintain three-points of contact with the tree. Additionally, you MUST keep the lineman rope attached to the tree at all times while climbing and the tree tether attached to the bridge and tight at ALL TIMES. Allowing slack in the lineman rope and/or tree tether attached to the bridge increases the distance you may fall and significantly increases the likelihood you are injured should a fall occur. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must use a CRÜZR saddle with CRÜZR platforms and CRÜZR climbing sticks (NOT INCLUDED). A CRÜZR saddle is NOT DESIGNED TO ARREST A FALL, it is a positioning device ONLY. You MUST use your CRÜZR saddle during the installation, removal and use of these CRÜZR product(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! This product carries strict weight limitations. Do not use this product if you exceed this total weight limitation. Please note this weight limit includes the user and equipment. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

Model Number and Maximum Total Weight Limit CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE 300-pounds (136 kg) (User and Equipment)



CRÜZR SADDLE WARNING LABEL

IMPORTANT:

Your CRÜZR saddle comes with a sewn-in warning label with a date of manufacture. DO NOT remove. You MUST REPLACE your saddle 5-YEARS from the manufacture date.



OPTIONAL CRÜZR LINEMAN ROPE/TREE TETHER MANUFACTURING LABEL

IMPORTANT:

Your CRÜZR OPTIONAL climbing ropes come with a date of manufacture label. DO NOT remove. You MUST REPLACE your ropes 2-YEARS from the manufacture date.

WARNING! Never remove product labels. You MUST replace the saddle every 5-years and the climbing ropes every 2-years (or when they show signs of wear). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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Thank you for your purchase of this quality CRÜZR product. To ensure your personal safety, please take a moment to carefully read this product Instruction Manual in its entirety before attempting to set-up, install and/or otherwise use this CRÜZR product. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or death! These instruction should be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually.

Should you have any questions about the installation, removal and/or use of this product, or any other CRÜZR product(s) do not hesitate to call one of our customer service representatives at (833) 278-9792 or visit us online at CRUZR.com. Our service representatives will answer any questions you may have about any of the complete line of CRÜZR products.

AN IMPORTANT WORD ABOUT YOUR LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER

Your CRÜZR saddle(s) DOES NOT come with a lineman rope or tree tether. These are OPTIONAL items which must be purchased separately. It is critical to your personal safety that you use a professionally designed, engineered and manufactured lineman rope(s) and tree tether(s) constructed with materials that are climb-rated. CRÜZR offers lineman ropes and tree tethers that have been designed, engineered and manufactured to work synergistically with your CRÜZR saddle(s). These climbing ropes are manufactured to exacting specifications and robotically sewn to ensure their integrity. The use of these CRÜZR-branded ropes is highly-recommended and they are available at CRUZR.com.



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RESC TECH LINEMAN ROPE/ TREE TETHER COMBO

8 mm Tactical/Rescue rope from Teufelberger
with MBS 5200+ lbf. available at cruzr.com



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LINEMAN ROPE/ TREE TETHER COMBO

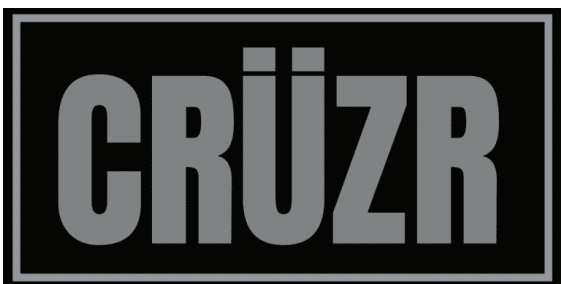
8 mm high-performance rope
with MBS 5000 lbf. available at cruzr.com

Hunting from an elevated position is serious business. There is no room for carelessness. DO NOT attempt to use homemade lineman ropes or tree tethers. Using homemade climbing ropes puts the user at risk of serious injury or death.

WARNING! DO NOT use homemade climbing ropes (i.e., lineman rope, tree tether) with this CRÜZR saddle. Doing so puts the user at risk of serious injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

NEVER attempt to use climbing ropes that are included in/with other manufacturers climbing systems. That is, **NEVER** mix other manufacturers products with this CRÜZR saddle. These products are not designed, engineered and/or manufactured to be used in conjunction with each other.

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COMPONENTS OF THE CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE

Hunting from an elevated position is serious business. There is no room for carelessness. NEVER get in a hurry and avoid distractions when using this CRÜZR saddle. Saving a minute or two is not worth a mistake which often leads to falls. NEVER attempt to climb while unattached from the tree.

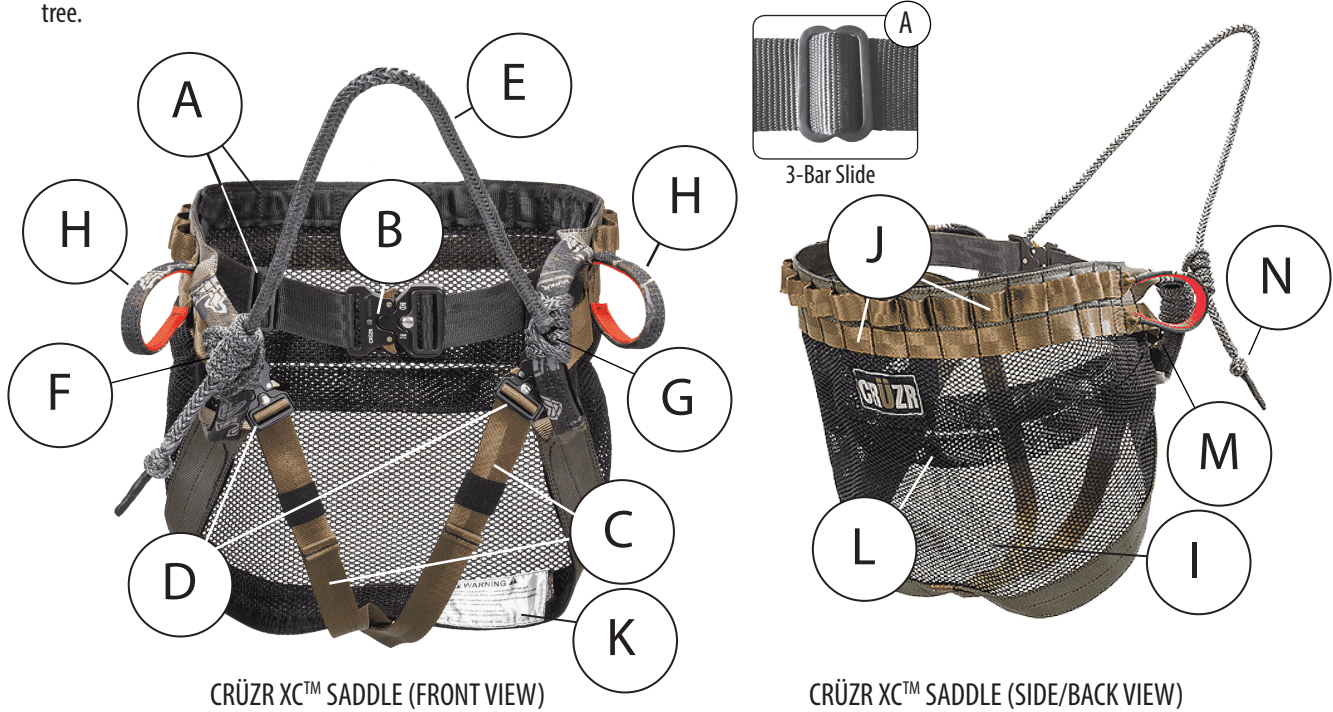
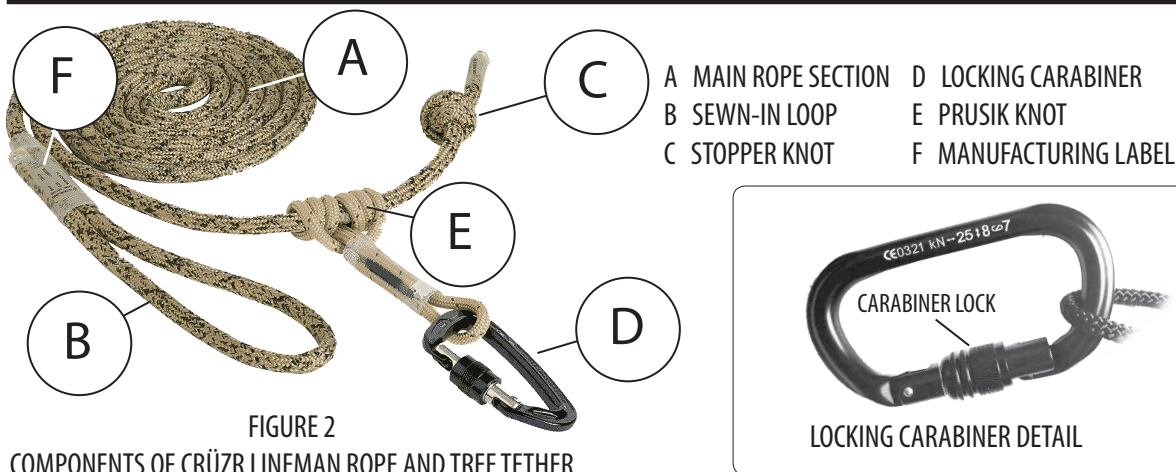


FIGURE 1
COMPONENTS OF CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| A WAIST BELT w/ 3-BAR SLIDE | D LEG STRAP BUCKLES (2) | G BRIDGE BASE PRUSIK KNOT | J MOLLE LOOPS (TWO ROWS) | M BRIDGE LOOPS (2) |
| B WAIST BELT BUCKLE | E BRIDGE | H LINEMAN ROPE LOOPS (2) w/ RED LINING | K WARNING LABEL | N BRIDGE STOPPER KNOT |
| C LEG STRAPS (2) | F BRIDGE PRUSIK KNOT | I SEAT | L SEAT PLEAT | |

COMPONENTS OF OPTIONAL CRÜZR LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER



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| A MAIN ROPE SECTION | D LOCKING CARABINER |
| B SEWN-IN LOOP | E PRUSIK KNOT |
| C STOPPER KNOT | F MANUFACTURING LABEL |

A WORD ABOUT THE CLIMB-RATED CARABINERS

Carabiners play a crucial role in your personal safety when using this or any CRÜZR saddle(s). CRÜZR uses the highest quality carabiners available. Every CRÜZR carabiner is designed, engineered and manufactured to withstand a specific MAX LOAD without yielding. Carabiners are rated by the MAX LOAD in kiloNewtons (kN) they can safely hold. You SHOULD NEVER exceed this load rating.

WARNING! Exceeding the MAX rated load for a carabiner along any axis will result in failure of the carabiner. NEVER exceed the MAX LOAD. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!

Carabiners have three (3) different MAX LOAD ratings displayed on every carabiner designed for use when climbing (i.e., climb-rated). These are: 1) the Major Axis; 2) the Minor Axis (also known as transverse direction or more commonly as being cross-loaded); and 3) the Open Gate. The rating for each of these is stamped on your CRÜZR carabiner (see CARABINER MAX LOADING DETAIL).



The MAX LOAD markings on carabiners are shown in CARABINER MAX LOADING DETAIL (above) figure. The Major Axis (A) is shown with the side-to-side arrows (refer to CARABINER MAX LOADING DETAIL). The Minor Axis (B) MAX LOAD is shown with up-to-down arrows. The MAX LOAD for the carabiner with the GATE OPEN (C) is the depiction of an open carabiner. These MAX LOAD ratings for the Major and Minor Axis are calculated with the GATE CLOSED AND LOCKED.

Carabiners are at their strongest, that is, able to carry the heaviest load, when loaded along their MAJOR AXIS. When using this, or any other CRÜZR product(s), you must remain mindful of these MAX LOADS and never exceed them or place your carabiner in a scenario where it may be subjected to forces which EXCEED the MAX LOAD rating(s).

LOADING A CARABINER ALONG ANY AXIS OTHER THAN ITS MAJOR AXIS IS VERY DANGEROUS AND SHOULD AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.

When using your CRÜZR saddle(s) you should be mindful and NEVER load a carabiner along any axis other than the Major Axis. You MUST NEVER cross load a carabiner. That is, place a load across the Minor Axis as this puts the carabiner in a weak position and subjects it to potential failure. Likewise, you MUST NEVER load a carabiner with the GATE OPEN. This puts the carabiner in a very weak position and subjects it to potential failure. "Side-loading" or "edge-loading" is not the same as loading along the Minor Axis (referred to as "cross-loading") and is much more dangerous, especially with light-weight alloy carabiners, even if climbing-rated.

Side-loading, cross-loading, edge-loading, nose-hooking, and triaxial loading can lead to sudden, catastrophic failure of the carabiner device, including, but not limited to, unclipping of the gate and/or breakage of the carabiner.

DO NOT wedge a carabiner into a tree or other object or position it in any way that could torque the carabiner along its spine, leading to side- or cross-loading and potential failure. Side-loading or cross-loading a carabiner, even once, can weaken a carabiner (perhaps in ways that may not be readily apparent).

Additionally, side-loading against an object can introduce elements of mechanical advantage into the loading scenario, causing the carabiner to break at lower loading levels than the user might anticipate. If a carabiner has ever experienced side-loading or cross-loading, users are advised to discontinue using that carabiner immediately. It is recommended that users always carry a spare climbing-rated carabiner(s) in the field, should the need arise to replace a compromised carabiner. Additionally, triaxial loading is strongly discouraged as this can weaken a carabiner, potentially breaking it.

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Hunting from an elevated position is inherently dangerous as any number of factors can negatively effect your personal safety. You alone are responsible for the safe operation of this CRÜZR product, and any other CRÜZR product(s). It is imperative you read and understand the materials contained in this Instruction Manual in its entirety prior to attempting to use this CRÜZR product(s). By placing this CRÜZR product(s) in service you accept the responsibilities, risks and liabilities associated with hunting from an elevated position. Should you have any questions about the information contained in this Instruction Manual, DO NOT use this CRÜZR product. Please contact a CRÜZR customer service representative at (833) 278-9792 8 AM to 4 PM CST M-F with any product questions. Never use this, or any CRÜZR product(s) that you are not intimately knowledgeable about its assembly, installation, removal and/or use.

WARNING! STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED THROUGHOUT THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL. These statements point out important safety information and instructions, which, if not followed could endanger the personal safety and/or property of the operator. It is imperative that the operator of this product, or any other CRÜZR product(s) read and follow all the instructions and warnings contained in this Instruction Manual prior to attempting to use this product(s), or any other product(s). Failure to comply with these instructions and/or warnings may result in serious personal injury or death!

WARNING! FALLS FROM AN ELEVATED POSITION CAN OCCUR ANYTIME AFTER LEAVING THE GROUND. THESE FALLS RESULT IN EITHER SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO CAREFULLY READ THIS PRODUCT INSTRUCTION MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO ASSEMBLE, SET-UP, INSTALL, REMOVE AND/OR OTHERWISE USE THIS CRÜZR PRODUCT(S). AT LEAST ANNUALLY, REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL. ADDITIONALLY, KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION THAT YOU OWN THIS PRODUCT(S). FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!

WARNING! THE SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF THIS PRODUCT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER. IT IS ALSO THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO PROVIDE ANY PERSON(S) WHO BORROW OR PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY SUBJECT YOU TO PERSONAL LIABILITY PENALTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

WARNING! PRIOR TO EACH USE, MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A SIGNALING DEVICE (E.G., MOBILE PHONE, CELL PHONE, RADIO, WHISTLE, SIGNAL FLARE, PERSONAL LOCATOR DEVICE [PLD], ETC.) IN YOUR POSSESSION AND ON YOUR PERSON IN AN OPERABLE CONDITION. THIS DEVICE MUST BE WITHIN EASY ACCESS SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE THE NEED TO CONTACT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!

WARNING! This product(s) is designed for adult use only. No one under the age of 16 years old should attempt to use this or any other product(s) without direct adult supervision. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never modify your CRÜZR product(s) in any manner by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering, adding or attaching any implement to it unless explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer. This includes adding "aiders," that is, climbing ropes and/or step extensions of any kind to CRÜZR branded climbing systems (i.e., Solution Sticks) Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Prior to each use, you must inform someone of your hunting location and the expected duration of your use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Do not remove, modify, repair, and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this CRÜZR product(s) or its assemblies in any manner. Modification, misuse, and/or part substitution shall immediately void your factory warranty and may result in serious injury or death! If you suspect that a part(s) is missing and/or defective, immediately contact CRÜZR at (833) 278-9792 for replacement of missing or defective parts. Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, or altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by CRÜZR. Always use genuine factory authorized CRÜZR replacement parts. Use of any replacement parts other than genuine CRÜZR parts voids your warranty and may result in serious injury or death!

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WARNING! This CRÜZR saddle is NOT DESIGNED to arrest a fall. It is designed as a positioning device ONLY. Do not USE THIS CRÜZR saddle in conjunction with those treestands (i.e., hang-on, lock-on, climbers/climbing, or ladderstands) that require a fall arrest system/full-body harness. You must use a fall arrest system/full-body harness which meets ASTM International ASTM F2337 when installing, removing and/or using these treestands. When doing so, you MUST strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of these. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Prior to attempting to use this or any other CRÜZR product(s) you must take a moment and become thoroughly familiar and knowledgeable with its assembly, setup and installation/removal. You must practice installing, setting-up and using this CRÜZR product(s) at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this CRÜZR product(s) setup, installation and use at ground-level, including in low-light conditions, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never attempt to climb up or down with a weapon and/or gear in your hand(s) or on your back. ALWAYS unload your weapon and pull it up to hunting height using a haul line or pull up rope. ALWAYS lower your unloaded weapon down to the ground prior (when raising or lowering firearms, the chamber must be open and the barrel pointing toward the ground) to attempting to climb up or climb down. Use this same method when raising or lowering all other gear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Prior to each use thoroughly inspect the platform/climbing system (and its components) and all safety devices each time before and after each use for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Make certain that your platform/climbing system is tight and secure prior to use. Protect this product from extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperatures by storing inside when not in use. Inspection must include, but is not limited to, this CRÜZR product(s) and CRÜZR saddles, buckles, belts, ropes, carabiners, knots, splices, and any accessories or tools used. If you find any damage whatsoever, you should immediately retire the affected product and discontinue using it. Do not use this or any other product(s) if it shows evidence of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT use this or any other CRÜZR products(s) if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, equilibrium problems, high blood pressure, are not well-rested and/or any other physical impairment that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this product(s) in the safe manner outlined in this Instruction Manual. Additionally, do not use this or any other CRÜZR product(s) if you are currently taking medication (including prescription) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use this CRÜZR product(s) as outlined and described in the Instruction Manual. Never use a platform/climbing system when feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT leave your climbing system installed for more than two weeks (14 days). Any number of factors can jeopardize its installation and integrity. These include, but are not limited to, weather or other environmental factors that can negatively affect its performance. Animals can also cause damage to your CRÜZR product(s) that can negatively affect its performance and your safety. Additionally, factors such as tree growth can stress and damage supporting straps and/or buckles. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! ALWAYS inspect the platform/climbing system and all safety devices prior to each use. Be certain to check all expiration dates/tags on all straps and/or components prior to each use. DO NOT use product if it shows signs of wear, damage, deterioration, and/or vandalism. Factors such as tree growth, vandals, weather and/or animals may affect the performance of an unattended platform/climbing system. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never use any product that is not climbing rated when climbing. The use of ropes, carabiners, and other safety-critical equipment that are not rated for climbing could result in serious injury or death.

WARNING! NEVER attempt to use any CRÜZR product(s) in conjunction with any homemade treestands and/or climbing systems. Homemade climbing items are inherently dangerous and should not be used. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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WARNING! DO NOT attempt to use this or any other CRÜZR product(s) when ice, snow, and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any portion of the tree you intend to climb. Do not attempt to use this or any other CRÜZR product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles. Do not attempt to use this or any other product(s) when any other adverse weather condition presents itself. These include, but are not limited to, weather conditions which have the potential for producing winds, lightning, rain, snow, sleet and/or any other atmospheric condition which may limit the user's ability to operate this CRÜZR product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Should inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this CRÜZR product(s), return to the ground immediately and seek shelter. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! BEFORE each use, make sure all nuts and bolts are secure. CHECK all hardware and webbing prior to every use to make sure that no damage has occurred to hardware and that webbing (as applicable) is not cut or frayed. Keep webbing from coming into contact with any sharp edges. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF ANY DAMAGE IS SUSPECTED. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! REPLACE any damaged or worn part with genuine CRÜZR parts. Replace attachment straps and connector ropes EVERY YEAR and when not in use store in a dry, cool, safe place away from sunlight. Never store a platform/climbing system or any of its components outdoors when not in use. To purchase parts contact CRÜZR at (833) 278-9792. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using a platform/climbing system. A good non-slip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the platform/climbing system (or any of its components) or climbing aids (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT use this product, or attempt to use a platform/climbing system, on a dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked tree (bark that flakes or falls off), irregular shaped trees, or utility poles. DO NOT use this product on any tree that does not allow for a level standing platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! NEVER hunt out of or attempt to use a platform/climbing system at heights at which you are not completely comfortable. Depending upon the tree and hunting conditions, choose the minimum hunting height that allows for safe, effective hunting. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT use this, or any other CRÜZR product(s) to climb utility poles, telephone poles, structural columns or any other man-made structures. Never use this or any other product(s) around power generation (e.g., transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment. Never use a platform/climbing system on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never secure or use a CRÜZR product in any way that places stress or that causes discomfort to your back, neck, or any other part of your body. If you feel pain or discomfort of any kind, you should immediately discontinue use of said products. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Always maintain three-point contact when climbing up/down a tree when using climbing aids. Proper three-point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on the step portion of the climbing system at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Always lean forward as you climb and attach your tree tether to the tree trunk before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! When using a lineman rope the tree tether must be attached to the tree trunk and bridge before stepping down onto the platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never attach this CRÜZR product(s) in any way to a vehicle. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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WARNING! Climbing aids (e.g. stick ladders, sectional ladders, steps, etc.) extend above the standing platform (at least 24-inches) to allow the user to step down onto the platform. Never step up to your platform from a climbing system. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT jump or bounce on the climbing system and/or platform to engage the climbing system or platform to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! This CRÜZR product was designed for installation on trees with a minimum diameter of 10-inches (30 cm) at platform installation height (i.e., seat height) and a maximum platform installation diameter of 20-inches (51 cm). DO NOT use your CRÜZR product(s) on trees with trunk diameters that do not meet this minimum or maximum diameter requirement. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never attempt to use CRÜZR products while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, prescription or other medication(s), or any substance which may impair your ability to exercise good judgement and to remain safe, alert, and attentive. If you are under the influence of any substance that impairs your abilities in any way, DO NOT attempt to use this or any CRÜZR product(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never attempt to use any used or previously owned equipment. That is, never use any equipment that you did not purchase new. Using equipment without knowledge of its prior use places you at risk of serious injury or death! Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! You must immediately discontinue use of any equipment that has sustained any critical stress such as from a fall, fall arrest, or from any critical impact. Equipment may appear unharmed after such exposure, however, DO NOT attempt to re-use any equipment exposed to such stresses or events. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never rely on any platforms, climbing methods, or other equipment to safely support your weight without being securely connected to the tree with both your tree tether and lineman rope. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! NEVER USE A TREE BRANCH, OR ANY PORTION OF A TREE, OTHER THAN ITS TRUNK, TO SUPPORT ANY PORTION OF YOUR WEIGHT OR AS A HAND HOLD. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! If you find that your platform is unlevel, canted, angled awkwardly upward or downward, or in any configuration other than level, immediately climb down to ground-level and readjust your platform as necessary to alleviate this awkward angle. Never attempt to hunt from an unlevel platform. Additionally, never attempt to level your platform at heights above the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never ascend or descend a tree without being connected securely to the tree at all times and without using the appropriate safety equipment in accordance with its intended use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! This CRÜZR product is designed expressly for use by one (1) person. This CRÜZR product should never be used by more than one (1) person at a time. Attempting to use this product CRÜZR product in a manner other than which it was designed may lead to serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never allow slack in your tree tether or lineman ropes. Allowing slack in your climbing ropes (i.e., tree tether or lineman rope) substantially increases your exposure to a fall hazard. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never use, install, or remove a CRÜZR product while feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem, that is, heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc., or if you are not well rested. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Keep this, and any CRÜZR product(s) away from gnawing rodents and pets. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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WARNING! Never use any ropes or rope assemblies for any purpose other than their intended purpose. Never use your tree tether, lineman rope, or bridge ropes as a tow rope. Using your ropes to tow or pull things outside of their intended use places unknown amounts of stress on your ropes. If you have used any of your ropes or devices for purposes other than their intended purpose, you should immediately retire and discontinue use of said ropes or devices. Failure to follow these instructions may lead to serious injury or death!

WARNING! You should only use this CRÜZR product(s) if you are in good overall health. Persons using this CRÜZR product(s) should have no fear of heights. If you have a fear of heights, DO NOT use this CRÜZR product(s). If you are prone to fainting, and/or if you have symptoms or indications of fainting, and/or if you have difficulty remaining conscious at all times, then DO NOT use this CRÜZR product(s). Persons who may experience seizures, vertigo, or who may experience any health-related events that inhibit their ability to safely use this CRÜZR product(s), DO NOT use this CRÜZR product(s). CRÜZR does not make any claim or offer any medical advice concerning the use of its products. You are encouraged to consult with your primary care physician before attempting to use any CRÜZR product (s) to ensure that you are healthy enough to use said products safely. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! ALWAYS inspect/check ALL expiration dates/tags on all climbing equipment prior to each use. Never use any climbing equipment that has expired and/or is showing any signs of damage and/or wear. Retire and discontinue using any product wherein you find cuts, abrasions, fraying, tears, stretching, discomposure, rips, holes, burns, runs, cracks, bulges, dry-rot, chemical or corrosive damage, or where this is any indication that the product has experienced any stress or degradation. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury and death!

WARNING! Some electronic scent-elimination units produce ozone. Ozone is an invisible, highly-reactive and oxidative form of oxygen gas, which will damage and/or degrade materials. NEVER allow any CRÜZR product(s), or other critical safety equipment such as saddles, tree tether, bridge, lineman rope, etc., to be exposed to ozone. If any CRÜZR product(s) has/have been exposed to ozone, you must immediately discontinue use of said products. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! This CRÜZR product is designed exclusively and expressly for recreational hunting. NEVER use this CRÜZR products(s) for commercial or industrial applications such as construction trades (e.g., framing, tree trimming, painting, roofing, etc.). NEVER use this CRÜZR product(s) for any activity other than hunting. Using this CRÜZR product(s) for an unintended purpose puts the user at significant risk of serious injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! You must wear the appropriate foot wear when using this or any CRÜZR product(s). A good nonslip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked any portion of your climbing/hunting system (i.e., platforms, climbing aids, etc.). Tucking shoelaces into boots before climbing will minimize this hazard. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT modify, fix/repair, alter, bend, cut, weld, or heat this or any CRÜZR product(s) in any way. Also, do not attach anything to your platform or climbing system without explicit authorized and written instructions from the manufacturer. Failure to follow these instructions will void your warranty and may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! The molle loops are for gear only. They are NOT DESIGNED to hold body weight. DO NOT tie into the loops or use them for tethering, climbing, or anchoring. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Saddles and platforms must not come into contact with corrosive or oxidative materials such as battery acid, solvents, gasoline or chlorine bleach. These constituents will degrade the performance of these CRÜZR product(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Do not sew, resew, pull, burn or singe loose threads, bleach a saddle, file a buckle, drill, saw, modify, or change a saddle or its components in any way. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

AN IMPORTANT WORD ABOUT STAYING CONNECTED TO THE TREE AT ALL TIMES

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Hunting from an elevated position is inherently dangerous as any number of factors can negatively effect your personal safety. You alone are responsible for the safe operation of this CRÜZR product, and any other CRÜZR product(s). It is imperative you read and understand the materials contained in this Instruction Manual in its entirety prior to attempting to use this CRÜZR product(s). By placing this CRÜZR product(s) in service you accept the responsibilities, risks and liabilities associated with hunting from an elevated position. Should you have any questions about the information contained in this Instruction Manual, DO NOT use this CRÜZR product. Please contact a CRÜZR -4 representative at (833) 278-9792 8 AM to 4 PM CST M-F with any product questions. Never use this, or any CRÜZR product(s) that you are not intimately knowledgeable about its assembly, installation/removal and use.



WARNING! This CRÜZR saddle is NOT DESIGNED to arrest a fall. It is designed as a positioning device ONLY. Do not USE THIS CRÜZR saddle in conjunction with those treestands (i.e., hang-on, lock-on, climbers/climbing, or ladderstands) that require use of a fall arrest system/full-body harness. You must use a fall arrest system/full-body harness which meets ASTM International ASTM F2337 when installing, removing and/or using these treestands. When doing so, you MUST strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of these. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



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Elevated hunting incidents often occur when the hunter is transferring (i.e., stepping off) from their climbing aid (i.e., stick ladder, sectional ladder, climbing sticks, etc.) their elevated platform or hang-on treestand. Often hunters remove their lineman rope from the tree trunk and attempt to transfer from their climbing aid to their treestand or platform while disconnected. These accidents occur whether using a full-body fall arrest harness or a saddle. You MUST remain connected when transferring from your climbing aid onto your elevated platform as shown Figure 3.

WARNING! NEVER disconnect your lineman rope until you are safely connected to the tree trunk via your tree tether. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! You MUST remain connected to the tree trunk AT ALL TIMES while elevated. Attempting to hold onto a tree trunk, standing platform or lock-on treestand while not connected (i.e., via tree tether or tree belt) via hand-hold and transfer from the climbing aid onto your elevated platform may result in you falling. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

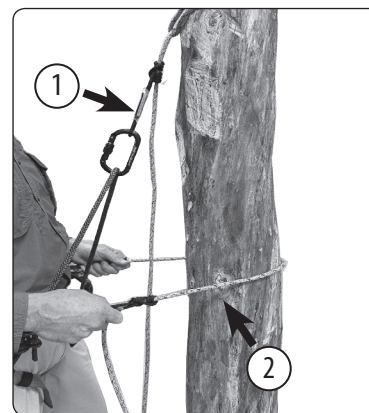
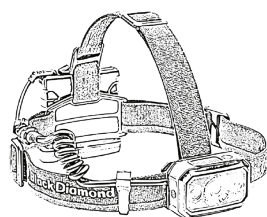


Figure 3
You MUST remain connected when transferring from the climbing aid onto the elevated platform.



Hands-free lighting options are available at CRUZR.com.

WARNING! ALWAYS use a hands-free light source when using this, or any CRÜZR product(s) in low-light situations. Operating a handheld flashlight or light source puts you at risk of serious injury or death!

WARNING! NEVER attempt to use any CRÜZR product(s) in conjunction with any homemade treestands and/or climbing systems. Homemade climbing items are inherently dangerous and should not be used. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

NEVER climb with anything in your hands or on your back. ALWAYS use a hands-free light, such a head lamp, clip-on light, etc. Never attempt to hand-hold a flashlight or any other implement while climbing.

AN IMPORTANT WORD ABOUT CORRECT SIZING OF YOUR CRÜZR SADDLE

Your CRÜZR saddle is designed, engineered and manufactured to exacting standards. Each saddle is designed to fit a very specific sized user (see Fitting Chart). Under no circumstances should you attempt to use a CRÜZR saddle that is not of the correct size. Doing so puts the user at risk of serious injury or death!

WARNING! NEVER use a CRÜZR saddle that does not fit you. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

SIZING CHART	
WAIST SIZE	SADDLE NUMBER
28" to 33"	#1
34" to 38"	#2
38" to 42"	#3

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PERFORM BEFORE EACH USE PERFORM THE FOLLOWING:

- Inspect all platform and/or climbing system components, including, but not limited to, webbing, rope, cord, and strap assemblies for wear or damage.
- Inspect all hardware for damage. If any damage exists DO NOT use. Immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792 for those products manufactured by CRÜZR. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.
- Inspect for any structural damage. If any exists DO NOT use and immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.
- Inspect all hardware to insure it is tight.
- Inspect all climbing aids and platform components for any missing parts. If any exists DO NOT use and immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing aids and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.
- Inspect all climbing aids and platform components for any rust, corrosion, cracks, affects of freezing, excessive heat or rotting damage that may effect the safety of your product. Remove from service any product found to be defective or damaged. DO NOT reuse. If any exists DO NOT use and immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792 for those CRÜZR products. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.
- Inspect all elevated hunting products for any structural damage. Be certain to inspect visible welds for any signs of deformation or failure. Remove from service any product found to be defective or damaged. DO NOT reuse. If any exists DO NOT use and immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.
- Inspect all nut and bolt assemblies and locations. Tighten any that may be loose. Be careful not to crush platform tubing when tightening. Follow the manufacturers guidelines for tightening hardware.
- Inspect and check operation of all cables, cable ends, cord, rope, webbing, and strap or chain assemblies. Replace with factory authorized parts according to the manufacturers guidance.
- Never modify your CRÜZR product(s) in any manner by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering adding or attaching anything to it unless explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer. This includes adding "aiders," that is, climbing ropes and/or step extensions.

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE (CONTINUED)

PERFORM BEFORE EACH USE PERFORM THE FOLLOWING:

• Inspect all hardware for wear or damage, also be certain there are no missing parts. NOTE: Animals, vandals, etc., can negatively affect the performance of your CRÜZR product(s). Inspect it prior to every use for potential damage caused by these. Remove from service any product found to be defective or damaged. DO NOT reuse. If any exists DO NOT use and immediately call CRÜZR customer service at (833) 278-9792. Follow the manufacturers guidelines/instructions for climbing and hunting hardware not manufactured by CRÜZR.

PRACTICE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE

Safely using your CRÜZR saddle or any CRÜZR product(s) are your responsibility exclusively. Using this CRÜZR saddle requires you become familiar with its set-up, donning and use at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above the ground.

As such, you must practice using your saddle and/or any CRÜZR product(s) at ground-level with a responsible person a minimum of five (5) times, or as many times as it takes for you to become thoroughly comfortable with its safe use. These practice sessions should include in low-light conditions also. Under no circumstances should you attempt to this, or any CRÜZR product(s) without first performing exhaustive practice at ground-level.

DONNING CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE

Hunting from an elevated position is serious business. There is no room for carelessness. Proper use of your CRÜZR saddle requires your undivided attention. When donning and using your CRÜZR saddle, complete each STEP as outlined below. Once complete, go back and double check that STEP to ensure it has been completed as outlined here. Check, then double-check all ropes, connections, and knots. AVOID all distractions while installing and using your CRÜZR saddle. NEVER get in a hurry. Saving a minute or two is not worth a mistake which often leads to falls. NEVER attempt to climb while unattached safely to the tree.



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DONNING CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE (CONTINUED)

STEP 1: Locate the waist belt (A) (refer to Figure 1) with 3-bar slide. Step through the bridge (E) (refer to Figure 1) as shown in Figure 4. With the bridge (E) facing forward, wrap the CRÜZR saddle around your waist as you would a belt. With the CRÜZR saddle around your waist, adjust the 3-bar slide on the waist belt (A) so it fits snugly around your waist. Make sure the waist belt is not twisted.

STEP 2: With the waist belt adjusted comfortably, buckle the waist belt buckle (B) (refer to Figure 1) as shown in Figure 5. You will hear a distinctive "snap" when the waist belt buckle is engaged properly. If you DO NOT hear the buckle "snap," the buckle IS NOT engaged. NEVER use a saddle if the waist belt buckle is NOT engaged.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

You **MUST** have a minimum of 3-inches of waist belt tag-end exposed. If there is less than 3-inches exposed as shown in Figure 6, the saddle is too small for you. DO NOT USE. Replace saddle with a larger size; one which allows for the proper fitment of the saddle.

STEP 2: Locate the two (2) leg straps (C) (refer to Figure 1). Reach under your leg and pull one leg strap forward and adjust it so it fits comfortably. Once adjusted, engage the two (2) leg strap buckles (refer to Figure 1) as shown in Figure 7. You will hear a distinctive "snap" when the leg strap buckle(s) is engaged properly.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

DO NOT over tighten the leg strap as this can restrict circulation to your legs and render the saddle very uncomfortable to use. Make sure the leg straps are not twisted. If they are, remove the twist(s) and re-engage the leg strap buckles.



Figure 4
Step through the bridge.

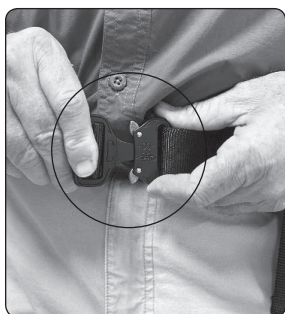


Figure 5
Engage the waist belt buckle. It should have an audible "snap" when engaged properly.



Figure 6
You **MUST** have a minimum of 3-inches of waist belt tag-end exposed for proper fitment.

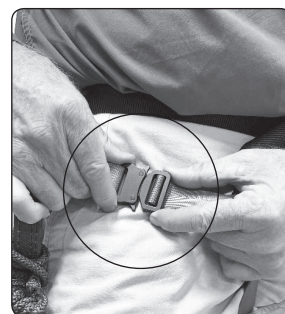


Figure 7
Engage the leg strap buckles. Make certain the leg straps fit comfortably.

OPTIONAL CRÜZR LINEMAN ROPE USE

Your CRÜZR saddle(s) DOES NOT come with a lineman rope or tree tether. These are OPTIONAL items which must be purchased separately. It is critical to your personal safety that you use a professionally designed, engineered and manufactured lineman rope(s) and tree tether(s) constructed with materials that are climb-rated. CRÜZR offers lineman ropes and tree tethers that have been designed, engineered and manufactured to work synergistically with your CRÜZR saddle(s). These climbing ropes are manufactured to exacting specifications and robotically sewn to ensure their integrity. The use of these CRÜZR-branded ropes is highly-recommended and they are available at CRUZR.com.



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WARNING! DO NOT use your lineman belt, tree tether, or bridge without the factory-installed stopper knot(s) in place on the rope tag-ends. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

OPTIONAL CRÜZR LINEMAN ROPE USE (CONTINUED)

WARNING! NEVER climb above your lineman rope tree attachment point on the tree trunk. That is, it MUST be at least at waist level or higher. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! DO NOT use your lineman belt, tree tether, or bridge without the factory-installed stopper knot in place on the rope tag-ends. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 1: Locate your optional lineman rope. Your optional lineman rope uses a slip-knot connection on one end, and a locking carabiner connection on the opposing end. Locate the sewn-in loop (B) (refer to Figure 2) on your lineman rope. Slip the sewn-in loop (B) end of the lineman rope through one of the lineman rope loops (H) (refer to Figure 1) with the red lining as shown in Figure 8.

STEP 2: Slip the locking carabiner (D) (refer to Figure 2) end of the lineman rope through the sewn-in loop as shown in Figure 9. Pull the lineman rope to tighten the slip-knot you have formed tight to the lineman rope loop (H). You should cinch this connection down very tightly. Make certain the slip-knot is tightly configured.

STEP 3: To use, while standing facing the tree you intend to climb, slip the free, carabiner end of the lineman rope around the tree trunk and connect the locking carabiner (D) to the opposite lineman rope loop (H) as shown in Figure 10. Rotate the gate on the locking carabiner clockwise to lock the carabiner in the closed position (see LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER LOCKING CARABINER OPERATION).

OPTIONAL LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER LOCKING CARABINER OPERATION



Your optional CRÜZR lineman rope and tree tether are both equipped with a locking carabiner. This locking carabiner is a critical piece of safety equipment. An unlocked carabiner will open allowing the lineman rope and/or tree tether to disconnect. Should this occur, you will suffer serious injury or death. NEVER attempt to climb or use your CRÜZR saddle, lineman rope or tree tether with the locking carabiner(s) in an unlocked position.



ROTATE GATE CLOCKWISE TO LOCK
ROTATE GATE COUNTER CLOCKWISE TO UNLOCK

WARNING! YOU MUST LOCK the locking carabiner when in use. Failure to lock the carabiner will put the user at risk of serious injury or death! Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!



Figure 8
Slip sewn-in loop through lineman belt loop w/ red liner.



Figure 9
Slip locking carabiner end of lineman rope through sewn-in loop.

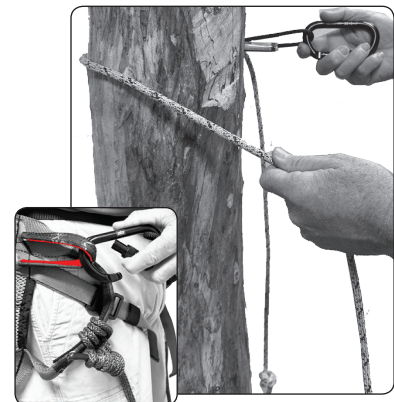


Figure 10
Wrap lineman rope around tree trunk and connect locking carabiner to lineman rope loop w/red liner.

OPTIONAL CRÜZR LINEMAN ROPE USE (CONTINUED)

STEP 4: Adjust your lineman rope length using the prusik knot (E) (refer to Figure 11). Slide the prusik knot up the lineman rope to shorten your distance from the tree trunk. Slide it down to lengthen the distance you are from the tree trunk as shown in Figure 11.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

While climbing, your lineman rope **MUST BE** tight and supporting your weight. It **MUST BE ABOVE WAIST LEVEL** at all times (refer to Figure 12). **NEVER** climb above your lineman rope connection point to the tree trunk. Climbing above your lineman rope connection point increases the distance you will fall should you do so. By increasing this fall distance, you exponentially increase the probability of sustaining a serious injury or death.

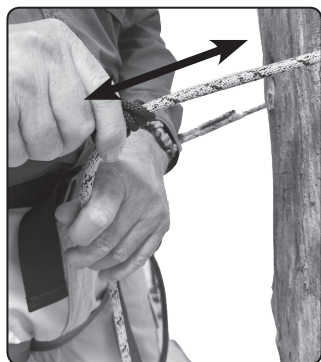


Figure 11
Slide locking carabiner prusik knot up and down to adjust distance from tree.



Figure 12
Lineman rope **MUST BE** at, or above waist level at all times.

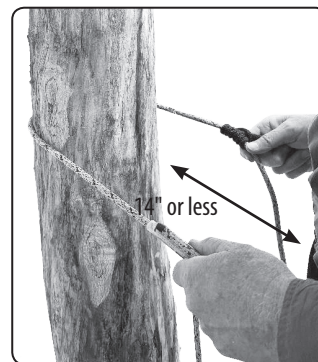


Figure 13
Keep your lineman rope tight at all times. **NEVER** be more than 14-inches from the tree.

WARNING! **NEVER** climb above your lineman rope tree attachment point on the tree trunk. That is, it **MUST** be at least at waist level or higher. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 5: When ready to climb, with your lineman rope wrapped around the tree trunk and the locking carabiner engaged and locked as previously outlined, slide the prusik knot (E) to adjust to the tree size at ground-level. Your lineman rope should be positioned at waist level or higher as shown in Figure 12.

STEP 6: As you climb up, make sure to adjust your lineman rope length to accommodate the narrowing tree trunk. Failure to adjust for the narrowing of the tree trunk will put you in an awkward standing position. As you climb make sure to remove any slack in the lineman rope and make certain the lineman rope is tight as shown in Figure 13 with less than 14-inches between you and the tree trunk. **NEVER** remove your lineman rope as you climb or descend your tree.

OPTIONAL CRÜZR TREE TETHER USE



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WARNING! **NEVER** climb above your tree tether tree attachment point on the tree trunk. That is, it **MUST** be at chin-level or higher (while standing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

OPTIONAL CRÜZR TREE TETHER USE (CONTINUED)

WARNING! DO NOT use your lineman belt, tree tether, or bridge without the factory-installed stopper knot(s) in place on the rope tag-ends. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

STEP 1: Once you have safely climbed to your desired height using your lineman rope as previously outlined here, with your lineman rope still attached, locate your optional tree tether. Your optional tree tether uses a slip-knot connection on one end, and a locking carabiner connection on the opposing end. Locate the sewn-in loop (B) (refer to Figure 2) on your tree tether. Wrap the sewn-in loop (B) end of the tree tether around the trunk of the tree at chin-level or higher as shown in Figure 14.

STEP 2: Slip the locking carabiner (D) (refer to Figure 2) end of the tree tether through the sewn-in loop as shown in Figure 15. Pull the tree tether to tighten the slip-knot you have formed tight to the tree tether loop (H). You should cinch this connection down very tightly. Make certain the slip-knot is tightly configured.

STEP 3: Locate the bridge (E) (refer to Figure 1) on your CRÜZR saddle. Attach the locking carabiner to your bridge (E) as shown in Figure 16. Rotate the gate on the locking carabiner clockwise to lock the carabiner in the closed position (see LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER LOCKING CARABINER OPERATION).

STEP 4: With your tree tether installed and your weight suspended by the saddle, as outlined here, and it tightly adjusted so there is no slack in it, you may now remove your lineman rope.



Figure 14
Wrap sewn-in loop end of tree tether around tree trunk.



Figure 15
Slip locking carabiner end of line-man rope through sewn-in loop.

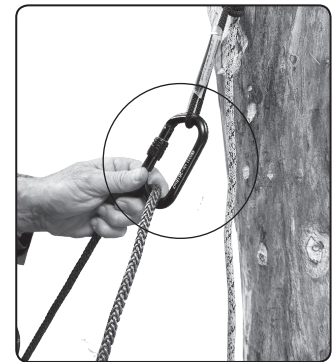
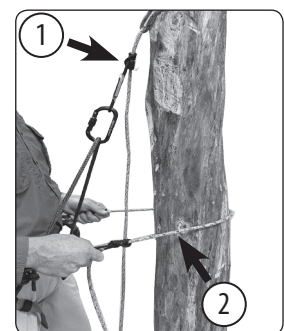


Figure 16
Attach locking carabiner to bridge.

A WORD ABOUT BEST PRACTICES FOR THE OPTIONAL LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER

While most hunters choose to hunt using just their bridge attached to their tree tether, there is a safer way to hunt. Once at hunting height, with your lineman rope and tree tether both attached, you may opt to remain double-connected. That is, both the lineman rope and the tree tether attached simultaneously. This double-attachment ensures the user that in the unlikely event their lineman rope or tree tether fail, they are still attached to the tree safely. This double-attachment has a minimal limit on your mobility and helps ensure your safety should need arise.

WARNING! NEVER CONNECT YOUR LINEMAN ROPE TO THE BRIDGE LOOPS. THESE ARE NOT DESIGNED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LINEMAN LOOPS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!



DOUBLE-ATTACHMENT VIA LINEMAN ROPE AND TREE TETHER

A WORD ABOUT HARNESS COMFORT ADJUSTMENTS

Your CRÜZR saddle is designed, engineered and manufactured to offer you all-day comfort. Each CRÜZR saddle is designed to adjust slightly to increase your comfort, and dial your saddle fitment in to your specific build, needs and hunting style. There are several adjustments you can make to increase the custom fit of your CRÜZR saddle.

SEAT PLEAT AND BRIDGE



Figure 17
Extend seat pleat.

EXTEND SEAT PLEAT

Your CRÜZR XC™ saddle is equipped with a seat pleat (L) (refer to Figure 1). This seat pleat (L) allows the seat to extend width wise to provide additional support to your waist, backside and upper leg areas. Once at your desired elevated position, if more support in these areas is required or desired, simply reach back and grab the bottom edge of the seat (I) (refer to Figure 1) and open the seat pleat (L) and extend the seat area as shown Figure 17.



Figure 18
Potential pinch points.

ADJUST FOR HIP OR LEG PINCH

When using your CRÜZR XC™ saddle, you may experience leg or hip pinch from the saddle (refer to Figure 18). This is due to the angle of attachment of the bridge (E) (refer to Figure 1) to the bridge loops (M) (refer to Figure 1). The bridge is attached via a bridge prusik knot (F) and a bridge base prusik knot (G) (refer to Figure 1). These two (2) knots are capable of sliding along the bridge loops (M). Sliding them along the bridge loops (M) will change the angle of the bridge (E). Should you experience uncomfortable pressure in your waist area, slide the bridge prusik knot (F) and the bridge base prusik knot (G) lower on the bridge loops (M) as shown in Figure 19. If you are experiencing uncomfortable pressure in your legs or this area, slide the bridge prusik knot (F) and the bridge base prusik knot (G) up on the bridge loops (M) as shown in Figure 20. You may have to experiment with these knots and their position to get the saddle pressure dialed-in perfectly.



Figure 19
Pressure on waist area, slide bridge knots down.

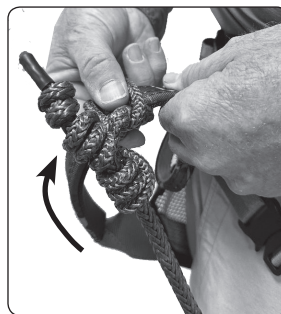


Figure 20
Pressure in leg area, slide bridge knots up.

CRÜZR XC™ SADDLE AND OPTIONAL CLIMBING ROPE STORAGE AND CARE

Your new CRÜZR product is built from the highest quality materials and designed to give you trouble-free service. It is recommended that you store your CRÜZR product(s) out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance when not in use. Hand wash only with warm water. Use a mild soap, no bleach. Should your harness get wet, allow it to drip dry away from direct sunlight before storing. Do not allow your saddle or platform to be exposed to temperatures above 140° F (60° C) or below -80° F (-62° C).

SAFELY CLIMBING OVER OBSTACLES



Figure 21
Install tree tether ABOVE obstacle
and to the tree trunk.

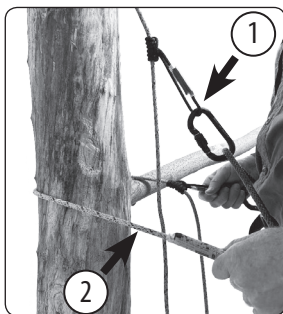


Figure 22
Double-connected with lineman rope and
tree tether ABOVE obstacle.



Figure 23
Remove tree tether once ABOVE the
obstacle.

On occasion, while hunting or using CRÜZR product(s) you may encounter a climbing obstacle, such as a tree limb or branch. It is critical to your personal safety that you maneuver yourself safely over and/or around these obstacles. You must remember to NEVER disconnect yourself from the tree trunk to climb above or over an obstacle. You MUST stay connected at all times.

STEP 1: NEVER disconnect your lineman rope when encountering a tree limb or branch. YOU MUST remain connected to the tree trunk at all times. This connection MUST be to the tree trunk. NEVER attach to a tree limb or branch with any portion of your climbing ropes.

STEP 2: When you encounter a tree limb or branch, with your lineman rope still connected to the tree trunk and at waist level and supporting your weight, install your tree tether to the tree trunk ABOVE the obstacle as shown in Figure 21.

STEP 3: With your tree tether installed, transfer your weight from the lineman rope onto the tree tether. Adjust your climbing ropes (i.e., tree tether and lineman rope) accordingly.

STEP 4: With your tree tether installed on the tree trunk and your weight safely on it, disconnect your lineman rope and lengthen it so it can be passed ABOVE the tree limb or branch. With the lineman rope ABOVE the obstacle and while still attached to the tree trunk via your tree tether, reattach the lineman rope locking carabiner to your saddle's lineman loop. Lock the carabiner. You should now be double-connected to the tree trunk, ABOVE the tree limb or branch and to the tree trunk as shown in Figure 22.

STEP 5: With both your lineman rope and tree tether connected ABOVE the tree limb or branch and to the tree trunk, climb ABOVE the tree limb or branch. Once above the obstacle, with your lineman rope now at waist level once again, and your weight placed on the lineman rope, you may remove your tree tether as shown in Figure 23. With your weight on your lineman rope, you may now return to climbing. Should you encounter another obstacle, repeat STEPS 1 through 5.

POTENTIAL INVERSION HAZARD

Hunting from an elevated position utilizing a CRÜZR saddle exposes the user to an inversion hazard should they fall. An inversion hazard occurs when the user hangs upside down, or in a position other than upright (standing or seated) that restricts their ability to breathe.

Should you be exposed to such a condition (i.e., you fall) you are in danger of positional asphyxiation. Should you find yourself in any position other than upright while using this CRÜZR product(s) you must remain calm. Once you have regained your composure, you must, as quickly as possible, using the tree trunk as a hand-hold, maneuver back into an upright position, either standing or seated. Hanging in a CRÜZR saddle in an inverted position exposes you to a risk of serious injury or death. Furthermore, should you experience a fall, you must return to the ground. You MUST retire your CRÜZR saddle from service following a fall.

WARNING! If you find yourself hanging in a position other than upright, you MUST maneuver yourself back into an upright position. Failure to follow these instruction may result in serious injury or death!

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