

# SAFETY WARNINGS & INSTRUCTIONS

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Before using or attempting to use any Tuebor product, please read and familiarize yourself with the following information. If you have any questions concerning the following information, you may email us your questions at customersupport@tueborsaddles.com and we will be happy to assist you.

- Important Safety Information.

  Hunting from an elevated position is inherently dangerous, it is your responsibility to understand and adhere to all safety warnings and instructions given in this manual before use.
  - This product is only to be used by people in good overall health without prior medical conditions that could cause complications i.e., Severe back issues, history of blood clots, heart conditions, history of stroke or seizures.
  - Do not use this product if you and your gear exceed the weight limit of 300 lbs.
  - **Never** use any type of climbing equipment without knowing its history and maintenance.
  - Never use your saddle without first inspecting it for excessive wear or damage.
  - **Never** use a saddle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
  - **Never** use this product if you are under 18 years of age, unless being supervised by a responsible adult.
  - Do not use a saddle at height until you have first practiced at ground level during the day and at night.
  - **Do not** alter your saddle by sewing or cutting components in any way.
  - Do not apply heavy load to molle loops, these are intended to carry accessories only.

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### **Climbing Safety**

- Instructions provided here do not replace the need for climbing instruction by an experienced climber.
- **Do not** use equipment that is not climbing rated while ascending or descending the tree (ropes, carabiner, all weight bearing hardware).
- Never ascend or descend a tree without being connected to the tree at all times.
- Only climb trees that are large enough to support your climbing weight.
- **Never** climb a tree that is dead, severely leaning, or generally unhealthy.
- Never climb or use this saddle on a utility pole.
- Never ascend or descend the tree in the dark without a head lamp (hands free light).
- Always keep your lineman belt above your waist when climbing. (Figure XX)
- Never climb above your lineman belt. (Figure XX)
- Never climb above your tree tether. (Figure XX)
- Never allow slack in your tree tether or lineman belt. (Figure XX)
- Always be sure ropes are equipped with a stop knot. (Figure XX)
- **Never** use a tree branch for weight bearing support.
- **Never** climb or use this product during inclement weather.

## **Saddle Inspection and Retirement**

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- Always inspect all gear before each use. Retire a saddle immediately if any component shows
  signs of wear (cuts, abrasions, fraying, tears, stretching, decomposition, rips, holes, burns, runs,
  cracks, bulges, dry-rot, chemical or corrosive damage, faded webbing from UV light).
  Discontinue using the saddle if there is any indication that the product has experienced stress or
  degradation.
- **Never** attempt to repair any component that has become compromised. If any of the above signs of wear are seen, you must retire the saddle immediately.
- Always inspect webbing closely to be sure there are no torn threads or visible abrasions on the webbing.
- If the saddle has been used to arrest a fall and has sustained impact from the fall, even if it is not obviously damaged, the saddle **must** be retired.
- All Tuebor saddles have an expiration date. The inside tag will indicate the manufacturing date.
   Under regular use, saddles may be used for up to 5 years after manufacturing date, if properly stored and cared for. Never use a saddle that is more than 5 years old.

For Additional Safety and retirement information for your saddle please visit

https://sterlingrope.com/images/downloads/Sterling Wrap CARE 21x9 2019Nov v7 ML PRINT.pdf

#### Saddle Care and Maintenance

- Do not sew, resew, or modify the saddle components or webbing in anyway.
- **Never** use harsh chemicals, soaps or bleach to wash your saddle.
- **Do not** expose your saddle to ozone products.
- Anytime your saddle gets wet, always let it hang to dry out of direct sunlight.
- Never store a wet or damp saddle.

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- We recommend storing your saddle in a protective container, this will block UV light, keep moisture out, protect from pets and deter pests.
- Never allow your saddle to be stored in temperatures exceeding 120 degrees or below -40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Always protect you saddle from sharp or abrasive objects.

### **Return and Shipping Policy**

- Tuebor offers a 30 day return policy. The buyer will have 30 days from purchase to start a return claim. After 30 days, all returns will be handled on a case by case basis. Once the buyer has made his or her claim, he or she will have 14 days to return the product.
- Tuebor will cover all shipping costs for warranty returns if the saddle is found to have construction or manufacturing defects.
- Return shipping will be paid by the buyer if it is not a valid warranty claim.
- Refunds will be processed back to the initial account from which the payment was made.

## **Warranty Policy**

- Tuebor will replace your saddle, at no additional cost, if construction or manufacturing defects are present on the saddle.
- This warranty does **not** cover normal wear and tear.
- The warranty is valid for **one** year after the original date of purchase.

### **Liability Disclaimer**

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## Visual Diagram of the Hemlock Saddle

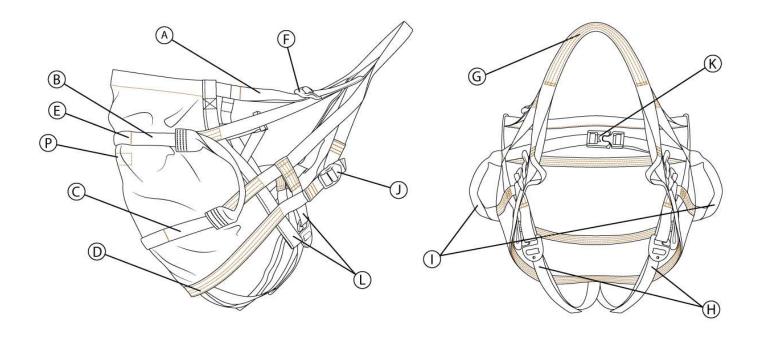


Figure 1

- A. Strap A (Adjustable)
- B. Strap B (Belt)
- C. Strap C
- D. Strap D
- E. Molle Loops
- F. Strap A Adjustment Buckle
- P. Patch

- G. Bridge Loop
- H. Leg Straps with G Hooks
- I. Lineman's Loop
- J. Strap D Adjustment Buckle (Both Sides)
- K. Belt Buckle
- L. Leg Strap Receiving Loops (two positions)

## How to Put on Your Hemlock Saddle

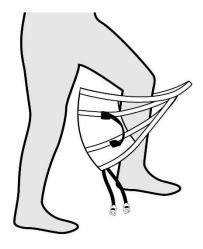


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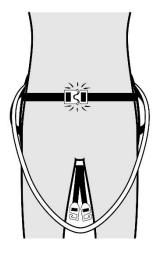


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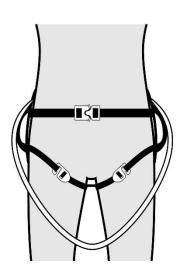
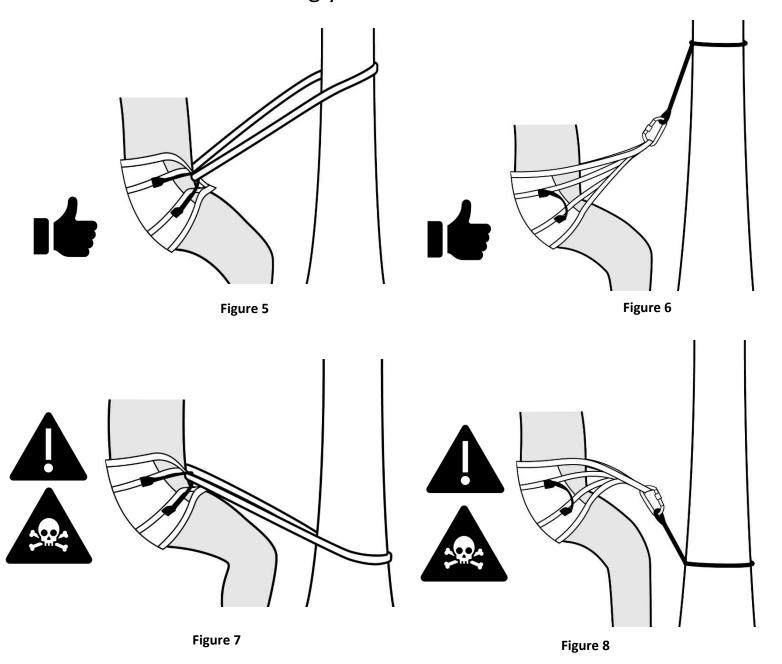


Figure 4

- 1. Orient the saddle: (Figure 1)
  - a. Locate the Tuebor label patch (P) for quick reference. Leg straps (H) will be at the bottom of the saddle.
- 2. Step through the bridge loop (Figure 2)
  - a. While holding the bridge loop (G) with your hand, step into the saddle one foot at a time.
- 3. Attach belt at the 'waist' level: (Figure 3)
  - a. Locate the belt and belt buckle (K) found on strap B (B). Belt straps are GREEN.
  - b. Connect the male end with the female end of the belt buckle \*Refer to Austrialpin for Buckle Specs (25mm)
  - c. Cinch Belt Buckle adjusters until Belt is tight around the hips.
- 4. Locate and attach the leg straps: (Figure 4)
  - a. Leg straps can be found dangling between your legs. Leg straps are GREEN.
  - b. Using the G-hooks (see Figure 4 above), connect leg straps (H) to one of two leg strap receiving loop points (L) per side. Cinch to desired comfort level.

## Attaching your Saddle to the Tree



- 1. Before climbing the tree, attach your lineman belt to one lineman loop, wrap around the tree and connect to your other lineman loop via a carabiner. (Figure 5)
- 2. Stay connected to the tree the entire time you are ascending or descending the tree.
- 3. At hunting height, while still connected by your lineman belt, wrap your tether around the tree at nose or forehead height. Place the carabiner through the loop end of your tether and attach the carabiner to the bridge loop. (Figure 6)
- 4. **Never** climb above your lineman belt. (Figure 7)
- 5. Never climb above your tether. (Figure 8)
- 6. **Never** allow any slack in either your lineman belt or tether, as doing so could lead to serious injury or death.

## **General Tips for Ultimate Comfort**

#### 1. Walking in and/or climbing the Tree

• We highly recommend that you utilize the adjustability found on strap A. Pull strap A tight at the adjustment buckle (F) by pulling the tag end. Continue pulling until the bridge loop (G) is tight on your abdomen. By doing so, you help eliminate the slack in the bridge. Once at hunting height, loosen (F) to deploy your bridge.

#### 2. Leg Straps

• Consider leg strap tension affects comfort while walking. Adjust (H) accordingly.

#### 3. Finding you sweet spot in the tree

- When safely connected to your tether at hunting height, you will have three adjustment points (F)(J)(H) to find your optimal comfort. Ideal comfort is found when all four straps are balanced with equal tension, based on the position that is most comfortable for you.
  - 1. Strap A adjustment: Adjust (F) to find the back support that fits your comfort.
  - 2. Strap D adjustment: Adjust (J) to achieve equal tension with straps C and D.
  - 3. Leg Strap Adjustment: Adjust (H) to zero-in on the best position for you.