

Self Supporting Tree Brace

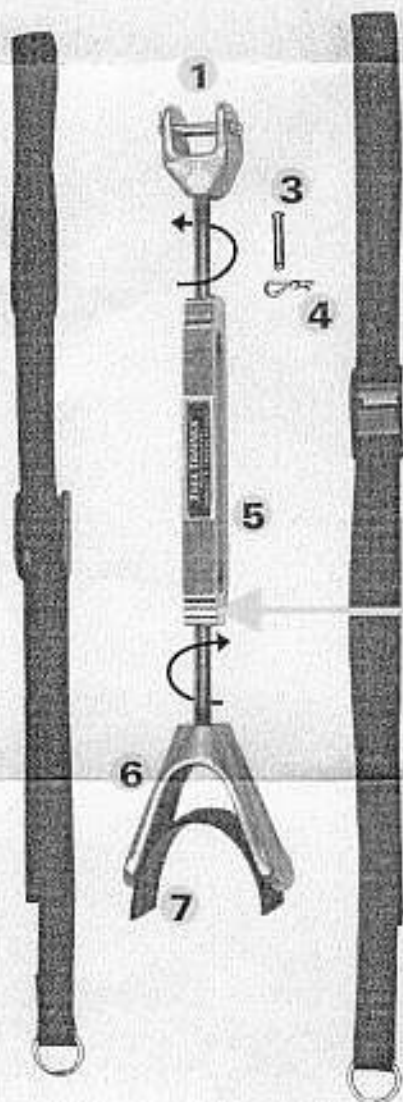
TREE TRAINER™

STRAIGHTENS TREES

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

- Thread the head counter clockwise into the turnbuckle (the piece and end **with** the "L" signifying left handed threads).
- Thread the saddle clockwise in the opposite end of the turnbuckle with the groove in the lower end of turnbuckle
- Thread head and saddle all the way into the barrel.
- To attach straps remove hairpins and clevis pins from the head. Place loops into head and insert clevis pin through the loop end of the strap and replace hairpin. The Tree Trainer™ is now ready for use.
- Insert pad into saddle before use.



Note: "Left hand" means to turn counter clockwise one end while threading both ends together.

Groove signifies right hand thread.

PARTS:

1. HEAD
2. SHORT END STRAP
3. CLEVIS PIN
4. HAIR PIN
5. BARREL
6. SADDLE
7. INSERT PAD

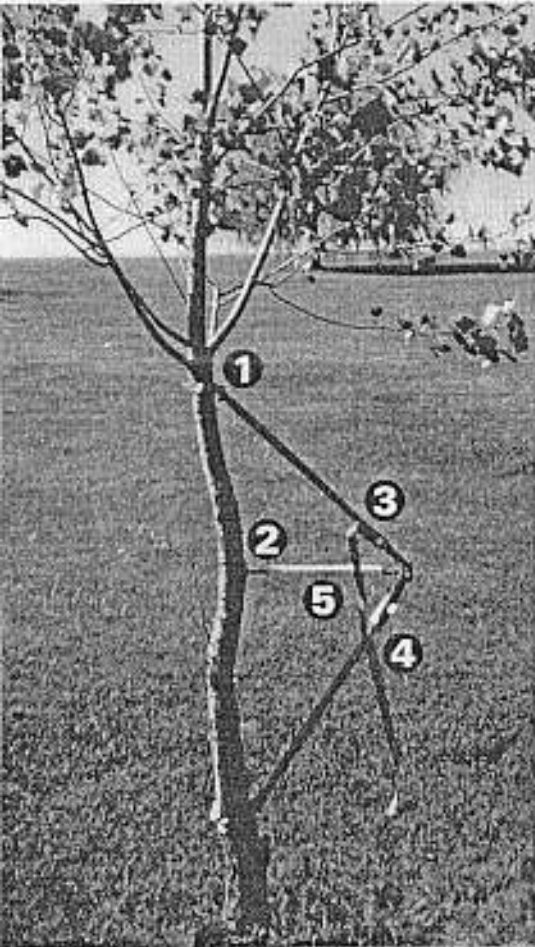
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HOW TO USE



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Look at the tree to determine where the brace needs to be placed (generally in the middle of the bend). Picture the brace in the center of the bend and measure up the trunk 20 to 30 inches (may vary). This will be the location for the placement of the top strap.

1. Wrap the strap twice around the tree trunk and loop the strap through the oval ring on front side facing the Tree Trainer™.
2. Insert neoprene pad into the saddle to act as a cushion to protect the bark. Place the saddle of the Tree Trainer™ in the center of the bend. Be sure the saddle and head are screwed all the way into the barrel.
3. Pull the slack out of the top strap that is attached to the tree (cam buckle will need to be opened fully for strap to slide freely). Close the cam buckle when the strap is snug. The strap should now be secure. The turnbuckle will be supported horizontally on the tree.
4. To attach bottom strap repeat steps 1 and 3 (straps do not have to be an equal distance from the brace). **Make sure both straps are hooked in the center line of the tree trunk and the saddle of the tree brace is in a vertical line with the straps on the trunk. At that time, position the brace horizontal with the tree before you begin to tighten the Tree Trainer™.** One or both of the straps may need adjusted so that the Tree Trainer™ is horizontal (perpendicular to the tree) and remains in the center of the bend in the tree. The straps **must be** aligned in the center of the tree (not off to one side or the other) so there is a straight line of pull. Both straps need to be tight at this point.
5. Adjust or lengthen turn buckle until tree is straight.

Tips

- If tree is badly bent and/or very large, straighten over a period of time to avoid breaking the tree.
- It is necessary to periodically adjust the position of the saddle and straps on the tree to prevent girdling.
- Periodically check tension of Tree Trainer™ and tighten as needed.
- Use the Tree Trainer™ anytime tree sap is up and the tree is growing (usually April to October although this will vary depending on climate zones and weather patterns).
- Results will vary depending on the growth rate of the tree and length of time Tree Trainer™ is left in place.
- If tree has more than one bend two Tree Trainers™ can be used at once.
- If the Tree Trainer™ becomes too tight to turn by hand, use a crescent wrench or screwdriver to aid in turning.

WARNING: Misuse of this product may result in damage to your tree, i.e. as in the case of trying to pull too big of a bend out of the tree too quickly.