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SADDLE INSTRUCTIONS

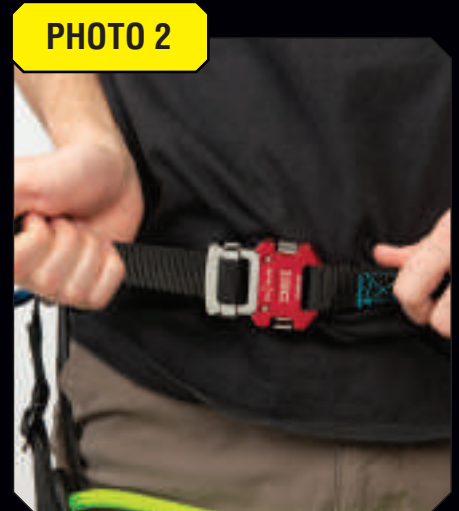
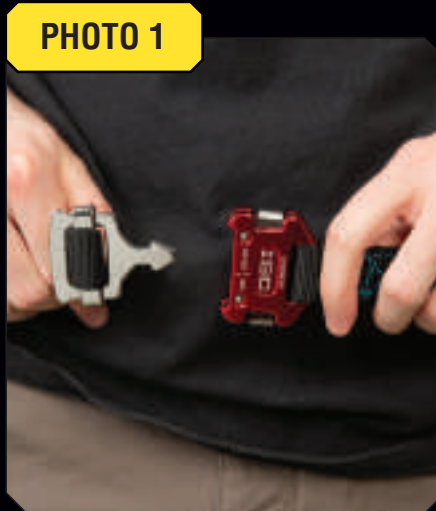


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Adjusting the Waist Belt

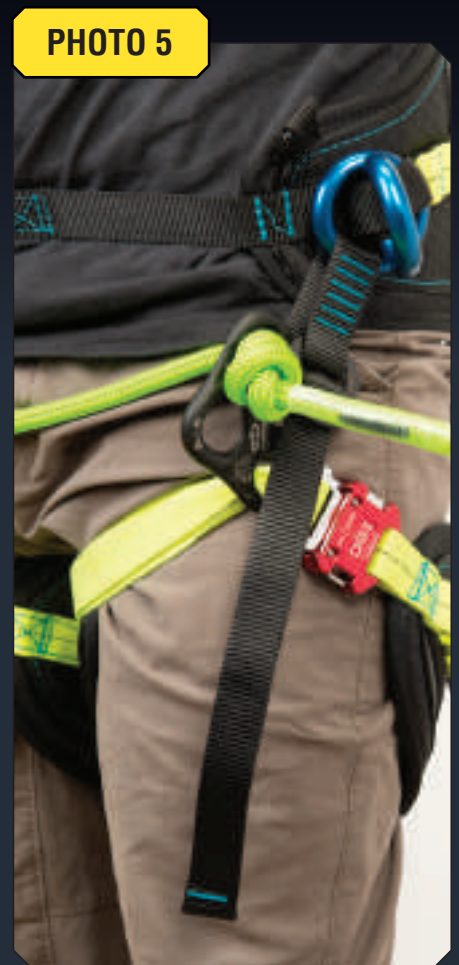
- 1) Begin by putting the saddle on to check for fit. Run your legs through the leg straps and snap the waist belt buckle closed. Double check that the buckle is securely fastened (**PHOTO 1**).
- 2) Pull the end of the waist belt to tighten it as needed (**PHOTO 2**).



Adjusting Rope Bridge

Adjusting the rope bridge height affects your center of gravity while suspended from the rope bridge.

- 1) Locate the straps connecting the waist belt to the rigging plate on either side of the saddle (**PHOTO 3**).
- 2) To raise the rope bridge, lift up on the slide buckle and pull the end of the strap through and down to tighten the webbing. (**PHOTO 4 & 5**).
- 3) Repeat on the other side as needed.



Adjusting Leg Straps

- 1) Bring the leg strap around the leg and snap the buckle closed. Double check that the buckle is securely fastened (**PHOTO 6**).
- 2) Pull the end of the strap to tighten it as needed (**PHOTO 7**).
- 3) Repeat on the other side.

PHOTO 6



PHOTO 7



Removing Rope Bridge

- 1) Untie the double overhand stopper knot on one side of the rope bridge (**PHOTO 8**).
- 2) Pull the untied end of the rope bridge through both rigging plates to remove (**PHOTO 9**).

PHOTO 8



PHOTO 9



Attaching Rope Bridge

- 1) Tie a double overhand stopper knot on one end of the rope bridge. The rope's plastic tip should be outside of the knot and completely visible (**PHOTOS 10, 11, 12, 13**).
- 2) Run the untied end of the rope bridge through each rigging plate, making sure to use the same hole on each plate (**PHOTO 14**).
- 3) Tie a double overhand stopper knot on the remaining end to secure the rope bridge, making sure the knots are even on each side (**PHOTO 15**).

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Watch the instructional video on replacing a rope bridge.

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PHOTO 10



PHOTO 11



PHOTO 12



PHOTO 13



PHOTO 14



PHOTO 15



Use, Maintenance & Warning Instructions



IMPORTANT:

Only authorized replacement parts from Weaver Arborist should be used on the Stratus Arborist Saddle. The use of unauthorized replacement parts will void Weaver Arborist's warranty.

▼▼ For Positioning & Suspension Use Only ▼▼

- **The Stratus Arborist Saddle and replacement parts are for tree-trimming professional use only. Consult and follow ANSI Z133-12 standard.**
- This item is for **properly trained professionals only**.
- **Occupational Protective Equipment (OPE) must only** be used for the specific purpose for which it is designed and intended.
- This product is to be used for positioning and suspension only, **NOT FOR FALL ARREST**. You may need to supplement work positioning/suspension arrangements with collective means of protection (i.e. safety nets) or personal means of protection (i.e. fall arrest system).
- The use of fall arrest equipment is **highly recommended** in conjunction with this belt.
- If there is any danger of a fall, **NEVER work without independent fall arrest protection**.
- Attach only connecting devices meeting government standards for **positioning and suspension** to saddle attachment points.
- Attach only **positioning** connecting devices on the waist belt D-rings, and lower attachment points. Attach only **suspension** connecting devices to the rope bridge.
- **Positioning and suspension anchor points** must support user's weight plus all additional job related load.
- Note: 15 lbs. (6.8 kg) is the maximum load capacity for **gear and accessory loops**.
- The use of locking snap hooks is **required**.
- **When in a working position, use properly operating locking snaps or carabiners in a manner that prevents the locked gate from coming into contact with pressure which may potentially cause opening or rollout.**
- **Employer:** must instruct employee as to the proper use, warnings and choice of suitable anchor points before using this equipment.
- Before using this equipment, consideration must be made as to **how any necessary rescue could be safely achieved**.
- Before using equipment for the first time, a suspension test should be carried out by the user in a safe place to **ensure saddle is the right size, has been adjusted to fit properly, offers sufficient adjustment, and is comfortable for its intended use**.
- Occupational Protective Equipment **must be destroyed** if subjected to impact loading.
- Only Weaver Arborist shall make repairs to equipment.
- Before each use, always visually check that all buckles **are not subject to corrosion or wear** and that they are **properly closed. Do not just trust the sound of a click – always visually check.**

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- **Always visually check that:** 1) each snap hook freely engages D-ring or anchor point, 2) keeper is completely closed with each use. **NEVER** rely solely on the feel or sound of a snap hook engaging.
- Before each use check for the following types of damage: 1) burns, cuts, cracks, tears or abrasions, undue stretching, mildew, operational defects, acid or other corrosion, broken stitching or excessive wear, 2) bent, loose or missing rivets, 3) distorted or cracked buckles, D-rings and hardware, 4) if there is a tongue buckle, that the tongue does not bind on the buckle and buckle holes are not damaged, 5) **ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY REMOVE FROM SERVICE, DESTROY AND DISCARD BELT OR HARNESS IF IT FAILS INSPECTION.**
- This item is for personal use only, **NOT** for towing or hoisting.
- Equipment that has been subject to misuse or neglect **should be immediately removed from service and destroyed.**
- **Never** use components or subsystems in any combination that may interfere with the equipment's safe function.
- **Never** attach ladder or rebar hooks to D-rings.
- **Never** attach multiple snap hooks to a D-ring.
- **Never** punch additional holes or alter any belt or harness in any way.
- **Never** use equipment around moving machinery or electrical hazards.
- **Never** use equipment around sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- If there is danger of a fall, **never work without independent fall arrest protection.**
- This equipment is **NOT** for bungee jumping or any recreational use.
- To ensure proper performance and extend useful life, this equipment should be properly **maintained, stored and transported.** When necessary, nylon should only be cleaned and disinfected with mild soap and water and allowed to air dry completely without the use of excessive heat. Store and transport this equipment in a clean, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Do **NOT** allow this equipment to come in contact with acids, petroleum products, solvents or other chemical agents. **Always** strictly adhere to the above cleaning, storage and transportation warnings.
- Read, understand and follow all instructions and cautions attached to and/or packed with this and all Occupational Protective Equipment before each use.
- Equipment covered by the above instructions and warnings shall **NOT** be reused, resold or redistributed after being used by the original user.

Suspension Bridge Inspection and Replacement for Applicable Models

- Daily inspection of the bridge and bridge ends is extremely important.
- The saddle is designed to allow users to replace the suspension bridge at the first sign of fray, cuts, cracks, tears, nicks, abrasion, unraveling, excessive wear or exposure to shock loading. If the bridge shows any of these signs or was shock loaded, **REPLACE IMMEDIATELY.**
- The suspension bridge should be replaced at the earlier of the first sign of wear or 6 months.

If you have any questions regarding the use, maintenance and warning instructions or are unsure or encounter doubt about your particular condition of the product, remove from service and contact your supervisor, safety director or Weaver Arborist for assistance.



Stratus Saddle Inspection Chart

A qualified person must inspect this equipment every 6 months. Mark the month of the current year if the item passes inspection. Remove it from service if it is not inspected every 6 months. If it fails inspection, remove it at once and replace.

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023												
2024												
2025												
2026												
2027												
2028												

Name of User _____

Date Into Service (Month/Year) _____



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