



NEW TRIBE BASIC SADDLES

User Guide

WARNING: For tree climbing only. This activity is dangerous. Understand and accept the risks involved before participating. You are responsible for your own actions and decisions. Before using this product, read and understand all instructions and warnings that accompany it and familiarize yourself with its capabilities and limitations. We recommend that every user seek qualified instruction in the use of this equipment.

Failure to read and follow these warnings can result in severe injury or death!

USER INSTRUCTIONS

NFPA Standard 1983 recommends separating the user instructions from the saddle and retaining them in permanent record. The standard also recommends making a copy of the instructions to keep with the saddle and that the instructions should be referred to before and after each use.

The New Tribe family of Basic saddles all have a front tie-in point using a screw link to join the eyes on the belt with the D ring or loop on the leg strap bridge. Though the details differ from model to model, the directions for use are the same.



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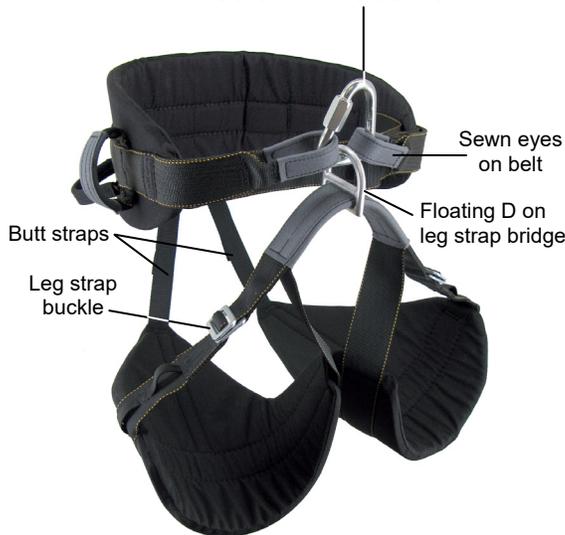
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TREE FOX

PUTTING ON THE SADDLE

Screw link closure



Remove the screw link. Check that the webbing is free of twists.

Hold the belt open facing forward and step into the leg straps as you would step into a pair of pants. (*Tengu, Yellow Jacket and Tree Fox: If you prefer, you can open the quick release buckles on the leg straps.*)

Raise the belt into position at your waist so that the waist strap crosses your belly at the navel.

Thread the waist strap into its buckle and pull it snug. Loop the end of the webbing back through the buckle and tuck it in to lock it in place.

(*Tengu, Yellow Jacket and Tree Fox: Bring the leg straps around each leg and fasten the buckles.*)

(*Tree Fox: Adjustable leg straps. Using the adjuster buckles, lengthen or shorten the leg straps for good balance hanging in the saddle. After adjustment, slide the leg pads into position centered at the back of your thighs. NOTE: The leg straps are intended to be loose on your thighs—they are designed to float on your legs as you move about. Do not adjust them to be snug.*)

Close the saddle around your body by linking the D-ring on the leg strap bridge to the two webbing eyes on the belt, using the screw link provided with the saddle. Screw the link closed, just finger-tight.



The butt straps run between the belt and the leg pads in back. Use them to set the position of the leg pads at a point between your knees and your butt where they give good support and comfort to your thighs without causing the straps to bind at the crotch.

USING THE SADDLE

For tree climbing, your rope or other safety device must be attached directly to the **SCREW LINK** at front and center.

DO NOT TIE IN TO ANY OTHER PART OF THE SADDLE!

If side D-rings are present on your saddle, they may be used for positioning using a separate lanyard or rope.

CAUTION: The gear loops, carabiner loops, snap hooks, accessory rings and aluminum ring sewn onto the saddle belt and leg straps are intended only for carrying gear and accessories. Do not use them for life support. **Always keep your life support connected to the screw link in front.**

CAUTION: Make sure that the saddle fits snugly at the waist and that your connection to the screw link is secure before using the saddle. When wearing the saddle, **double-check the screw link, buckles, and fit of the saddle immediately prior to relying on it for support.**

NEW TRIBE TREE SADDLES

Important User Information for Life Safety Equipment

For your safety and to get the most out of your New Tribe saddle, please read and follow these directions.

Inspection and retirement Inspect your saddle for signs of wear and damage before and after each use. It is vitally important that your saddle be in good condition. A damaged saddle must be retired immediately. Any time you retire a piece of gear, destroy it to prevent future use.

Safe life expectancy The nylon components of climbing equipment degrade over time. Seven years is considered the safe shelf life of nylon climbing equipment when it is *stored properly and never used*. With normal use and proper care, the safe life expectancy of your saddle is approximately three years, and can be longer or shorter depending on how frequently you use it and on the conditions of its use.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST Retire a saddle immediately when any ONE or more of these apply:	
	—there is any kind of rip or hole in the webbing.
	—the webbing is burnt, singed, or melted.
	—there are any torn threads or heavy abrasion to the webbing.
	—there is dirt or grit imbedded in the webbing.
	—the fabric chafe wrap that protects the webbing in places of hard wear is worn off or frayed.
	—the webbing is faded or discolored from exposure to ultraviolet light, moisture, solvents, fumes or bleach.
	—any one of the buckles is cracked, corroded, has a burr, or is damaged or deformed in any way.
	—it has been involved in a fall. Retire it immediately even if there is no visible damage.
	—it is seven or more years past the manufacture date. Retire it immediately even if there is no visible damage.
	—you have any doubt about its dependability. Retire it immediately even if there is no visible damage.

Maintenance and storage If the saddle becomes soiled, it can be washed in cold water with a mild non-detergent soap. Hang to dry in a well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Do not dry in an automatic dryer. Prevent exposure to flame or high temperatures. Keep the saddle in a clean, dry, dark place off of concrete and away from acids, alkalis, exhaust emissions, rust and strong chemicals. If the saddle becomes wet, allow to dry completely before storing.

Repairs and Alterations We recommend that all repair work be done by New Tribe. All other repair work or modification of the saddle may void the warranty and releases New Tribe, Inc. from all liability and responsibility as the manufacturer.

Warranty and Returns

One Year Limited Warranty

Every product sold by New Tribe carries a one-year warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. New Tribe will repair or replace the defective product at no charge and return it to you. You are responsible for all shipping costs.

Coverage terminates if you sell or otherwise transfer the product.

This warranty does not cover any problem that is caused by abuse, misuse, or an act of nature (such as a flood). Also, consequential and incidental damages are not recoverable under this warranty.

To make a claim under this warranty, call New Tribe at 541-476-9492 or 1-866-223-3317 to request a **Return Authorization Number**. Mark the package with the Return Authorization Number and include a note listing the invoice number of your purchase, your contact information and a short description of the problem. Ship your New Tribe product to New Tribe, 5517 Riverbanks Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

We will inspect your New Tribe product and contact you within 72 hours to give the results of our inspection. Depending on our findings, New Tribe will repair or replace your New Tribe product or refund your purchase price, at our sole discretion.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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If we receive your return within 30 days after date of purchase, and if the product is in new, unused and saleable condition, we will accept your return and refund your purchase price less the original shipping charge. If your product shows signs of use or soil, we cannot accept the return and will discard it or send it back to you, per your request.

If we accept the return of your New Tribe product but receive it 31 to 90 days after date of purchase, we will refund your purchase price less a restocking fee of up to 25%. No returns will be accepted if received more than 90 days after date of purchase.