



NEW TRIBE ONYX ARBORIST SADDLE

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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!

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PUTTING ON THE SADDLE

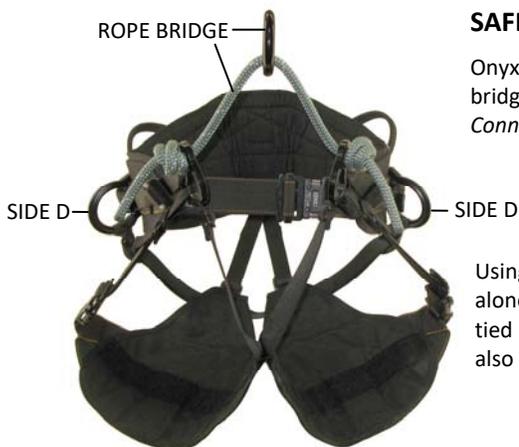
- (1) Open the buckle on the cinch strap.
- (2) Open the leg strap buckles.
- (3) Hold the belt facing forward and step into it. Raise the belt into position just above your hip bones.
- (4) Close the cinch strap buckle and pull the webbing snug.
- (5) Buckle the leg straps making sure they are without twists and that the leg pads are at the back of your thighs.



The cinch strap on the belt holds the saddle in position on your body as you move your weight on and off the saddle during a climb. To open the buckle, squeeze the sides. To close, push the two parts together until they click. Pull the strap snug.

ALWAYS SECURELY CONNECT THE WAIST CINCH STRAP!

SAFE CONNECTION TO THE ROPE



Onyx is equipped with a rated ring on the bridge. It is safe to tie in to the ring, or directly to the bridge. You can open the bridge to remove the ring, or to install your own ring. See *Bridge Connections* below for information on safe rigging of the Onyx rope bridge.

Using a lanyard or flipline, you can also tie in safely to BOTH side Ds. Do not rely on one side D alone. The life-safety structure of the saddle requires that the side Ds be used together. While tied in to the bridge, you can attach a secondary line to just one side D for positioning only. It is also safe to tie in directly to BOTH rigging plates in the same way.



ATTACHMENT POINTS FOR EQUIPMENT

THESE ARE NOT LIFE SAFETY TIE IN POINTS!

Four carabiner loops, three suspender rings, four gear loops, one extra large removable gear loop, three aluminum accessory rings and four tool slots are built into the belt for adding accessories such as tools, equipment or gear bags to the saddle.

Do not use them for any life safety attachment.

ADJUST THE FIT OF THE SADDLE

Adjust the fit of your saddle so that your body is supported with weight evenly distributed between belt and leg straps, balanced to hang upright and relaxed, and without uncomfortable pinching or pressure. Fit the saddle before your first climb in it, where you can hang on rope close to the ground. Make and test small adjustments until it feels right. You only have to do this once. Your settings will stay until you change them.

LEG LOOP ADJUSTMENT

The leg loops are sized by moving the webbing through the leg loop buckles until they are the length you want. Be sure to leave a 3 inch tail of webbing beyond the buckle for safety.

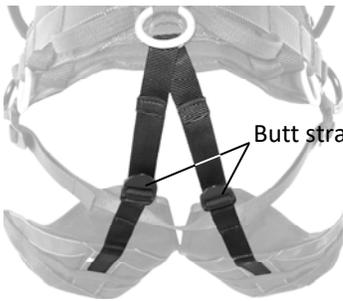
Note: The leg loops are intended to be loose on your thigh. Some climbers prefer a closer fit, which is okay if the saddle feels right that way. The best length puts the leg loops in balance with the belt so you sit comfortably upright and relaxed in the saddle while suspended on rope.



Leg loop buckle



Each leg loop passes through a rigging plate hole. There is a retainer strap attached to the leg loop with two 3-bar slides. This retainer strap restricts the leg loop from sliding too far through the rigging plate, which could cause the leg pads to rotate out of position under your thighs. After you have set the length of the leg loops, adjust the retainer strap to a position on the leg loop that keeps the leg pads centered under your thighs.



Butt strap buckles

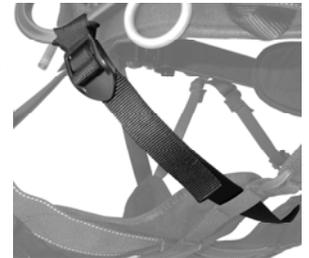
BUTT STRAP ADJUSTMENT

The butt straps 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 leg straps to bind at the crotch. The butt straps run through a small steel ring at the rear of the belt and down to the leg pads in back. They are controlled by two friction buckles. Adjust the position of the pads to where they provide the most comfort. Let the butt straps out to position the leg pads closer to your knees; to move the pads closer to your butt, pull the straps through the buckles to shorten them .



SEAT STRAP ADJUSTMENT

This strap makes a seat between the belt and leg loops, and stabilizes the leg loop position as you move about on a climb. It runs from D-ring to D-ring across the back of the saddle. It is adjusted using the friction buckles at each end of the strap. Set the length so the strap rides in contact with your butt, adding support without pinch or slack when hanging in the saddle.



BRIDGE STRAP ADJUSTMENT

The saddle bridge rigging plates are attached to the belt by webbing straps that pass through the plates and back to the buckles. To adjust, work the tail back through the buckle to make some slack, then let out or take up webbing length to set the distance between the belt and the rigging plate. Shorten the strap to bring the bridge closer to your body, lengthen it to move the bridge away from your body.

TYING THE ROPE BRIDGE STOPPER KNOTS

The rope bridge is secured to the saddle with a stopper knot that stops the rope from passing through the hole in the rigging plate. Tie one at the end of the bridge rope leaving at least 3 inches of tail. Pass the rope from outside to inside of one rigging plate, using the top hole, pass it through the ring, then through the top hole on the other plate, from inside to outside. Tie another stopper knot on the outside where the length of rope between the two rigging plates forms the bridge length you want.



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Important User Information for Life Safety Equipment

For your safety and to get the most out of your Onyx Arborist saddle, please **read and follow these directions**. This information applies equally to the saddle and to the bridge rope and hardware of the Onyx saddle.

Inspection and retirement Inspect your equipment for signs of wear and damage before and after each use. It is vitally important that your equipment be in good condition. Damaged equipment 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 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 equipment is approximately three years, and can be longer or shorter depending on how frequently you use it and on the conditions of its use and storage.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST Retire life safety equipment immediately when any ONE or more of these apply:	
	—there is any kind of rip or hole in the webbing or rope.
	—the webbing or rope is burnt, singed, or melted.
	—there are any torn or pulled threads or heavy abrasion to the webbing or rope.
	—there is dirt or grit imbedded in the webbing or rope.
	—the fabric chafe wrap that protects the webbing in places of hard wear is worn off or frayed.
	—the webbing or rope 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.
	—any one of the rigging plates 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 your equipment becomes soiled, it can be washed in cold water with a mild 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 equipment in a clean, dry, dark place off of concrete and away from acids, alkalis, exhaust emissions, rust and strong chemicals. If the equipment becomes wet, allow to dry completely before storing. Metal hardware parts (rigging plates, buckles, etc.) should be cleaned and dried. Minor sharp edges may be smoothed with a fine abrasive cloth before cleaning.

Repairs and Alterations We recommend that all repair work be done by New Tribe. All other repair work or modification of the equipment 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 product to New Tribe, 5517 Riverbanks Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

We will inspect your product and contact you within three working days to give the results of our inspection. Depending on our findings, New Tribe will repair or replace your 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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We will inspect your New Tribe product and contact you within three working days to give the results of our inspection.

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.