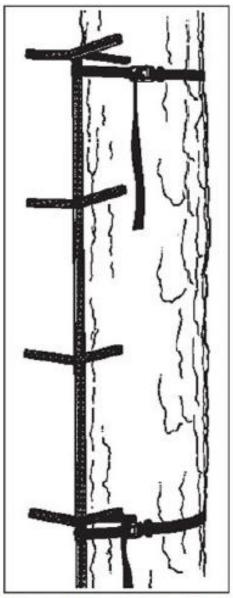
## Instructions For Ol'Man Stick Ladder



Ol' Man Stick Ladder Model COM-14 (Includes 5 Sections)







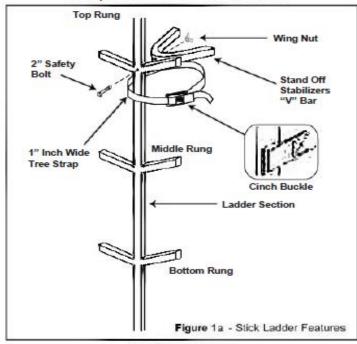
Warning: Always attach yourself to the tree with a fall restraint system That meets industry standards recognized by TMA before leaving the ground and remain connected until the time you return to the ground. In other words from the time you first step onto the stick climber or (other climbing aid that meets industry standards recognized by TMA) that you have chosen to use) at ground level, ascend the tree, step onto the stand, hunt, step back onto the stick climber (or climbing aid) and descend to the ground there should be no time that you are not attached to the tree with a harness certified to industry standards recognized by TMA. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. If for any reason you cannot follow these instructions do not use the treestand or Stick Climber or treestand accessory. If you do not have a harness with a lineman's climbing belt contact Millennium Outdoors at 601-932-5832 or info@millenniumstands.com and we will furnish you one free of charge. If you do not intend to follow these instructions please return your Ol'Man Treestand Stick Climber or treestand accessory to Millennium Outdoors for a full refund. Failure to follow these instructions can cause serious injury or death.

For your own personal safety, please take a moment to read each section of the instructions for the safeset-up, use, and care of the Ol'Man product included in this product instruction manual. A warranty registration card has been included with your new Ol'Man product. Please take the time to completely fill it out and send it to Ol' Man Treestands. Your signature on the warranty registration card acknowledges that you have read and understand the instructions and warnings contained in this instruction manual - and that you recognize their importance.

Model Number and Total Weight Capacity

Ol' Man Stick Ladder (COM-14) 300 pounds (136kg) (User and Equipment)

#### Components of the Stick Ladder

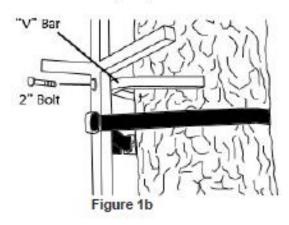


#### SPECIFICATIONS

# Standard Model: Model No. Weight per section Number of Sections Total Weight (4 Sections) Length per section Weight capacity Color

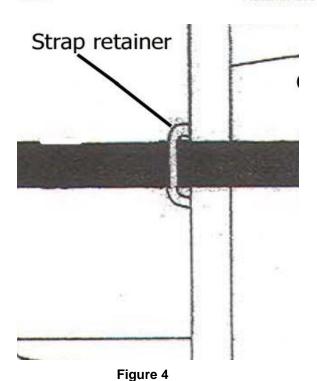
#### Ol' Man Stick Ladder OSL 4.5 pounds 5 (20 ft. total height) 17 pounds 48" inches 300 pounds Autumn Green

### Assembling of the Support ("V") Bars



**Step 1**- Refer to Figure 1b locate the ladder "V" Bars. Install all five (5) of them using the 2" bolts and wing nuts as shown in Figure 1b.

**Step 2**- Be certain to install the ladder "V" Bars with the cinch buckle receptacles oriented to the outside of the ladder section as shown in Figure 1b.



RATCHET • FIGURE 2

RATCHET • FIGURE 3

RATCHET • FIGURE 4

Figure 4A

STEP 1. Thread strap through slot in the center of the ratchet reel. (see fig. 1) Remove slack from strap by pulling loose end as tightly as possible. (see fig. 2)

STEP 2. Then ratchet handle back and forth to tighten straps, a minimum of two (2) wraps around the ratchet reel is required. (see fig. 3)

STEP 3. After strap is tight, close handle to the lock position.

STEP 4. To remove tension, pull spring loaded retaining lock and open ratchet completely, then manually pull strap to loosen. (see fig. 4)

#### Thank you for your purchase of this quality Ol'Man Treestands product!

To ensure your personal safety, please take a moment to carefully read this product instruction manual in its entirety before attempting to set-up, assemble, install, or use this product. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or death. This Ol'Man product was designed, engineered, and manufactured under rigorous quality standards. This product has undergone uncompromising testing that insures that it is structurally sound and safe for your use, if used in accordance with the instructions contained in this product instruction manual. Proper installation, set-up, and use of this - or any Ol'Man product is the responsibility of the user. NEVER EXCEED THE 300 LB RATED LOAD OF THIS PRODUCT!!!

Should you have any questions about the installation or use of this product or any other Ol'Man product, please do not hesitate to call one of our customer service representatives toll-free at 1-888-656-2606. Our service may have any of the complete line of Ol'Man Treestands products.

<u>WARNING</u> statements have been placed throughout this product instruction manual. These statements point out important safety information and instructions, which, if not followed, could endanger the personal safety and/or property of the operator. It is imperative that the operator of this product, or any other Ol'Man product, read and understand all the instructions and warnings contained in this manual prior to attempting to use this product, or any other Ol'Man product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

#### **ATTENTION**

#### WHEN YOU SEE A WARNING BE SURE TO HEED THE MESSAGE!

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WARNING! Falls can occur any time after leaving the ground. Never rely on a branch for support. You must wear a fall arrest system with this Ol'Man product at all times during use, including while ascending and descending, and at all times while in your treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death

**WARNING!** DO NOT use this, or any other Ol'Man product to climb utility poles, or any other man-made structures. Never jump or bounce on a treestand to seat it to a tree. Pull up hunting equipment only after being secured in the treestand. **Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.** 

**WARNING!** Thoroughly inspect every ladder section prior to each use and before you leave the ground for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration or damage. Protect this product from direct sunlight, excessive heat and/or freezing temperatures. DO NOT use this, or any other Ol'Man product if it shows signs of wear, damage, or deterioration. **Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.** 

**WARNING!** DO NOT use this, or any other Ol'Man product, if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, equilibrium impairments, high blood pressure, or any other physical impairment, or are on any type of medication or any other substance, including alcohol, that may alter your ability to safely operate this, or any other Ol'Man product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

**WARNING!** DO NOT use this or any other Ol'Man product during thunderstorms or any other adverse weather condition which has the potential of producing lightning or high winds. **Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.** 

**WARNING!** DO NOT use this, or any other Ol'Man product when ice, snow, and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any part or portion of the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

**WARNING!** This Ol'Man product is designed for ADULT USE ONLY! No one under the age of 16 should attempt to utilize this product, or any other Ol'Man product, without direct adult supervision. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

**WARNING!** DO NOT remove, modify, and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this product in any manner. Modification, misuse, and/or part substitution will void your warranty and may result in serious injury or death. If you suspect that parts are missing or defective, immediately contact Millennium Outdoors customer representative toll at 601-932-5832 If parts are lost or damaged, use only Ol'Man factory authorized replacement parts. Use of any replacement parts other than genuine Ol'Man replacement parts voids your warranty and may result in serious personal injury or death.

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You must stay connected to the tree with your Full Body harness (FAS) at all times from the time you leave the ground until the time that you return to the ground. In other words there should be no time from when you leave the ground until you return to the ground that you are not connected to the tree with your Full body Harness System (FAS). The safety harness is an integral part of the stick ladder and must be used properly at all times while using the ladder, failure to do so can cause serious injury or death. The harness when used properly can help reduce the possibility of injury should you experience a fall. Falls can occur for many reasons including slipping, loss of balance, damaged or defective equipment.

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#### SETTING-UP YOUR OL'MAN STICK LADDER

Step 1: Select a straight tree between 6" and 24" inches in diameter.

Step 2: Separate the five sections of the Stick Ladder by unwrapping the strap which is securing the sections together. Note: One of the sections has a "Tee Brace on the bottom. Use this for the bottom section.

Step 3: Take each ladder section and with your finger, push the Spring Lock Button inward while, at the same time, insert the bottom portion of the ladder into the top of each section. Slide it in until the spring lock button "pops out" into the hole. **Note:** Make sure that this button is seated properly in the hole and is extending outward from the hole approximately 1/4" inch. **Attach all sections together while at ground level.** 

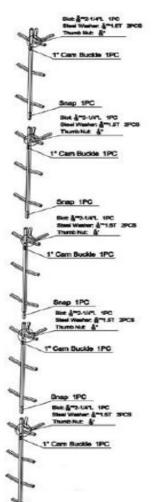
Step 4: While standing on the ground place the bottom (first) ladder section with the Tee Base on the ground at the base of the tree. Position yourself at the middle of the assembled ladder and lift the Ladder into the vertical position (refer to Figure 2). Make sure that all four of the standoff stabilizers are in complete contact with the tree.

#### **Important Note:**

Each ladder section is attached to the tree by a 1" wide ratchet strap assembly. Make sure the 1" wide strap is threaded through the Strap retainer guide (refer to Figure 4). Also, make sure there is no loose bark, knots, or limbs in the path of the 1" wide strap preventing it from positioning properly.

**Step 5**: While standing on the ground feed the ratchet strap thru the strap retainer guide on the stick ladder as seen in Figure 4 and wrap around tree and feed strap into ratchet buckle per Figure 4A.

**Step 6**: With the ratchet strap threaded, tighten the ratchet strap. If you are unsure how to properly thread the ratchet strap refer to figure  $4\ A$ .



#### **ATTENTION**

<u>WARNING STOP NOW!</u> Make sure that you are wearing your full body harness fall arrest system, and that its tree belt and lanyard is connected to the tree you intend on climbing! As you climb, it will be necessary to slide the full body harness fall arrest tree belt up the tree as you ascend. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal



Figure 5- Secure the Linemen's Belt to the Loop on One Side injury or death.



Figure 6- The Lineman's Belt Hooking to the Opposite Loop



Figure 7- Adjust the Length as Needed for Hands Free Attachment

- **Step 8**: Before climbing above ground level attach your fall arrest system to the tree you are climbing. Refer to Steps 10, 11 & 12 and the instructions provided with your fall arrest device for proper usage in this application. WARNING! If the fall arrest device is not designed for use in the described application, please contact Millennium Outdoors to purchase a new fall arrest system.
- Step 9: Once properly wearing your Fall Arrest Device (we recommend a full-body harness with loops and Lineman's Belt) find the D-ring or loops of your fall arrest device on either side. At this point secure the linemen's belt to the D-ring/loops on one side (refer to Figure 5),
- **Step 10:** Place the other end of the lineman's belt (with hook) around the tree and hook to the opposite loop on your fall restraint device (refer to Figure 6).
- **Step 11:** Adjust the length as needed for hands free attachment (refer to Figure 7).
- **Step 12:** Climb up the bottom ladder section until you are able to reach the strap on the next section. **WARNING!** Never climb above the middle rung on the section previously attached. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.
- **Step 13:** Now repeat Steps 5 through 7 to attach each section as you ascend the tree.
- Step 14: Once all sections are attached, pull up your fixed position treestand using a pull-up rope/strap. Follow the instructions provided with your treestand and attach the standing platform at or below the middle rung of your highest ladder section. This will allow you to safely step down into the middle of the standing platform. CAUTION-Never place your treestand higher than the middle rung of your highest ladder section. This enables you to safely step down onto the center of the standing platform of your Roost (Ol'Man's fixed position Treestand).

#### DETACHING YOUR OL'MAN STICK LADDER

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arrest tree belt up or down the tree as you ascend or decend. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

**Step 1:** Remove your fixed position treestand per the instructions provided with the treestand and lower it to the ground with a pull-up rope/strap.

**Step 2:** Remove the Stick Ladder sections by standing on the middle rung of the ladder section below the section you intend to remove. Now release the 1" wide ratchet strap, loosen it from the tree. Repeat this step as you descend until all sections are released from the tree.

**Step 3:** Once on the ground lower the assembled ladder to the ground by leaning it away from the tree. Take the ladder sections and with your finger, push the Spring Lock Button inward while, at the same time, pulling the sections of the ladder apart. Now stack the sections together and secure them with the straps for easy transport.

**WARNING**: Pull up hunting equipment only after being secured in the treestand. Firearm must be pulled up unloaded, chamber opened, and muzzle pointed towards the ground.

**WARNING**: Inform someone of your hunting location and treestand location.

**WARNING**: A signaling device must be on you and be readily available for your use in the case of an emergency at all times!

WARNING: Practice installing the ladder sections at ground level before using the product.

**WARNING**: Instructions should be kept in a safe place and reviewed annually.

WARNING: Furnish instructions to anyone who may borrow or may purchase the stick ladder from you.

**WARNING**: When using the full body harness system (FAS) to ascend or descend the tree, the full body harness should be attached to the tree at all times before beginning to ascend or descend.

WARNING! DO NOT leave your Ol'Man product(s) installed for more than two weeks (14 days). Any number of factors can jeopardize its installation and integrity. These include, but are not limited to, weather or other environmental factors that can negatively affect its performance. Animals can also cause damage to your Millennium Outdoors product(s) that can negatively affect its performance and your safety. Additionally, factors such as tree growth can stress and damage supporting straps, chains and/or buckles. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death! If you do not have a harness with a lineman's climbing belt contact Millennium Outdoors at 601-932-5832 or info@millenniumstands.com and we will furnish you one free of charge. If you do not intend to follow these instruction please return your Ol'Man Treestand or Stick Climber or treestand accessory to Millennium Outdoors for a full refund. Failure to follow these instructions can cause serious injury or death.

#### WARRANTY APPLICATION CARD

I have read and understand the safety, assembly and operating instructions provided with my Ol' Man Treestands/ stick ladder. I fully understand the importance of using the full-body fall-arrest safety harness, that meets industry standards recognized by TMA and realize that if I choose not to use the compliant full-body fall arrest safety harness I am putting myself at an increased risk of injury should an accident occur while I am utilizing this Ol' Man Treestands product(s). I have read the warranty information and know that I can call Millennium Outdoors at 601-932-5832 or email <a href="mailto:info@millenniumstands.com">info@millenniumstands.com</a> with any questions or concerns that I may have about this or any other Ol' Man Treestands product(s). Mail to: Millennium Outdoors, 201 Fairmont Plaza Pearl. MS 39208.

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