



SHURIKIE HUNTING SADDLES

WARNING For tree hunting 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

COMFORT FEATURES

Aero Hunter Original Feature Expansion Pleat for roomy seat comfort

Additional band of webbing in the seat distributes the pressure of your weight

Leg strap buckles are lifted on bungee cord. They won't bounce against your thighs while walking, and you won't feel them on your lap.

Adjustable webbing bridge cinches down snug on the bridge loops. You can position the bridge higher or lower for your most comfortable angle of suspension.



PUTTING ON THE SADDLE

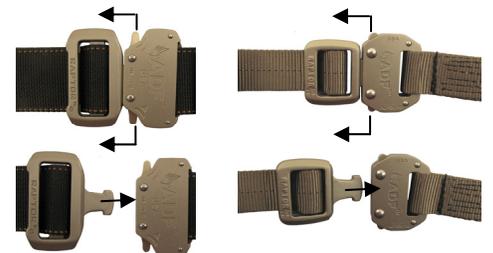
- (1) Open the buckles on the waist belt and both leg straps. Hold the saddle facing front and step through the bridge.
- (2) Fasten the waist buckle and pull the belt snug. Control the tail of the belt using the elastic strap keeper.
- (3) Make sure there are no twists in the leg strap webbing. Bring them around each thigh and fasten the buckles. The leg straps can be fastened to either side, so you don't have to think about right or left. Control the tails of the leg straps using the elastic strap keepers.

WARNING: BE CERTAIN TO SECURELY FASTEN THE WAIST BELT AND LEG STRAP BUCKLES!

KEEP THEM FASTENED THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE OFF THE GROUND.

They hold the saddle in the correct position on your body for safety. Failure to secure them could result in the saddle shifting out of position on your body, which can expose you to risk of injury or death.

The buckles on the waist belt and leg straps are click-lock buckles: To open a buckle, push the small wings toward the other half of the buckle. To close, push the two parts together until they click. You can silence the click with careful handling.



ADJUSTING THE FIT OF THE SADDLE

Adjust the fit of your saddle so that your body is supported without uncomfortable pinching or pressure. Before your first climb in the saddle, find a place where you can hang in the saddle by its bridge, close to the ground.

Make and test small adjustments until the saddle feels right. Try adjusting the leg strap length, and moving the bridge position higher or lower on the bridge loops. These two elements work together to affect the distribution of your weight and balance.

WEBBING LINEMAN'S BELT

The webbing lineman's belt comes with every Shrike saddle, already installed.

Lineman's loop on waist belt



To use it, set the length to go around the tree and clip the carabiner into the lineman's loop on the left side of the waist belt. As you go up and the trunk diameter gets smaller, pull on the tail of the webbing to shorten it as needed. To let more length into the belt as you come down, lift the edge of the buckle so the webbing flows through it.

The elastic strap keeper helps keep adjustments to the lineman's belt smooth and secure. Set it close to the buckle like this. You can also set it further away from the buckle when you want to control the tail of the strap.

YOU CAN USE YOUR OWN LINEMAN'S BELT ON YOUR SHRIKE SADDLE

We converted one end of the lineman's webbing into a loop. You can use it together with the built-in loop on the other side of the waist belt. This gives you connection points for a separate lineman's belt of your own choosing.

This loop extends further out from the saddle than the loop on the other side. This has no impact on the performance of any lineman's belt you use with it.

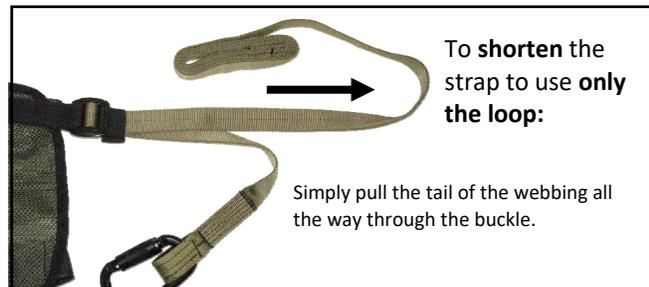
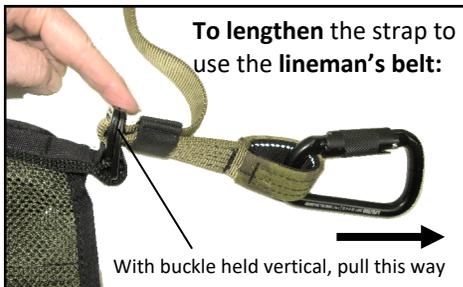


How to adjust and convert the Shrike lineman's belt

To use the webbing lineman's belt: Attach the auto-locking carabiner to the loop on the lineman's belt. Lift the edge of the adjuster buckle with your finger to tip it vertical, which relieves friction in the buckle and allows the webbing to run through it. While holding the buckle vertical, pull the carabiner end of the strap to lengthen the strap enough to go around the tree and connect to the loop on the other side of your saddle waist belt. Then just pull on the tail of the webbing to shorten the strap as you go up.

To use only the loop: Pull the tail of the webbing through the adjuster buckle as far as it will go. This puts the lineman's loop in working position. Manage the loose end of the webbing however you wish, suggestions described below.

If you are not using our integrated webbing lineman's belt for climbing, we recommend leaving it as installed anyway. It is a handy secondary life-safety tie-in lanyard that could save your hide in a pinch.



To manage the long tail of the webbing, stuff it into a cargo pocket or pouch where it will stay out of your way. You can also coil it up and secure it to a molle loop on your saddle, as pictured. In the example below, we used a bungee fastener we bought from an outdoor store.



The Shrike Pocket and Gear Loop shown here, along with other Aero Hunter accessories, may be purchased separately at aerohunter.us.

Important User Information for Life Safety Equipment

For your safety and to get the most out of your Aero Hunter equipment, please **read and follow these directions**.

This information applies equally to the saddle and to the webbing, carabiners and hardware of the Aero Hunter system.

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 all climbing equipment begin to degrade at about **seven years**, when they are *stored properly and never used*. With normal use and proper care, the safe life expectancy of your equipment is approximately **five 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.
- 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 laundry 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 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 Aero Hunter. All other repair work or modification of the equipment voids the warranty and releases Aero Hunter and New Tribe, Inc. from all liability and responsibility as the manufacturer.

For the full text of our **Warranty and Returns** policies, please visit aerohunter.us.

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