



Standard Practice for Treestand Labels¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice provides guidance for providing user labels on treestands.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

F1749 Specification for Fitness Equipment and Fitness Facility Safety Signage and Labels

3. Terminology

3.1 The terminology and definitions in the referenced documents are applicable to this practice.

3.2 *Definitions:*

3.2.1 *backbar or V-bar*—the adjustable component of a climbing treestand or handclimber that engages the tree to provide support. The backbar may be rigid or flexible.

3.2.2 *climbing stick*—a device to assist climbing a tree primarily to a fixed position treestand. A structure that is secured to the tree and allows the user to support his weight and climb to the desired height on the tree.

3.2.3 *climbing treestand*—a treestand that provides both the means to ascend the tree, and allow the user to remain at a desired elevation.

3.2.4 *handclimber, or climbing aid*—a device to assist climbing with a climbing treestand. A structure that allows the user to support his weight when lifting a climbing treestand with his legs.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.2.5 *ladder treestand*—a treestand that is secured to the tree at the elevation where the platform is located. (The ladder treestand may be secured to the tree at other locations and has steps that are used to reach the platform or hunting position).

3.2.6 *non-climbing, fixed position or hang-on treestand*—a treestand that is secured to the tree at the elevation where it is used. (The user usually ascends the tree by some means and then lifts the treestand to the desired position and secures it for use.)

3.2.7 *platform*—the horizontal structural area of a treestand on which the user stands and/or places his feet.

3.2.8 *treestand*—a device designed to be affixed to a tree or its branches so as to permit an individual to sit or stand thereon for the purpose of attaining an elevated position from which to observe, photograph or hunt.

3.2.9 *tripod or tower stand*—a tripod or tower stand is constructed to be self-supporting and is not required to be secured to a tree.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 This practice provides guidelines for the design and placement of user labels and warnings on treestands and climbing sticks, particularly for quality assurance and adequacy of safety including:

4.1.1 Use of instructions in anticipation of user error or misuse.

4.1.2 Rated load capacity in accordance with manufacturer's rating.

4.1.3 Availability of instructions in case of their loss.

4.1.4 Placement of labels and warnings.

4.1.5 Types of labels.

4.1.6 Special labels and warnings.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This practice is provided to develop and maintain uniformity in practices for use, selection, location, placement, and content of labels on treestands and climbing sticks, particularly with regard to quality assurance and safety.

5.2 It is emphasized that the use of these practices will not alter the validity of data determined with specific tests, but provides guidance in the interpretation of test results (valid or