

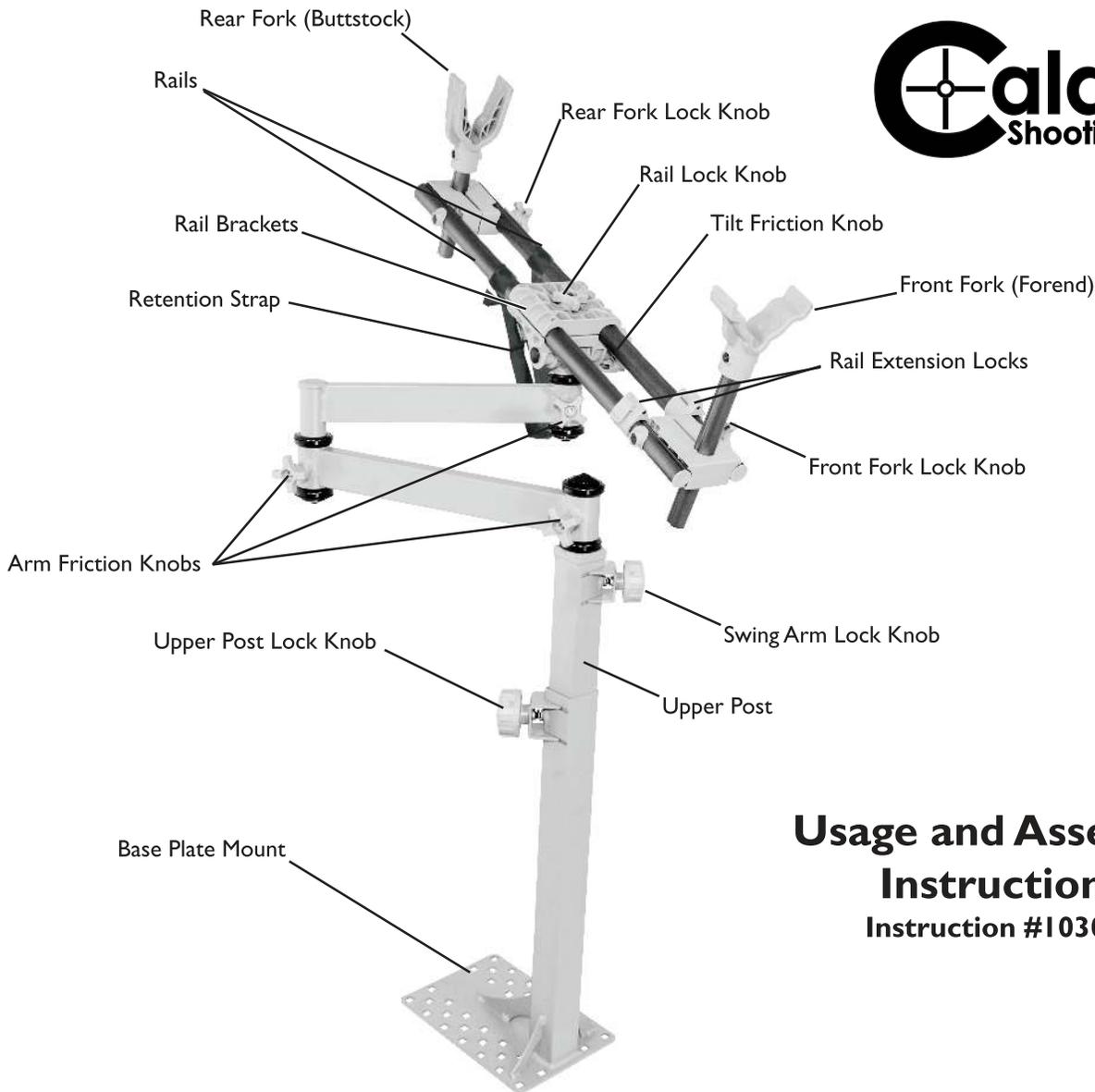


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(TreePod) Product #484148

(TreePod Add-A-Base) Product #785468



Usage and Assembly Instructions

Instruction #1030841

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WARNING IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Read these instructions in their entirety before using this product. Failure to follow any of these warnings could result in property damage, injury or even death.

Always wear appropriate safety harness.

Always follow basic gun safety rules while using this product.

Always follow tree stand manufacturer warnings.

This product is intended for use by adults or under strict supervision of an adult.

Care must be taken at all times when a gun or weapon is placed on the TreePod to prevent the gun or weapon from pointing in an unintended direction.

- 1) Adjust the position of the Rail Assembly to achieve proper balance of the gun or weapon.
- 2) Be careful to not bump the gun, other weapon or the TreePod.

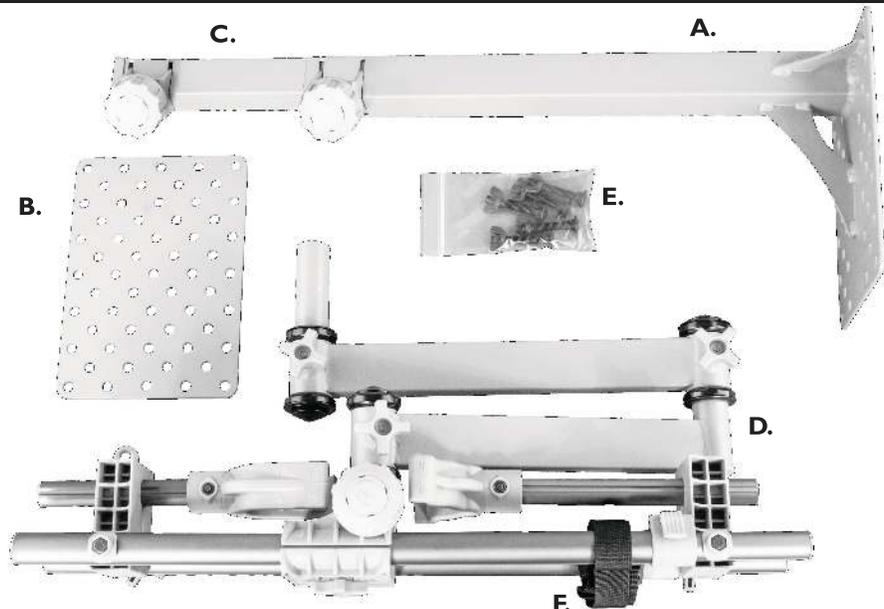
The rest is not intended to absorb recoil from any gun or weapon. Hold gun or weapon securely with both hands and keep contact between the rear of the stock and shoulder at all times while aiming and firing.

The TreePod is not designed to prevent a fall. Do not use product as an aid for entering, exiting or using your tree stand. Do not attach climbing aids, Fall Arrest System or safety harness to this product.

Thank you for purchasing a Caldwell DeadShot TreePod. Your DeadShot TreePod is almost completely assembled and will only require a couple steps to be ready to use. Please read these instructions completely before initial setup and use. Become familiar with the product and its functions before attempting to mount in a stand. Improper setup or use could result in damage to the product, injury or even death. **Safe installation and operation of this product is the responsibility of the user.** This product may or may not be compatible with all firearms/crossbows or stands. Confirm fitment prior to use in hunting situations. Be mindful of crossbow limb clearance both in their cocked and discharged positions. Throughout these instructions, the word “weapon” is used to universally describe rifles, shotguns, crossbows, etc. The TreePod is designed to hold weapons up to 20lbs, do not place weapons exceeding 20lbs on the rest.

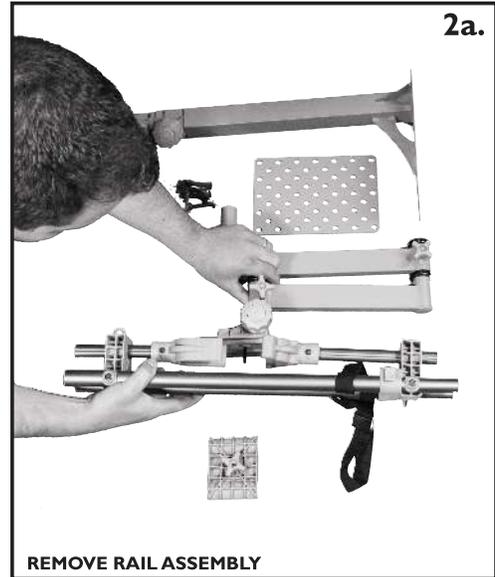
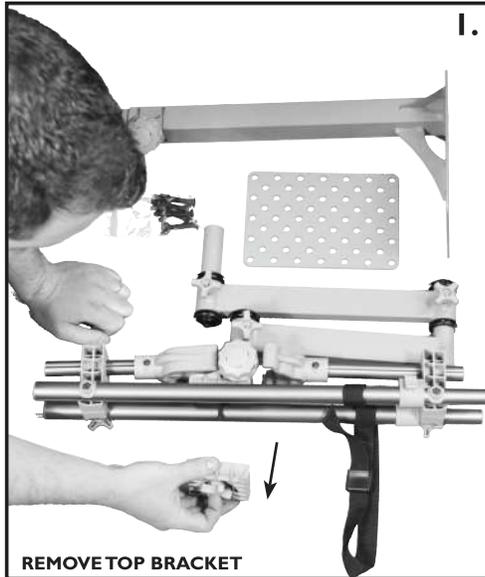
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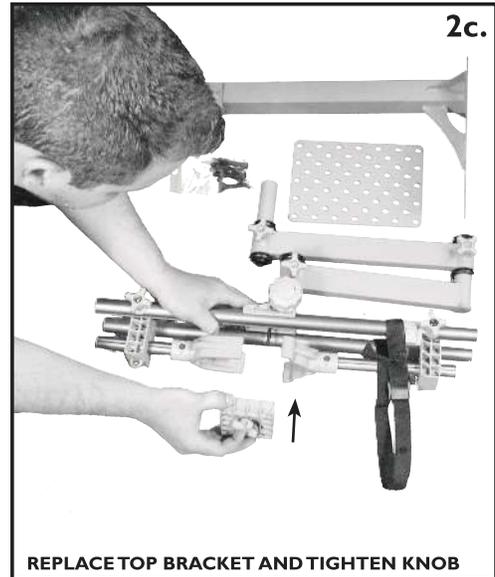
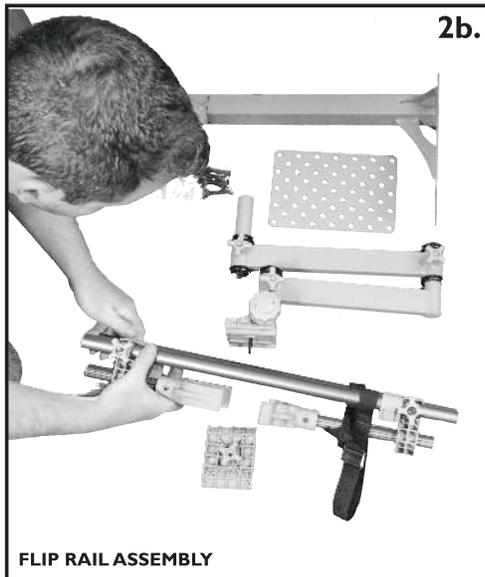


ASSEMBLY AND SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Unthread the Rail Lock Knob and remove the Top Bracket. (Photo 1)



2. Remove the Rail Assembly, flip it over and reinstall. Replace Top Bracket and tighten Rail Lock Knob. (Photo 2a,b &c)



3. Remove Upper Post before mounting Base onto stand platform. (NOT SHOWN)

ATTACHMENT OF BASE TO STAND

WARNING IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not modify the tree stand or the TreePod.

Do not install TreePod in a position that interfere with entry, exit or use of the tree stand. The user is responsible for determining the safest position and method for installation of the TreePod.

Always wear appropriate safety harness or gear when installing the TreePod and when in the tree stand.

Do not exceed stand manufacturer's weight limit. The TreePod weighs 15 pounds (6.8 kgs) and contributes to the overall weight in the stand.

This product is not intended to be used on a transportation device. If this product is attached to a moveable platform, remove the weapon from the rest before moving.

CONSIDERATION FOR INSTALLATION METHODS

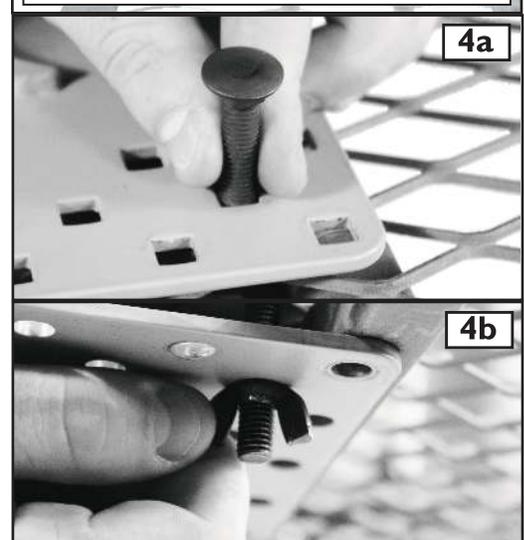
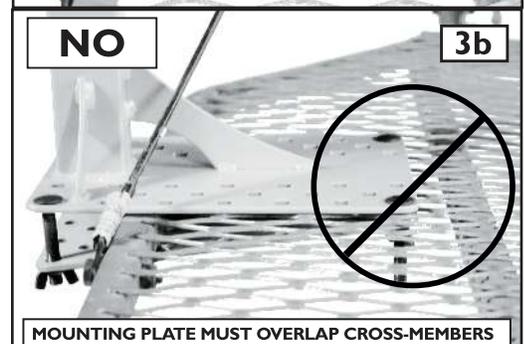
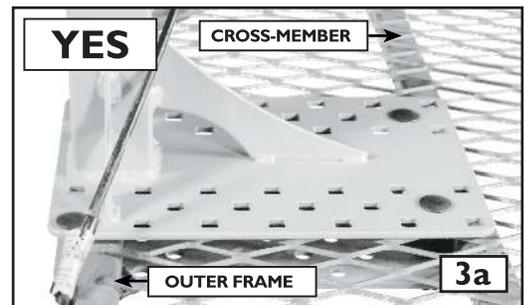
INSTALLATION BEFORE STAND IS INSTALLED IN TREE

When attaching the Base to your tree stand while on the ground be aware that you will be adding additional weight and additional height to the tree stand. This could cause the tree stand to be more difficult to handle or to become tangled in branches as you install it on the tree.

When attaching the Base to the tree stand platform be aware the position of the Base could affect your ability to access the ratchet straps for fastening your tree stand to the tree. Always consider the entry/exit position to the tree stand when it is placed in the tree to determine the best location of the TreePod Base that will not cause any interference. Also do not install Base in a position that will interfere with your footing while in the tree stand. Do not install in a position that interferes with tree stand components such as cables, seats, or arm rests.

INSTALLATION AFTER STAND IS INSTALLED IN TREE

Before attaching Base, be sure the tree stand platform is securely anchored and stable. Determine the best location that will not interfere with entering, exiting or footing while using the tree stand. When attaching the Base to your tree stand be aware that you will be adding additional weight and additional height to the tree stand. Branches may interfere with your ability to install the Base. Never attempt to install without wearing safety harness being properly connected to tree at all times. Do not install in a position that interferes with tree stand components such as cables, seats, or arm rests.



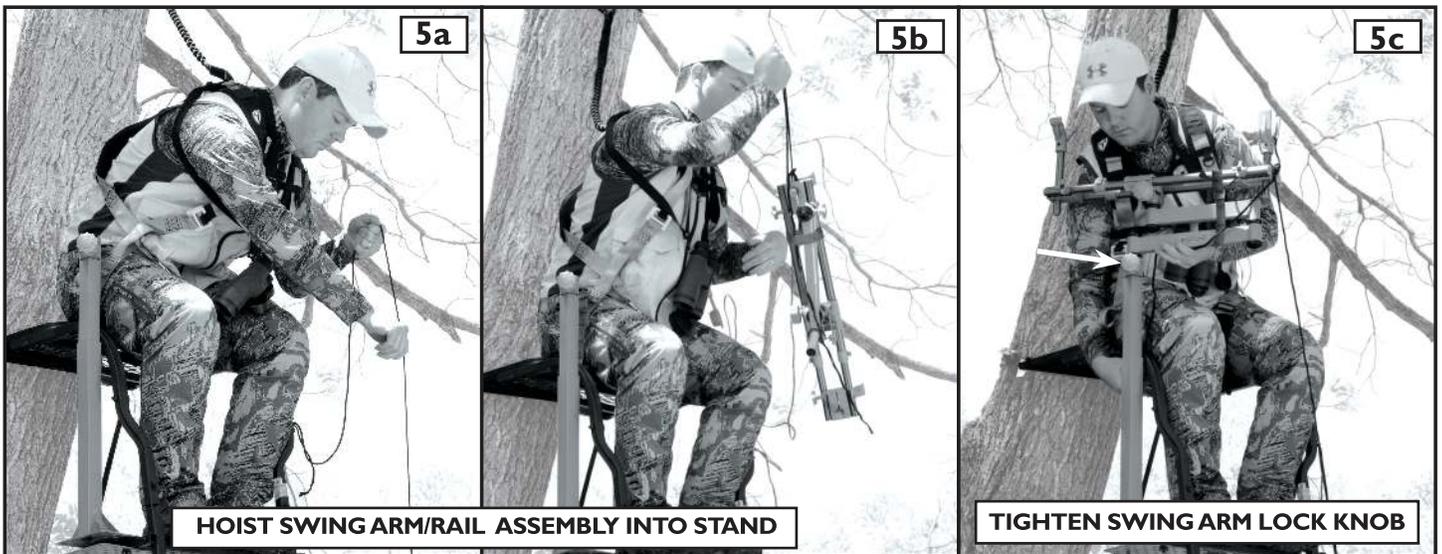
INSTALLATION

1. Position Base Mounting Plate under the stand platform where it will overlap the outer frame and at least one cross-member. (Photos 3a & 3b)
2. Place the Mounting Bolts through the Base Assembly and Mounting Plate in hole locations as far from each other as possible (Photo 4a) and tighten Wing Nuts securely. (Photo 4b) Over-tightening Wing Nuts with tools could result in damage to the TreePod or stand platform.
3. Install Upper Post into Base Assembly.

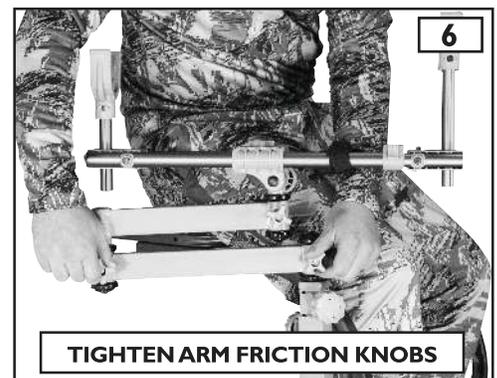
TIP: Install at least four Bolts and Wing Nuts to make sure Base is secure.

SWING ARM / RAIL ASSEMBLY ATTACHMENT AND USE

1. Hoist Swing Arm/Rail Assembly into tree stand after Base is securely mounted and assembled. (Photo 5a & 5b) Fully insert the Shaft of the Swing Arm Assembly into the Upper Post. Be sure to tighten Swing Arm Lock Knob on Upper Post to firmly hold Swing Arm Assembly. (Photo 5c)



2. Loosen Fork Lock Knobs and flip Front and Rear Fork upright. The height of each Fork can be adjusted up or down to fit the geometry of your weapon. Tighten Fork Lock Knobs to hold Forks in the desired vertical position.
3. Orient the swing Arm Assembly with Rear Fork near your body and add tension to the Arm Friction Knobs to prevent the Arms from rotating while adjusting height of Upper Post. (Photo 6)
4. Position height of Upper Post such that the Rear Fork is a little below shoulder level and tighten Upper Post Lock Knob. (Photo 7)



WARNING IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not adjust the Upper Post height with gun or weapon resting in forks. Observe the maximum height indicated on the Upper Post. Do not exceed maximum height adjustment, rest will become unstable or could result in Upper Post lifting out of Lower Base Post.

5. Tighten the Tilt Friction Knob and all three Arm Friction Knobs on the Arms, so they are snug and provide resistance to tilt and rotation. **(Photo 6 & 8)** Make sure there is adequate friction at each joint to prevent the weapon from rotating or moving into an unsafe position. Hoist unloaded weapon into stand and place in Forks. If further adjustments of Forks, Rail Assembly length or Upper Post height are needed for proper shooting form, remove unloaded weapon from rest before making adjustments.

A.) Adjust distance between the Forks by disengaging the Rail Extension Locks and sliding the Rails in or out as needed to fit your weapon. Engage the Locks when adjustment is complete. **(Photo 5)**

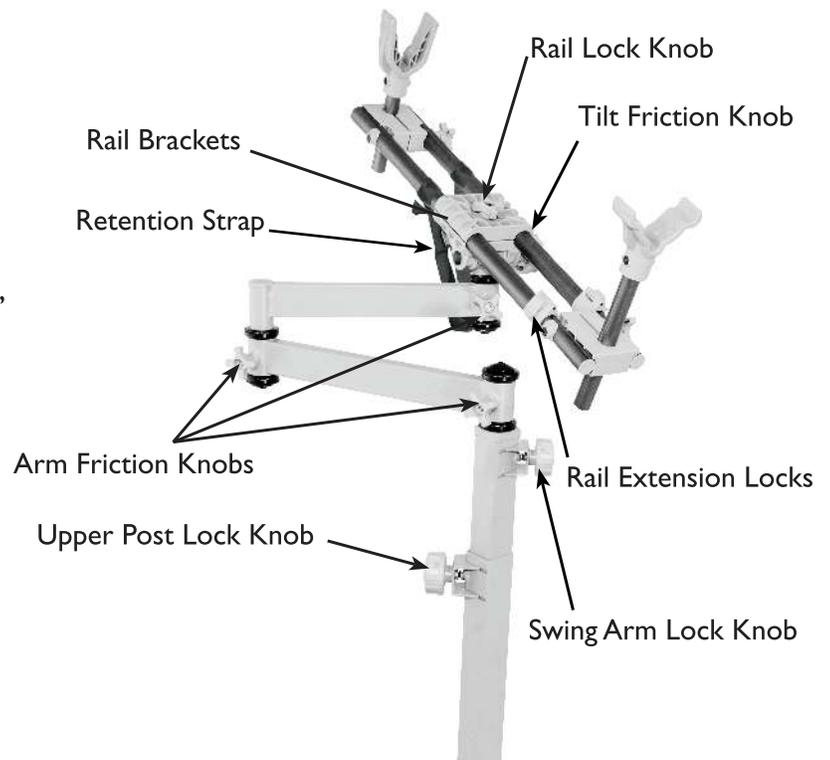
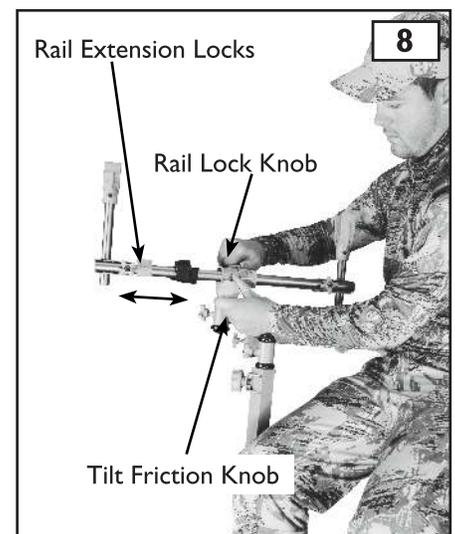
B.) Adjust the position of Rail Assembly within the Rail Brackets so the weapon's center of gravity will be placed over the center swivel point. This will help the weapon maintain balance when placed in the Forks. **(Photo 8)**

Once all adjustments have been made, verify all lock knobs are securely tightened.

6. Place Retention Strap around weapon. It may be necessary to position the strap forward or rearward of the Rail Brackets to ensure the strap does not interfere with the function of the weapon. Do not over-tighten the Retention Strap. Over-tightening the strap could result in changes in point of impact of projectile.

7. Loosen Friction Knobs on Arms and rotate the Swing Arm Assembly throughout its full range of motion to verify there is adequate clearance around weapon in all potential shooting positions. When shooting a crossbow consider limb and string clearance in the cocked and discharged positions.

8. During use, the DeadShot TreePod will hold your weapon in its ready position leaving your hands free to use binoculars, rangefinders, calls, etc. The Friction Knobs should be tightened to make sure the weapon stays pointing in a safe direction. When ready to shoot simply pull your weapon into position.





WARNING IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Always use Retention Strap when weapon is resting in Forks to help prevent it from falling if it is accidentally bumped.

Always use safe gun handling/shooting practice when using the DeadShot TreePod.

This rest is not intended to reduce recoil, so maintaining contact between your shoulder and the weapon is necessary when shooting.

Do not use the DeadShot TreePod to support your weight during use. The product is only intended to support the weight of your weapon.

Do not exceed the 20 pound weight limit of this product.

Do not leave weapon unattended in stand. Any time you leave the stand, the weapon must be removed from the DeadShot TreePod.

If using this product to support a crossbow, do not attempt to cock it when it is resting in the Forks. Follow manufacturer's instructions for safely cocking and loading.

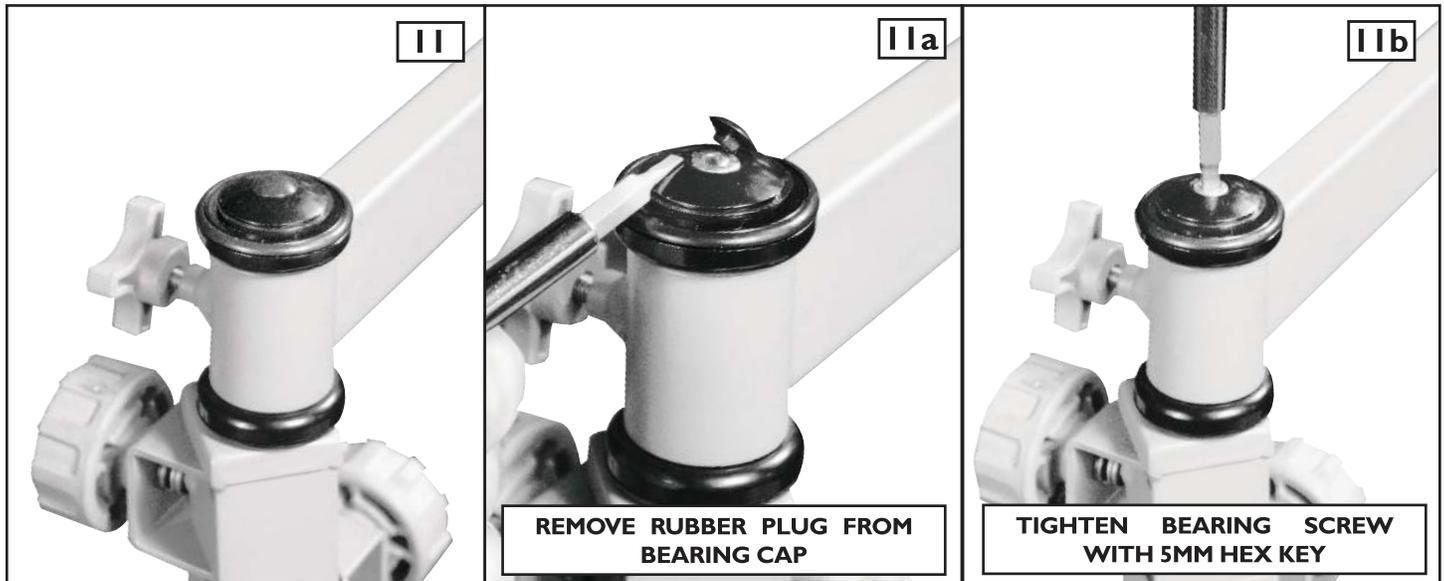
DISASSEMBLY FOR TRANSPORTATION

1. Make sure your weapon is unloaded and safe before disengaging the Retention Strap and removing it from the Forks.
2. After your weapon has been removed from the TreePod and is safe and secure, the Swing Arm Assembly can be removed from the Upper Post by loosening the Swing Arm Lock Knob and lifting up and out. Tightening the Arm Friction Knobs will help keep the Arms from rotating during transportation. The Retention Strap can be used to further secure Swing Arm Assembly and Rail Assembly. **(Photo 10)**
3. Loosen Fork Lock Knobs to allow the Forks to be folded down. **(Photo 10)**



MAINTENANCE

1. Periodically check mounting bolts, knobs and fasteners for adequate tightness and function.
2. Application of a rust preventative and/or grease may be needed on exposed threads around Knobs if extended periods of outdoor exposure are anticipated.
3. If play can be felt in any of joints, the bearing set may need adjustment. Remove rubber plug from bearing cap and tighten bearing screw with 5 mm hex key. (Photo 11-11b)



NOTE: Over-tightening the bearing set can result in damage to the bearing races and will cause reduced performance. Only tighten a little at a time and test often until play is eliminated.

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