

# CLIMBING STICK OWNERS INSTRUCTION MANUAL

RANGER TRACTION MODEL: 2082-MF HELIUM MODELS: 2086Z & 2086-1Z

### **HUNT FROM ABOVE**

YOU MUST READ, UNDERSTAND, FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS AND USE ALL SAFETY DEVICES BEFORE INSTALLING AND USING THIS PRODUCT!



CONTACT HAWK AT 810-626-3026 OR CONTACT@HAWKHUNTING.COM WITH QUESTIONS.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!



MAXIUM WEIGHT LIMIT – 300lbs (including all gear) (All Models)

NEVER EXCEED MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT!

Product is designed for only ONE PERSON!

## WARNINGS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE ARE FOUND ON FOLLOWING PAGES:

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OTHER WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS APPEAR THROUGHOUT THE MANUAL.

TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH FROM FALLS, YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS AND USE ALL SAFETY DEVICES PROVIDED.

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THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL MUST ALWAYS ACCOMPANY THIS PRODUCT AND BE TRANSFERRED WITH IT UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, WHEN LOANED, OR PRESENTED TO ANOTHER PERSON.

When hunting from a treestand falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death.

THIS PRODUCT DOES NOT COME WITH A FULL BODY HARNESS. Full body harness is integral part of climbing sticks system. This product is never intended to be used without a full body harness with lineman's climbing strap. Full Body Harnesses are provided with those stands that have been certified by a Third Party Testing Facility to meet or exceed industry standards, and are available as after market purchases. Never use without wearing a full body harness with lineman's climbing strap that meets or exceeds industry standards, and ensuring full body harness is attached to the tree at all times after leaving the ground. Full body harness with lineman's climbing belt has a separate strap that allows the user to remain tethered to the tree during climb, then attach the tether on the back of the harness to the tree upon reaching height (and before entering treestand). This double connection method is explained more thoroughly in the harness instructions. You must read and follow those instructions. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death. If full body harness with lineman's climbing strap is unavailable, do not install or use this product. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should never be used.

**AWARNING** 

Always wear fall arrest system (FAS) comprising of full body harness and lineman's climbing strap at all times after leaving the ground. You must remain connected to tree at all times after leaving the ground while using this product.

Only use this product with treestands that have been certified by a Third Party Testing Facility to meet or exceed industry standards.

Inspect climbing sticks, treestand and all safety devices each time before use for any damage, including but not limited to corrosion, wear, damage, deterioration, vandalism, fraying or other damage. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND If damage is visible or suspected. If there are any questions, DO NOT use the product and contact HAWK™ at 810-626-3026 or e-mail support at contact@hawkhunting.com.

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### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:**

- Inspect climbing sticks, treestand and all safety devices each time before use for any damage, including but
  not limited to corrosion, wear, damage, deterioration, vandalism, fraying or other damage. DO NOT USE
  THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND If damage is visible or suspected. If there are any questions, DO NOT
  use the product and contact HAWK™ at 810-626-3026 or e-mail support at contact@hawkhunting.com.
- If under age of 18 do not use without adult supervision.
- Always inform someone of hunting location, where product will be located, and expected duration of hunt.
- Always have second adult present or at least accessible by cell phone or other means when using this product. Ability to get help quickly may save your life in event of a fall.
- Always take and use signal device (mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or personal locating device (PLD)) when using this product. Always keep signal device on you and readily available at all times.
- Never use this product during inclement weather such as lighting, rain, windstorms, snow, or icy conditions. End your hunt and return to ground if inclement conditions arise.
- Never use this product while taking drugs (even prescription drugs) or alcohol.
- Never use this product when feeling sleepy, ill, nauseous, dizzy or if you have prior medical condition(s)
  that could cause a problem i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc. or if you are not
  well rested or if you are not athletically fit.

- Never leave this product in tree for more than two weeks since weather, animals and other factors
  could cause damage. Tree growth can stress and damage straps, buckles and climbing stick. Store this
  product indoors and away from exposure to elements when not in use.
- Always inspect an unattended climbing sticks and treestand before using it. Factors such as tree growth, vandals, weather and animals may affect performance of unattended climbing sticks and treestand.
   These products hold your weight at height. Never use a damaged climbing stick or treestand.
- Never use this product on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree or on a utility pole.
- Never rely on a tree branch for support.
- Never jump or bounce on this product to seat it to the tree.
- Always practice installing, adjusting and using this product and familiarized yourself with all features and safety devices at ground level prior to using at elevated positions.
- Three Point Climbing Method always maintain 3 points of contact when climbing up/down climbing stick and in/out of treestand. Proper 3 point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on steps at all times when climbing up/down and in/out of treestand.
- Pull up a bow, backpack, firearm or other equipment only after being secure in the treestand and firearm must be pulled up with it unloaded, chamber open and muzzle down.
- Do not use this product if it is not in top working condition, contact HAWK<sup>™</sup> at 810-626-3026 or e-mail support at contact@hawkhunting.com for assistance.
- Instructions must be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually. It is responsibility of the owner to furnish the complete instructions to any person that who borrows or purchases the climbing sticks.

### **NO ALTERATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS:**



Do not modify, alter, or remove important safety warning stickers or tags.

Do not modify this product in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by HAWK™.

### **NO ALTERATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS:**

This product is designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations or modifications can make it unsafe and constitute a misuse of the product. Do not alter, add, modify or substitute parts or accessories not made by HAWK<sup>TM</sup>.

### **PARTS LIST:**

• Unpack, Review and Confirm all items are included in Package Contents. If they are not, stop and contact customer service before continuing or using this product.

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### Qty Description

Climbing Stick Instruction Manual

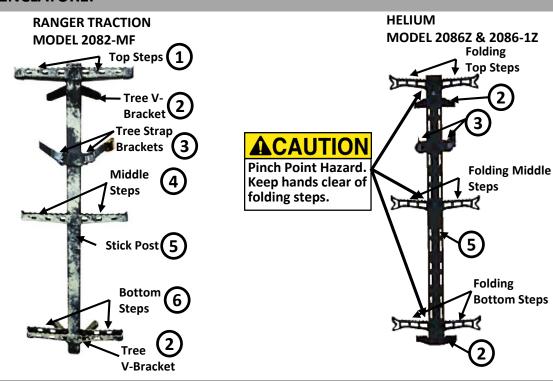
### MODELS 2082-MF and 2086Z:

- 3 Climbing Sticks
- 3 Factory Assembled 1" Cinch Buckle Tree Strap with Hook

### Models 2086-1Z

- 1 Climbing Sticks
- 1 Factory Assembled 1" Cinch Buckle Tree Strap with Hook

### **NOMENCLATURE:**



### **SELECTING SAFE TREE:**

CLIMBING STICK MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TREE SIZE: 8 – 22" DIAMETER!

Never use on a dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked tree, tree with excessive vine or a on utility pole or any other man made structure.

**A** WARNING

Never use on trees that contain nails, screws, or other sharp objects that may cut, sever, or puncture strap webbing or cables!

Never rely on a tree branch for support!

Failure to follow these instructions can lead to serious injury or death!

- Select a healthy straight tree that fits within size limits larger than 8-inches in diameter and smaller than 22-inches in diameter at attachment height.
- Always thoroughly inspect tree from all sides before installing product.
- Be sure climbing sticks are level. Tree must not lean or have any irregular shapes.
- Do not select a tree with vines or limbs below your desired hunting height.
- Never attach climbing sticks to limbs! Always attach to main trunk of tree.
- Never use on trees with wet, icy, slippery, loose or scaly bark.

### PRACTICE AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH PRODUCT AT GROUND LEVEL:

Always practice attaching/detaching, adjusting and using climbing sticks at ground level prior to using at elevated positions.

Prior to using climbing sticks at elevated positions for first use of each season, test operation and use at ground level.

### **FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS (FALL ARREST SYSTEM – FAS):**

You must wear and use a full body harness with lineman's climbing strap that meets or exceeds industry standards, and ensuring full body harness is attached to the tree at all times before attempting to install, remove or use this product.

Always remain connected to tree with lineman's climbing strap and tree strap from moment you leave ground until you return to ground. A lineman's climbing strap is a strap that attaches to either side of the harness at waist level, passes behind the tree, and reattaches on the other side of the waist in a way that insures the harness wearer is connected to the tree.

### **AWARNING**

Read and understand manufacturer's Full Body Harness Instructions, Warnings, and Treestand Safety DVD for instructions on using your full body harness with lineman's climbing strap before installing, removing or using your climbing sticks.

Use of full body harness with lineman's climbing strap is required to stabilize yourself to tree when installing, climbing up/down climbing sticks and/or climbing into/out of hang-on treestand.

Never attempt to install, climb or climb into/out of climbing sticks and hangon treestand without being stabilized by lineman's climbing strap.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.

Refer to full body harness (FAS) with lineman's climbing strap manufacturers instruction manual for proper wear, adjustment, usage and maintenance.

THE REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL REQUIRE YOU ARE WEARING AND USING A FULL BODY HARNESS WITH LINEMAN'S CLIMBING STRAP THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS TMA STANDARDS.

### **INSTALLATION AND USE**

Never rely on a tree branch for support.

Never wear rings, jewelry or loose fitting clothing when installing and/or using this product.

Never exceed 18-inches of step spacing between multiple climbing sticks. CLIMBING STICKS MUST EXTEND MINIMUM OF 24 INCHES ABOVE final position of hang-on platform.



ALWAYS step down from climbing stick onto hang-on platform.

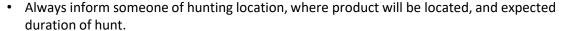
Never attempt to climb up onto a hang-on platform from climbing stick mounted below hang-on platform.

Always attach and tighten tree strap / buckle around tree.

Always check to ensure tree strap hook is attached to climbing stick bracket.

Never jump or bounce on climbing stick in an attempt to cause it to dig into tree.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.





- Always have second adult present or at least accessible by cell phone or other means when using this product. Ability to get help quickly may save your life in event of a fall.
- Always take and use signal device (mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or personal locating device (PLD)) when using this product. Always keep signal device on you and readily available at all times.

### **INSTALLATION AND USE CONTINUED**



Follow all warnings and expiration dates listed on tree strap warning label. Always inspect tree strap for wear, cuts, or damage before use. Never use a damaged strap.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.



- Never hunt at heights you are not completely comfortable. Depending on tree and conditions, choose minimum height that allows for safe and effective hunting.
- Never Hurry! While climbing, make slow, even movements and make sure you have proper contact with tree and/or climbing sticks or treestand every time you move.
- Always maintain 3 points of contact when climbing up/down climbing sticks and in/out of treestand.
- Always use a hoist rope to raise and lower climbing sticks. Never climb with anything on your back.



Practice attaching/detaching, adjusting and using at ground level prior to using at elevated positions.

### STEP INSTRUCTION

### **IMAGE**

#1 Double check to assure you are wearing and properly attached to tree with full body harness with lineman's climbing strap. If you are not STOP and do not leave the ground.

Read and follow manufacturer's Full Body Harness Instructions, Warnings and Treestand Safety DVD for instructions on using Full Body Harness with lineman's climbing strap.

Always remain connected to tree with lineman's climbing strap and tree strap from moment you leave ground until you return to ground.

#2 Place climbing stick next to tree so both V-brackets firmly contact tree with tree strap bracket located on upper half of stick.

Wrap tree strap around tree and attach hook to tree strap bracket with hook facing away from tree.

NOTE: Tree strap comes preattached to left tree strap bracket. If strap has been removed, contact customer service at 810-626-3026 or

e-mail support at

contact@hawkhunting.com.







ALWAYS ATTACH HOOK ON BRACKET SO HOOK FACES OUTWARD AWAY FROM TREE!

### **INSTALLATION AND USE CONTINUED STEP INSTRUCTION IMAGE** #3 Pull end of Tree Strap until strap is snug around tree. Make sure Always attach and tighten V-brackets are firmly against tree. tree strap / buckle around #4 While holding stick, apply downward force to lock climbing stick in place. Pinch Point Hazard. HELIUM (2086Z & 2086-1Z) models Keep hands clear of fold steps down on both sides of folding steps. sticks #5 **DOUBLE CHECK** Always check to ensure climbing stick is secure and properly attached to tree. Always check to ensure tree strap hook is attached to climbing stick bracket. Do not step onto climbing stick until all 5 contact points (4 tree-V & 1 tree strap are tight to tree. Tree – V 2 Contact Points Tree Strap Tree Strap 1 Contact Point Tree – V 2 Contact Points **ALWAYS FOLLOW MANUFACTURES SAFETY** #5 When climbing always maintain

three points of contact (i.e. two feet and on hand or two hands and one foot) whenever using this product. Never Hurry! While climbing, make slow, even movements and make sure you have proper contact with climbing sticks every time you move.

### HARNESS INSTRUCTION



Use of full body harness with lineman's climbing strap is required to stabilize yourself to tree when installing, climbing up/down climbing sticks and/or climbing into/out of hang-on treestand.

### **INSTALLATION AND USE CONTINUED**

Never rely on a tree branch for support.

STICKS MUST EXTEND MINNIMUM OF 24 INCHES ABOVE final position of hang-on platform.

ALWAYS step down from climbing stick onto hang-on platform.

Never attempt to climb up onto a hang-on platform from climbing stick mounted below hang-on platform.

Always check to ensure tree strap hook is attached to climbing stick bracket.

Never jump or bounce on climbing stick in an attempt to cause it to dig into tree.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.

### STEP INSTRUCTION IMAGE

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Repeat steps 2 thru 5 for installing additional climbing sticks. Always install additional climbing sticks by spacing sticks at or less than 18" between climbing stick steps. Always position climbing stick above hang-on platform so you step down onto platform.

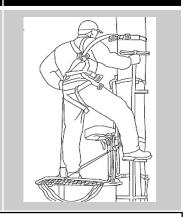
Always use a hoist rope to raise and lower climbing sticks and equipment. Never climb with anything on your back.



**A WARNING** 

Never exceed 18-inches of step spacing between multiple climbing sticks.

CLIMBING STICKS MUST EXTEND MINIMUM OF 24 INCHES ABOVE final position of hang-on platform.





Never leave a climbing stick or treestand in a tree for more than two (2) weeks since weather, animals and other factors could cause damage. Tree growth can also stress and damage straps and buckles. Store this product indoors and away from exposure to elements when not in use.

### **REMOVAL**



Full body harness with lineman's climbing strap must be used when removing climbing sticks or climbing out of hang-on treestand.

Never attempt to remove climbing sticks or climb out of hang-on treestand without being stabilized by lineman's climbing strap.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.

Using Full Body Harness and Lineman's Climbing Strap, slowly and carefully climb to top stick.

Standing on climbing stick below one being removed, push up on climbing stick to relieve tension on tree strap.

Hold climbing stick and push release tab on tree strap buckle to loosen strap.

Unhook tree strap from bracket and lower stacking stick to ground using hoist rope.



Never drop climbing sticks out of tree as this may damage climbing sticks. Always us hoist rope to lower to ground.

### **MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE:**

This product contains no user serviceable parts except for tree straps.

Replace tree straps every two (2) years from manufacturing date (located on tree straps) or sooner if damage, including wear, deterioration, corrosion, cuts, tears, rot, etc. or vandalism is visible or suspected. Do not use this product after it expires. Doing so may result in serious injury or death.

Use only Hawk™ authorized replacement parts. The use of unauthorized replacement parts may result in serious injury or death.

Proper maintenance and inspection is required for this product.

**AWARNING** 

This product is used to support you at height. Never use a stacking stick that is damaged in any way. Do not use stacking stick if it is not wholly free of damage. If you have questions, contact HAWK™ at 810-626-3026 or email support at contact@hawkhunting.com for assistance.

Always inspect climbing sticks, treestand and all safety devices for damage including but not limited to corrosion, wear, damage, deterioration, vandalism, fraying or other damage. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT OR ANY TREESTAND If damage is visible or suspected. If there are any questions, DO NOT use the product and contact HAWK™ at 810-626-3026 or e-mail support at contact@hawkhunting.com.

Failure to follow these instructions can lead to serious injury or death.

Should any damage occur to any part of your climbing sticks or to purchase replacement parts, contact nearest HAWK™ dealer or contact customer service at 810-626-3026 or contact@hawkhunting.com.

Care and maintenance is required to assure trouble free performance of your climbing sticks.



Never leave a climbing sticks or treestand in a tree for more than two (2) weeks since weather, animals and other factors could cause damage. Tree growth can also stress and damage straps and buckles. Store this product indoors and away from exposure to elements when not in use.

Store indoors in a clean, dry environment free from direct sunlight, harmful chemicals, excessive heat and dust. Exposure to sunlight, excessive heat and the elements can weaken tree strap material over time.

### **TROUBLE SHOOTING:**



Do not make adjustments to climbing sticks while on climbing sticks. Make all adjustments at ground level.

	PROBLEM	SOLUTION
#1	Tree Strap webbing is worn, cut, frayed, damaged or past expiration date	Do not use. Contact HAWK™ customer service at 810-626-3026 or at contact@hawkhunting.com to replace Tree Straps with official HAWK™ replacement part.
#2	Climbing stick is dented, bent, cracked or damaged in any way	Do not use. Replace climbing stick.
#3	Missing parts	Do not use. Contact HAWK™ customer service at 810-626-3026 or at contact@hawkhunting.com
#4	Full Body Harness with Lineman's Climbing Strap is unavailable	Do not use, install or uninstall climbing sticks. Remain at ground level.
#5	Problems with Full Body Harness with Lineman's Climbing Strap	Do not use, install or uninstall climbing sticks. Remain at ground level and contact HAWK™ or harness manufacturer.

### LIMITED WARRANTY\*.

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY. WE WARRANT THIS PRODUCT AGAINST ANY MANUFACTURER DEFECTS IN MATERAILS AND WORKMANSHIP FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE FROM AUTHORIZED RETAILER TO THE **ORIGINAL, REGISTERED OWNER**. WE WILL REPAIR OR REPLACE ANY PART FOUND DEFECTIVE IF THE UNIT CLAIMED TO BE DEFECTIVE IS RETURNED TO US POSTAGE PREPAID, WITHIN WARANTY PERIOD. CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 810-626-3026 OR E-MAIL AT CONTACT@HAWKHUNTING.COM FOR WARRANTY CLAIMS.

**FREE LIFETIME REPLACEMENT TREE STRAPS.\*\*** Register within 30 days of your purchase online at www.hawkhunting.com or mail in completed warranty card to activate free tree straps for the life of the product. Each valid registered climbing stick will qualify for free replacement tree straps every two years for the life of the product.

This warranty is void if any product has been subjected to misuse, abuse, neglect (including but not limited to improper maintenance or failure to follow instructions), storage, improper use, misapplication, accident, normal wear, modification, adjustment, repair or if warranty registration card is not complete and returned.

NO OTHER WARRANTIES WHETHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, SHALL APPLY TO THE PRODUCT.

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

It is expressly understood that our liability for this product, whether due to breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise, is limited to repair of the product as stated above. We will not be liable for any other injury, loss, damage, or expense, whether direct or consequential, including but not limited to loss of use, income, profit, or damage to material from use of this product howsoever caused.

### **SERVICING YOUR PRODUCT:**

If you need repairs or have warranty issues, contact Customer Service at 810-626-3026 or e-mail at contact@hawkhunting.com for assistance.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We reserve the right to make substitutions on warranty coverage for any reason, including but not limited to available parts.

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<sup>\*</sup>Limited Warranty to the Original Owner.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Original Owner maybe responsible for shipping, handling and/or processing fees for replacement tree straps.

### **REGISTERING YOUR PRODUCT**

Register your product to validate your Limited Warranty.

Completely fill out registration card below and mail this portion with copy of sales receipt to: CUSTOMER SERVICE, 393 List St., Suite B, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

You can also register online at www.hawkhunting.com

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:						
STREET ADDRESS:							
CITY:	STATE/PROVINCE:						
ZIP/POSTAL CODE:	COUNTRY:						
PHONE:	E-MAIL:						
PURCHASE DATE (MONTH / DAY / YEAR):							
PURCHASED FROM (RETAILER):							
MODEL NAME:							
MODEL NUMBER:							
DATE CODE (DATE STAMP ON PRODUCT):							
By signing and returning this registration card o	r registering online at www	w.hawkhunting.com, activates					
free lifetime replacement of tree straps (provided it is completed within 30 days of purchase). In							
consideration of this offer, by signing this agreement, the user acknowledges he or she has read and understands the written safety, warnings, instructions and the limited warranty provided with this product,							
and agrees to follow them. User accepts said warranties and limitations thereon, as listed. User's							
signature / registration also acknowledges user fully understand the importance of using a full body fall							
arrest safety harness at all times when leaving ground and has risk of injury or death if full body fall arrest							
safety harness is not used while using this product.							
Signature:		Date:					

### **IMPORTANT:**

Register within 30 days of your purchase online at www.hawkhunting.com or mail in completed warranty card received at purchase. Retain copy of sales receipt as this is required should your product ever need warranty service.

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