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| 1. Cuff | 4. Gaff | 7. Shank |
| 2. Cuff pad | 5. Upper strap | 8. Steel-shank boots |
| 3. Lower strap | 6. Gaff protector | |

Maintenance and Instruction for Gecko Carbon Climbers

WARNING!

Failure to observe the following information could endanger user's life! Read all information carefully before use. Special training is essential before using climbing spurs. Activities at height are dangerous and can lead to severe injury or death.

User assumes all risks and responsibility for property damage, personal injury or death which may occur during use of this product. If user is not able or in a position to assume this responsibility or to take this risk, do not use this product.

ELECTRICAL HAZARD! Do not use near energized power lines, these climbers are conductive!

Don't use climbers if there are deformations of the shank, gaffs or mountings.

When climbers are NOT IN USE, always apply gaff protectors. This product is designed for climbing wooden poles and trees and must only be used together with a harness, lanyard and overhead life support line.

Only competent and responsible persons or those placed under direct and visual control of a competent and responsible person or instructor should use climbers.

It is up to the user to foresee situations that may require rescue in case of difficulties encountered while using climbers.

Obtaining training in appropriate climbing techniques and methods of safety is user's responsibility.

User is responsible for confirming that this product is

compatible with the other components of user's climbing system.

Tree climbers and gaffs are not guaranteed to hold safely within wood. Restraint from a fall can only result from the active use of a safety lanyard and overhead line.

Chainsaw use together with tree climbers is not recommended. User assumes all risk and responsibility for damage, injury or death, which may occur during or following use of a chainsaw together with these climbers.

Avoid rubbing against abrasive surfaces or sharp edges.

Do not drop the climbers from height. Climbers that have fallen from height may have visible or non-visible damage to the upper shell, the shank, gaffs and mountings. Climbers, which are damaged or dropped, should be disposed of properly.

Follow all relevant standards, safety instructions and laws issued by the appropriate authorities and professional associations.

To avoid accidents, do not walk around wearing climbers.

TEMPERATURE

Use this product above a minimum of -15°C (5°F) and below a maximum of +50°C (122°F)

USER WEIGHT

This product is limited to users weighting less than 240 pounds (with equipment).

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION:

If not already assembled, attach lower straps (nylon straps with split-ring attached) so that the buckle portion of strap is closest to the toes.

ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTION:

Properly adjusted climbers should fit with cuffs just below the knee joint. If the climbers don't fit properly please contact your supplier. We produce Carbon Climbers in different sizes (S, M, L, XL).

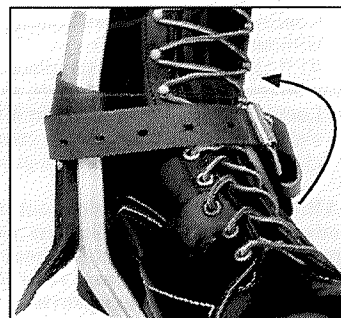
IMPORTANT: Do not bend, cut, drill or otherwise alter the shank, mountings or gaffs. Anyone altering this product assumes all risk of use.

OPERATING INSTRUCTION:

Climbers should be worn with appropriate work-duty boots with sufficiently strong steel shanks in the sole portion of the boots. Such boots are normally marketed for use with climbers.

Always climb with protective gloves, safety goggles, helmet, with face protector, long sleeved protective clothing and protective boots.

Always use a positioning lanyard around the climbing pole or tree and a overhead lifeline.



Step each foot into the climbers with gaffs on the instep side of the foot. The longest curvature of the cuff designates the front of each climber.

Pull both lower and upper straps tight.

Before climbing, remove gaff guards.

Always climb in small steps to maximize efficiently and minimize the risk of cut-out. If you do cutout, use the lanyard as a brake against descending by pulling it tight against your body. Before and during climbing, use a handsaw to clean the stem of dead or protruding branch-stubs. Use of a handsaw requires two lanyards for safety. Guard against anything, which could block action of the buckles or the action of the gaffs (i. e. loose bark). Always be sure that gaffs are in a safely anchored position before taking the additional steps or before working.

CLEANING:

Soiled climber pads can be removed and washed with gentle detergent in lukewarm water and rinsed in clean water, then air-dried. Do not dry the pads near heat or fire. For cleaning the hook side of the Velcro use compressed air or a stiff brush. The climbers must not be in contact with corrosive or aggressive materials or stored at extreme temperatures.

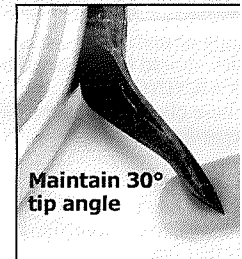
MAINTENANCE:

The lower straps with buckle and the upper Velcro strap should be changed every 2 years.

Chemical exposure:

All chemical products, corrosive materials and solvents should be regarded as harmful. If it is absolutely necessary or if there is risk of contact with chemical products, please contact us, stating the precise name of the chemicals concerned. After study we will give you an appropriate reply.

Sharpen the gaffs with a fine flat file; don't change the 30° angle of the gaffs. Don't bend the shank, the cuff, mountings or the gaffs.



GUARANTEE:

This product is guaranteed for 1 year against faults in materials or craftsmanship.

Limitations of the guarantee include but are not limited to: normal wear and tear, modifications or alterations and bad storage. Equally excluded from the guarantee is damage due to accident or negligent use that the product was not designed for. The use of climbers not in accordance to the checklist below will result in the complete loss of guarantee.

Distel manufacturing and distributors or dealers of their product are not responsible for consequences, direct or indirect, resulting from the use of Distel products.

STORAGE:

Store the climbers in a dry and cool place. If the climbers are wet, dry them immediately. Do not dry near heat or fire.

