

BUCKINGHAM MFG.

WARNING RELATIVE TO THE USE OF NON MAN RATED GUT STRAPS AND SUSPENDERS

Non man rated Gut Straps and Suspenders **ARE NOT** safety products. These products are designed to support only the weight of the body belt, or arborist saddle, and the tools it contains, **NOT** the individual. The individual's weight must be supported by a properly sized Linemen's Body Belt or Arborist Saddle, and the belt buckle must be engaged. Never detach the waist belt buckle of a body belt, or arborist saddle when it is in use.

Wearing the body belt too low and using the combination as a saddle is an **IMPROPER USE** of the products.

Non Man Rated Gut Straps and Suspenders **ARE NOT** to be used as Fall Protection Equipment as the materials and hardware used are not manufactured or tested to meet critical strength requirements.

Improper Use of These Products May Cause Injury or Death

Sizing:

- Suspenders are one size fits all.
- Non Man Rated Gut Strap typical sizing:

<u>Waist Size</u>	<u>Strap/Belt Size</u>
24-28"	X-Small
28-32"	Small
32-36"	Medium
36-40"	Large
40-44"	X-Large

Installation:

- Non Man Rated Gut Straps and Suspenders that have metal snap clips, will require attaching the snap clips to the small accessory rings sewn onto the belts (Fig.1, 2, & 3).
- Suspenders without metal snap clips will require removing the strap end from the buckle, inserting it just behind the positioning D-rings (onto the back pad) for the front attachments. For the back attachments, loop the straps round the back pad on either side of the ID tag. Then loop the straps back up and re-install the strap ends back through the buckles. (Note: It is best to install one strap at a time such that there is a reference of how to re-weave the strap end through the buckle)-See Figure 4.



Adjustment:

- Non Man Rated Gut Straps and Suspenders should be adjusted such that they ASSIST with the weight distribution of the Body Belt or Arborist Saddle and to maintain the correct position of the belt or saddle. This is done by loosening, or tightening, the strap(s) end through the friction/tongue buckle(s).

Fig.4



Cleaning:

Proper maintenance and storage of your equipment will prolong its useful life and contribute toward its performance. The equipment should be cleaned and maintained at regular intervals depending on usage.

Nylon - Clean with water and mild soap (a dish washing soap that removes grease (i.e. Dawn)) and allow to dry thoroughly without using excessive heat. Do not use any type of corrosive substance or acid, which will gradually eat away the fabric.

Leather - Using a sponge, wash leather with saddle soap and water, then wipe with a clean damp cloth. Allow the leather to dry completely - avoid high temperature heat sources. After drying, the leather should be oiled with 100% Neatsfoot Oil, wiping off any excess with a dry cloth.

NOTE: Ensure proper fit / size of product before use. This product cannot be returned unless it is in new / unused condition.

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