

## Tree Spider Makes Safety Easier

When it comes to talking safety most people would rather watch paint dry but safety is not only important it is a great add-on sale opportunity as well. More and more people are becoming safety conscious which is opening up more opportunities for the dealer. There was a time early in my bowhunting career when safety was the last thing on my mind. However that attitude along with my youth is long gone. Today I would never consider climbing a tree or hunting from an elevated stand without the proper safety gear. The risk is simply too great and the safe solution is too simple and really inexpensive when you consider the alternative.

This month Kasun's Korner is taking a look at some very attractive and well designed safety gear from Robinson Outdoors, the makers of ScentBlocker hunting apparel. Its Tree Spider Speed Harness and Tree Spider Speed Vest were specifically engineered to provide the maximum level of safety in a sleek, ultra-lightweight,

eye appealing design. These units are fully adjustable and quick and easy to put on even in the dark.

The figure eight design keeps the units naturally tangle free making them extremely user-friendly. The Ario mesh back provides a perfect fit while allowing for adequate air flow between the harness and the wearer's body in the back area eliminating a hot spot and resulting in all season comfort. Simple single-pull shoulder adjustment straps adjust the leg straps at the same time for speed and convenience. Each leg strap is also individually adjustable to allow for a custom fit. The leg straps have extra padding in critical areas of the inner thigh for maximum comfort. Buckles are made of CNC machined aluminum for minimum weight and maximum strength. The Bungee Tether is designed for freedom of movement while providing a reduced impact as the tether reaches its maximum length in the event of a fall. For a safe ascent and descent from a stand vertical climbing loops are built into the Tree Spider Harnesses to allow for use of a Vertical Climbing Belt which is available from Robinson as an accessory. A chest buckle holds the shoulder straps in place for added comfort and to ensure a proper fit.

*Robinson's Livewire Descent System is designed to automatically lower the user to the ground in a controlled descent in the event they slip off the treestand.*



While both Robinson's Tree Spider Speed Harness and the Tree Spider Speed Vest have all the same features the Speed Vest was designed for those hunters who desire additional utility. The Speed Vest has two side zippered pockets for storage of frequently used items positioned at the front of the vest where they can be easily accessed from either a sitting or standing position.

New for 2012 Robinson has added the Tree Spider Micro Harness to its line of safety gear aimed at those to whom weight is the major consideration. The Micro Harness weighs in at a mere 1.7 pounds but in spite of its ultra light weight it still offers all the safety features and quick adjustments of the Speed Harness and Speed Vest.

All the Safety Harnesses in Robinson's Tree Spider series come in S/M, L/XL and 2X/3X sizes. They are rated from 115 to 300 pounds. While the Speed Harness and Micro Harness come only in black the Speed Vest is available in Realtree AP and Mossy Oak Break-Up Infinity. The bungee tether found on all the harnesses is supplied in three different lengths depending upon the harness size selected and is specifically designed to significantly



*The Tree Spider Speed Harness design prevents strap tangles and is quick to slip into. At right is the new Micro Harness.*

reduce shock and impact in the event of a fall.

With more safety awareness among both rifle and bow treestand hunters there is increased awareness and interest in systems that can safely lower a user to the ground in the event of a fall. To meet that demand Robinson developed the Tree Spider Livewire Descent System. The Livewire Descent System is self contained within a compact bag approximately 7 inches by 5 inches by 1.5 inches thick. The system is connected to the Tree Strap which is fastened to the tree and the tether on the safety harness. In the event of a fall the system automatically and hands free lowers the user to the ground in a controlled safe descent even if the hunter is unconscious. The system comes in two sizes; the Live20 with a weight rating of 115 to 200 pounds and the Live30 rated for 200 to 300 pounds. The Livewire is designed for a maximum height of 25 feet and is for emergency use only. Once deployed or activated the Livewire is not reusable.

As an accessory Robinson also offers the Tree Spider Vertical Climbing Belt which works as a lineman's belt and can be used with any of Robinson's safety harness systems. Climbing belts provide added protection for the wearer when ascending or descending a tree and make installing hang-on stands much safer and easier by supporting the wearer and thus leaving both hands free.

While the Tree Spider Speed Harness, Speed Vest and Micro Harness are all easy to put on either over or under clothing Robinson went one step further when using the harness



Robinson's Tree Spider Speed Vest has convenient front mounted pockets.

system in conjunction with Robinson hunting apparel. Specific Robinson ScentBlocker garments have built-in Spider Speed Clips which match Spider Clips installed on the harness system. This allows the wearer to clip the vest inside their favorite ScentBlocker jacket making putting on the harness system as simple as slipping on your jacket and closing three clips. This is sure to be a hit with hunters who like to keep things as simple as possible.

Wanting to provide the hunter maximum versatility Robinson went one step further by developing the Tree Spider, Spider Monkey backpack. The Spider Monkey is a backpack that can be worn as a conventional backpack but can also be clipped to any Tree Spider Safety Harness utilizing the quick clips installed on both the backpack and the harness. The Spider Monkey pack is quiet, water repellent and features multi compartments and a hydration bladder. It bristles with pockets, pouches and has molle strips for added tie-downs. An innovative fold down back panel secures either a gun or bow when required, freeing up the wearer's hands.

Robinson has in design a Safety Harness system for smaller and lighter weight users as well as a model designed for the female form. No date has yet been set for the availability of these items.




The Spider Monkey pack can be used as a conventional backpack or attached directly to Robinson's safety harness.

## SUMMARY

With people becoming more aware of Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA) safety standards and with a full body safety harness being included with every treestand the need for safety is being accepted by more and more hunters. After using a conventional harness that often tangles and is difficult to put on and adjust customers are more than willing to purchase high quality harness systems that are easier to use. This opens up a great add-on sales opportunity for the dealer. In addition to being excellent units Robinson's safety harnesses are also eye catching making them a great item to add to your treestand display area.

Few people come in and actually ask for safety equipment but having it in stock, displaying it properly and making your customers aware of its importance will build a market. Pro shops pride themselves on their knowledge and service to the customer. There can be no greater service than educating your customer on how to hunt safely.



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