
TreeFlex harness review

Posted by nickfromwi - 07/19/2008 06:49pm

<http://www.howcast.com/videos/20244-Review-Of-the-TreeFlex-Arborist-Harness>

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Re:TreeFlex harness review

Posted by Baker - 07/19/2008 09:02pm

Great video, Nick. Super detail, but that harness is WAAYY too complicated for me - at least as a rec. climber.

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One of the biggest problems with that unit, as well, were all of the loose tails hanging all over the place once the straps were pulled snug. They were a lot longer than the tree flex's straps though. I made replacement, 1/2 inch, rubber keeper loops by cutting a mountain bike inner-tube cross-wise and slipping them over the harness belt. I had to do this because the black woven-type elastic keepers sewn on the harness failed after only a few weeks of use. (That type of elastic is only good for keepin' yer sweatpants up, and even then it has to be aided by a drawstring!) The inner tube elastic held better because it was tighter and stickier than the original stuff. Velcro was an option for mee too, but I thought about how it reacts with fleece clothing and burdock and the like:angry: .

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Posted by Davej - 10/14/2008 08:42am

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I had wondered about that. Don't you want the length of the leg support loop to be adjustable in some manner?

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Re:TreeFlex harness review

Posted by nickfromwi - 10/14/2008 02:34pm

I've got my treeflex mostly dialed in. There is ZERO webbing flappage any more now that I put on the velcro. I have the velcro placed so that when the harness is on, the velcro is covered by webbing. It's sandwiched inside.

So far I'm happy with it. We'll see how it goes from here...

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Posted by Davej - 10/14/2008 03:15pm

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So is the adjustability worth it?

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Re:TreeFlex harness review

Posted by oldtimer - 10/14/2008 03:47pm

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Great Job as usual Nick. :laugh:

For the guy that asked: Are all the adjustments worth the money?..... you need to buy one to find out! Limited production and special orders only! This equipment was not designed for Rec Climbers. It is for full time Arborists use mostly. :laugh:

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Re:TreeFlex harness review

Posted by oldtimer - 10/23/2008 04:56pm

Well it tried to add my review to the review by Nick in the Gear review pages but apparently there is an error in the page that the webmaster will have to work on before we can post there but here is most of what I tried to include.

Nick produced and posted a great video to review this saddle and I highly recommend you watch it before you buy one. Great job specially the ideas for improving the saddle and how to make the modifications. :laugh:

The link to the video could be included also to make it more visible to the visitors.

Here is a link to the video or see it in the Gear section of the Board.

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