

## Hammocks

Due to the handmade nature of your hammock and the initial elasticity of new rope, it is not uncommon for hammock dimensions to vary from those advertised. Your hammock will relax, and stretch, with use.

Please read installation and care instructions before use. Weight limit: 450 pounds

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### HAMMOCK SAFETY



- Failure to follow Hammock Safety Instructions could result in serious injury or death.
- Do **NOT** exceed the hammock weight limit of **450 pounds**.
  - Do **NOT** leave young children unattended in a hammock.

- To safely get into a hammock, slowly place your weight in the center of the hammock bed, not on either edge, then lift your feet up and in.
- Inspect your hammock for damage or excessive wear-and-tear each time someone uses it.

**Ropes:** Look for loose or untied ropes. Check also for rope fraying around spreader bars, O-rings and connection points to the hammock itself. Check ropes for strength/safety by pulling on them. **Wood:** Look for any cracks or weak areas.

**Chains:** Check them for overall strength. Also, keep chains from becoming twisted, and the hammock from staying flipped upside down while hung; both compromise chain strength. • In order to avoid serious injury, do not use a hammock with excessively worn or damaged ropes, wood or chains!

## HANGING YOUR HAMMOCK

### FROM A STAND:

Hang your hammock by its chains from the two stand hooks (*FIGURE 1*). Choose a chain link about midway, fitting it onto one hanging hook, then repeat with the same-number chain link for the opposite hammock side. Get into the hammock carefully, allowing its ropes to stretch until the hammock seems to bottom-out, then adjust chain links to re-tighten the hammock. You may need to do this several times before your hammock has stretched to its full length.

### FROM WOODEN SURFACES:

1. Choose two sturdy wooden surfaces (trees, posts, wall studs, etc.), each at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) in diameter. Hanging space should be 18-24 inches greater than total hammock length, from O-ring to O-ring. Note: The closer the anchor points, the greater the hammock's curve once hung.
2. To hang your hammock from any surface other than wood, consult a building professional for proper method and additional supplies required for safe installation.
3. **To install tree hooks:** Drill 1/8 inch-3/16 inch pilot holes (the smaller the better) roughly 4 feet 6 inches high into both of your chosen trees or other wooden surfaces. Start an eye hook (with attached hammock hook) in each hole by hand, then grip the hook eye with a wrench or thread the eye with a screwdriver to twist all the way in, stopping when the eye makes contact with wood. Do not over-twist.
4. Fit a link of hammock chain over each newly installed hook (*FIGURE 2*); chain links are used to adjust hammock hanging height and tautness. You may have to stretch the hammock rope at first to get even the first link of the chains onto the hooks, and the hammock itself may then seem rigidly tight. Get into the hammock carefully, allowing its ropes to stretch until the hammock seems to bottom out, then adjust chain links to re-tighten the hammock. You may need to do this several times before your hammock has stretched to its full length.

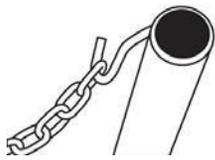


FIGURE 1

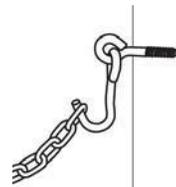


FIGURE 2

## HAMMOCK MAINTENANCE

- Store your hammock in a clean, dry place during periods of bad weather and for the winter in climates prone to harsh conditions. This is especially important for cotton-rope hammocks, which may begin harboring mold and mildew if the rope is repeatedly allowed to stay damp for extended periods of time. If evidence of mold or mildew becomes apparent, a cotton-rope hammock will then need to be inspected extra-closely before each use, to ensure continued rope integrity and overall hammock safety.
- Rid your hammock of any leaves or twigs that can easily become lodged in it; debris can cause damage over time.
- Squirrels, mice, birds and bugs sometimes use hammock-rope fibers for building nests, degrading hammock integrity. A wind chime hung on or near your hammock may discourage interest of some animals.
- Store your hammock fully dry inside a bag or other container that can be completely closed, and away from strong chemicals, including pesticides, which may damage the integrity of the different parts. • Dogs will often use hammocks as chew toys. Dog owners should hang, and store, their hammocks somewhere dogs cannot easily reach.

## HAMMOCK CLEANING

- Stretch your hammock on a clean, dry, non-abrasive surface, then wet it with a hose and gently scrub with a soft brush and a mild soap/water solution. Once the hammock has been washed, rinse it thoroughly and allow it to dry completely before hanging it back up or storing it.
- **DuraCord® rope and Sunbrella® fabric models only:**  
A 5-to-1 water/bleach solution can be used for stubborn cleaning issues (though avoid getting the solution onto hammock spreader bars and be aware that bleach can also harm nearby plants and animals). Rinse the hammock thoroughly and allow it to dry completely before hanging it back up or storing it.