



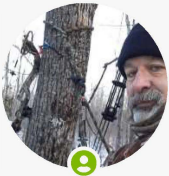
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Adjustable bridge

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**boyne
bowhunter**

Moderator

Staff member

SH Member

Joined: Aug 17, 2016

Messages: 8,928

Location:

NW Michigan

Sep 24, 2017

#21

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Ontariofarmer and g2outdoors



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Joined: Feb 19, 2014

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**ipv77**

Well-Known Member

Joined: Dec 31, 2015

Messages: 418

Sep 25, 2017

#23

What do you think about the whoopie sling adjustable amsteel bridge?

g2outdoors said:

You can only do a locked brummel on 1 side of the loops on your saddle. That's why you have to do a lock-stitch on the other side.

Sent from my Galaxy S8.

**g2outdoors**

Well-Known Member

Vendor Rep

Joined: Oct 3, 2014

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Savannah, GA

Sep 25, 2017

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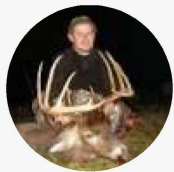
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Good. It's easy to get mixed signals on these forums. Sometimes discussions come off as argumentative when neither party feels that way.

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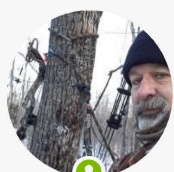
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You could even make one with a short adjustment, 12 inches or so, to reduce the length of the tail end.

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I've been bow hunting 40+ years using most any method of elevated climbing/sitting you can imagine (many of them make me wonder how I've lasted this long) and have been lucky enough to take a couple of pretty decent falls without any serious injury but now I'm a little gun shy.

I have only been saddle hunting for 3 years now but I have a good friend who's a long time ice climber and he's constantly preaching redundancy to me. I guess its sunk in a little.

 [Ontariofarmer](#)

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I don't disagree with you, I just wanted you to expand on your thoughts. I like amsteel because it is pretty awesome and strong, but I am not using it for anything. I do have hangups since it is completely exposed and unprotected unlike climbing ropes.

**kenn1320**

Well-Known Member

Joined: Sep 15, 2015

Messages: 2,753

Sep 25, 2017

 #29

Once you try to cut amsteel, your worries of hitting it with a broad head and it failing will be over. Its the hardest rope Ive ever tried to cut. As for other climbing ropes, the outer sheath is just a protector, not meant to carry any load.

**Scott F**

Well-Known Member

Joined: Feb 15, 2015

Messages: 766

Location:

Tampa, Florida

Sep 25, 2017

 #30

I use an amsteel adjustable bridge on my homemade saddle - at least I will be using one this season. It is 1/4" amsteel with a Brummel splice on one side, and a "whoopi sling-type splice" on the other side. It affords me a wee bit over 9 total inches of bridge adjustment.

If you care to, you can contact me on/about early January 2018, that is when my season will be over. If I respond, the amsteel adjustable bridge worked out well for me. If I don't respond, it didn't go so well and you should consider other options for an adjustable bridge...

 [DaveH](#), [bowhunterchuck](#) and [g2outdoors](#)

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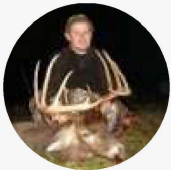
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Location: Tampa, Florida

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I agree.

Is it *POSSIBLE* that you could nick the rope with your broadhead? Sure. I suppose it's possible. It's also probably more possible that a big limb could fall and hit one of us in the head. I haven't seen any threads about the lightest helmets.

boyne bowhunter

**gustafsj**

Member

Joined: Aug 24, 2017

Messages: 47

Sep 25, 2017

#33

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How is it working on your steps? When I tried it I found that it cinched down pretty tight and was hard to undo the knot.

**gustafsj**

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#35

They seem to work pretty good for me. I actually got a good deal on the Primal knockoff, so am using it on those... point is that I can't directly compare to the rope that Stepp uses.

Sent from my iPhone using Tapatalk

**BassBoysLLP**

Well-Known Member

Vendor Rep

Joined: Sep 28, 2014

Messages: 3,096

Sep 26, 2017

#36

The big change moving to the Kestrel from the sit drag was loss of my belay loop. The belay loop had a lot of utility for rappeling and SRT. The adjustable bridge gives me back some of that functionality.

I use a ropeman.

Sent from my SM-G900V using Tapatalk

**Stykbowl**

Well-Known Member

Vendor Rep

Joined: Apr 2, 2014

Messages: 454

Location: New Jersey

Sep 26, 2017

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boyne bowhunter said:

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Roger,

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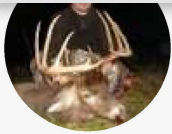
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Roger,

Agreed. There certainly is no one-size-fits-all answer. You should do whatever makes you feel safe.

Sent from my Galaxy S8.

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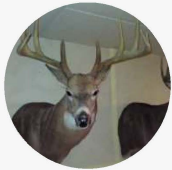
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gustaf said:

Wasn't it originally designed to replace the steel cable for a winch?

Yes. There are videos all over YouTube about how crazy strong Amsteel is.

Sent from my Galaxy S8.

**Apex7**

Well-Known Member

SH Member

Joined: Jan 6, 2017

Messages: 3,760

Location: Pittsburgh Pa

Sep 26, 2017

#40

I was thinking about an adjustable bridge and was going to use a ropeman 1. I don't mind the extra weight of a carabiner and a ropeman. Do you think this a good way to go and do you think it will tear up my bridge? I am using the bridge that came with the Kestrel. Thanks for any opinions.

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