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Adjustable bridge

Ontariofarmer · Sep 22, 2017

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BassBoysLLP

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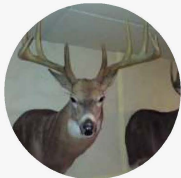
Apex7 said:

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.

That is what I'm using. The ropeman is fine. Many of us have them on our tethers as well.

Sent from my SM-G900V using Tapatalk

Apex7



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#42

Thanks BassboysLLP I do use one on my tether. Does it matter which way you hook the carabiner to the ropeman? Thanks again



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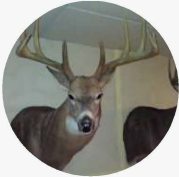
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 HardBall

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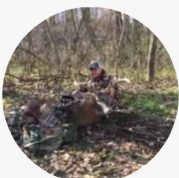
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Scott F said: 

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...

Did this work out for you. The adjustable bridge.

**Tim W**

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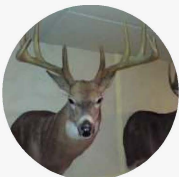
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Ontariofarmer said: 

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Also curious....

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Apex7 said: ☺

I really like a adjustable bridge. I do ajust mine from time to time and love my ropeman 1.

I have an adjustable bridge using a prussic on predator rope and I like it too. But I was wondering about a whoopie sling made with 1/4 inch amsteel..

I was even wondering about attaching one end with a soft shackle made of amsteel. Less weight and no noise and no carabiner or ropeman.

I love a ropeman on a linemans belt and tether.

I do not think I need one on a bridge which I only adjust occasionally.



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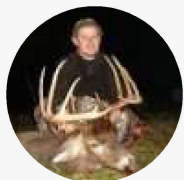
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not safe enough I guess. Have I ever used one? no. been told and read not to use one though.

If it was life and death and I had nothing else? sure id use it, but its just a monkey ball. theres some light weight carabiners that are definitely going to be safer

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I agree with @sb220

I wouldn't use one for life support.

Sent from my Galaxy S8.

**ecotanker**

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#55

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**GCTerpfan**

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I don't think the issue with a soft shackle is the strength but, it has the potential to slip and come undone. I have never used one though.

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Check out this YouTube. It shows the improved method which not only has the ends buried, but it is also done with two spliced eyes. I can't see how this would ever come undone unless it broke. I think I will try this method out, I will also make sure that I have my back up safety in place, which will be the fixed bridge. This way, if the shackle breaks or comes undone, the fixed bridge will be there too. Two Amsteel bridges should make me feel pretty safe.

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