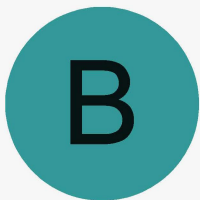



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#1

When using a fixed bridge do taller people typically like a longer bridge or shorter bridge? If you use a fixed bridge and you believe it's too short or long do you compensate by changing tether height? If so does that affect comfort?

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#2

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#3

Bridge length is very tough to fit into a one-size-fits-all category. If you are generally a leaner, a shorter bridge will work and might be more shooter friendly like @elk yinzer mentioned. If you are a sitter, a longer bridge will be much more comfortable. As a general rule, 24-30 inches is the range that most hunters find comfortable.

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Climbing: Gecko Climbing Spurs & Climbing sticks

Platform: Tethrd Predator

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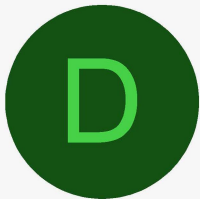
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Tethrd Co-owner.

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#4

mine is 24 inches including carabiners

Tethrd Prostaff

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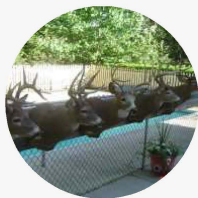
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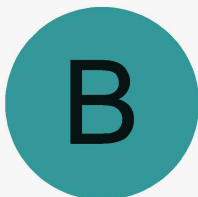
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Thanks guys. The reason I ask is I bought the large mantis and I'm on the bottom side of the large. Seems like the consensus is the bridge may feel a little longer. If that will be the case I'd rather not send it back unless not tolerable. I'm just trying to get ahead and seeing what the best way is to make small adjustments on a fixed bridge. Would it be change tether height? Guessing using a ropeman may be better than long Prusik?

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Drslyr said:

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Hip pinch is caused by leverage points. Your hips are the points where the two bottom angles are formed. SO the more pressure sent in a downward direction you will have more "hip pinch" unless you sit on a board that is wider then your hips. Can't happen any other way.

Two choices -

- 1) go to a lower hook up height with you tether and bridge and lean with you saddle - this will change the direction your weight is applied - or
- 2) sit on a board.

Also, you can pick pants that don't have bulky pockets where you saddle is, remove all items from pockets and try to keep the material flat... wrinkles and bulkiness under saddle create pressure points

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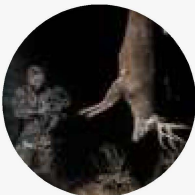
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What type of board will Tethrd offer?

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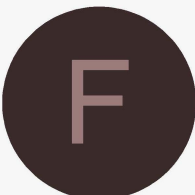
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Tie a prussik onto some samson rope, then attach the open end to your bridge. You can then adjust it on the fly. Im 5'10" 175lbs. I like a forehead tether with a 28" bridge. E2E. But if i want to shoot weak side i stand up, tightened the bridge and turn on the platform.

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fr0sty

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I'm a leaner and a sitter. I have the stock kestrel and put my tree strap at arms length from my top step. I'm 5' 8" 150 lbs.

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#11

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That's what I've found too. When I had a longer bridge, I was on my tip toes trying to get my tether higher. No Bueno at 25 ft.

"Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me," Genesis 27:3

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#12

There are so many factors for comfort. Trial and error. Lots of good advice so far but sometimes it just comes down to the saddle.

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#13

I have girth hitched my bridge so I can position my bridge high or low on my bridge loops. High position will put more pressure on the hips and low position will put pressure under your legs. The trick is to find the happy medium. The New Aero Hunter Merlin has an adjustable bridge that's girth hitched on the bridge loops. I don't know if they are sold separately though.

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