



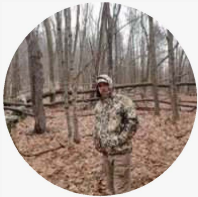
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Kestrel vs Sit Drag

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Active Member

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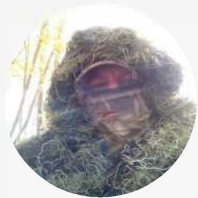
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#1

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bigjoe

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Location: VA

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#2

I have limited use with my sit drag. I have only used it in the ground to sit & lean. I am turning it it into a back up saddle. With limited use of the kestrel I have the kestrel to be much more comfortable.

**redsquirrel**

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#3

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The kestrel will be much more comfortable than a sit drag. I never could get comfortable in the sit drag for the reasons you stated.

**BassBoysLLP**

Well-Known Member

Vendor Rep

Joined: Sep 28, 2014

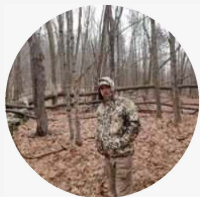
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#4

Agreed. I like the saddle to cup my butt cheeks. Sit drag was never there.

Sent from my SM-G900V using Tapatalk

**mbucks27**

Active Member

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#5

Thanks guys this is what i figured. Will probably end up ordering the Kestrel soon and use sit drag as a backup.

**g2outdoors**

Well-Known Member

Vendor Rep

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Messages: 7,448

Location: Savannah, GA

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#6

A lot of bigger guys don't find the SitDrag to be very comfortable. On the other hand, a lot of saddle hunters find it extremely comfortable. I find it so comfortable that I never upgraded to a Kestrel. But a Kestrel is exactly that...a big upgrade. It's safer and has more options than a SitDrag. A SitDrag is not what I'd recommend to a new saddle user.

However, a SD can be EXTREMELY comfortable depending on your body type and saddle shape.

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**Ontariofarmer**

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MCDM, Stickem and donnieballgame

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#7

The Kestrel is way better than the sit drag. Free promotion for New Tribes... The Kestrel is more comfortable, safer and really not does not weigh much more IMO.

A Kestrel with an amsteel bridge is 2.5 pounds - no linemans belt or tether.

A Sitdrag with a good rock climbing harness will save a bit more than a pound not a big deal

I have tried a sit drag and hated it.

Cost of a sit drag and a good climbing harness will save a bit of money and this is the only advantage I can see.

Stickem and GCTerpfan

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#8

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That is a good plan. I don't know of anyone on here who sold there Kestrel to go back to a sit drag.

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**IkemanTX**

Well-Known Member

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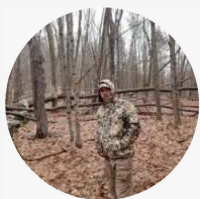
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#9

Another thing to consider is that the sit drag is really best for someone who is primarily a leaner. Sitters will always prefer the Kestrel.

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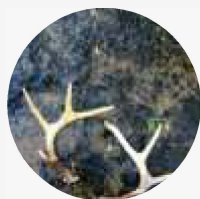
#10

im 6' 185lbs so i would consider myself average. Its not that i wouldn't be able to use it for shorter hunts. I just find myself while practicing always trying to get to the point where i could be comfortable and sit or lean for hours. love the idea though of being light and mobile. I hunt in some mountainous areas and not having to carrying a stand in with me will be huge. im planning on 4 muddy sticks with two screw in steps on each side of tree. Have also tested the hand climber top as a

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platform but i feel like that really takes away from the minimalist part of saddle hunting.

 Joshua2236



ImThere

Well-Known Member

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Messages: 6,595

Location:
Lewisburg, TN

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#11

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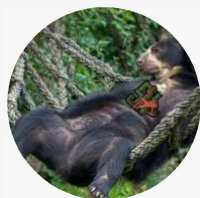
I would bet your tying in to you tether to high lower it. If your using a harness it won't be as comfortable either. The straps will cause hot spots.

I am a huge sit drag fan. I sat in a size 1 kestrel and you couldn't give me one or force me to use it. I now have a size 2 Kestrel it is more comfortable than the size 1 by a long shot. I haven't sat in it for long periods yet. To say it's a huge up grade for comfort simply isn't true. To say it's a huge upgrade because it's made better is true. Without a doubt.

I cannot wait to spend more quality time in my Kestrel. So I can give a better opinion.

Sent from my iPhone using Tapatalk

 swampsnyper



pesqimon

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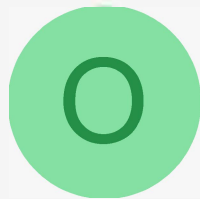
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#12

Folks that like the Kestrel, is it worth getting their tether, bridge and lineman's belt for the extra \$100? I am leaning towards "not" since I already have some ropes and carabiners from my climbing days.

**Ontariofarmer**

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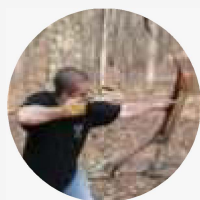
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If you have the rope and carabiners spend the money on two ropeman ones. The knots are not rocket science and the kestrel comes with a bridge.

pesqimon

**swampsnyper**

Well-Known Member

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Messages: 4,463

Location: Warrior, AL

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#14

BassBoysLLP said:

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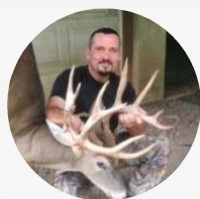
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I'm considering it. I miss the packability and lightness of my sit drag clone. Made a few fleece saddles but haven't found the cut that I want just yet but I'm close. Kestrel is over built in my opinion. I felt like I pulled a brick out of the box when it came in but it was actually a lot more refined than my original aerohunter. I was just use to hunting with my sitdrag clone all year. I feel safer in it but I was comfortable in both. Think it would be a lot more comfortable with the size two but then I'm adding more bulk again. My reasoning for going to the kestrel from my sitdrag clone was to have an all in one unit shrinking my bulk down. It didn't do that.

Oh and I'm a sitter and a leaner.

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**BudgetBuck1**

Active Member

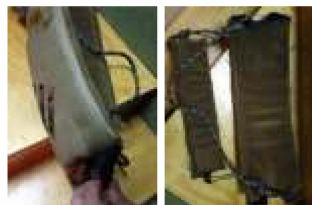
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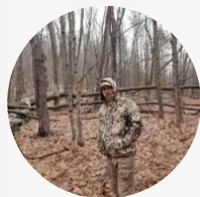


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 **alwaysshuntin**



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That looks awesome. Looks very comfortable.



alwaysshuntin

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Joined: Aug 21, 2017

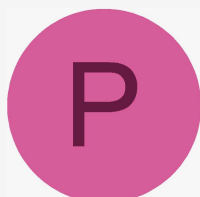
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Peterk1234

Well-Known Member

Joined: Oct 23, 2017

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Location:

Massachusetts

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#18

alwaysshuntin said: 

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You really should get a kestrel. Highly recommended 😊

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2x Another sale for New Tribe

But if you like your sit drag... don't worry about getting one. I do not like the sit drag. But the home made sit drag just mentioned looks comfortable.

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