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Official " Tethrd Mantis " Review Thread!

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Definitely skip those classes

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It cups me perfectly. Some pinch on my hips but nothing like I was expecting. Need to play with tether height a bit to find what I like.

Hanging in it now with the predator. Might need some more wax. Can hear a slight pop if I move my weight around in the right direction. Nothing major and probably nothing to worry about since I'm really listening close for it.

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Guys taking pictures of their own butts and the rest of us looking at it intently. Yes, saddle hunters are perfectly normal. All we need now is for someone to say, "It looks great". It won't be me... I draw the line there 😊

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#63

Wow! Looks gr... err, uh, never mind...

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JRaney.denots and Peterk1234

**Jonny**

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#64

It looks great

Fixed it for ya. I knew what you really wanted to say.

I promise it's a one time thing. I'll go back to posting pictures of my size 14 "personal floatation device" crocs

And since this is the mantis review thread, I'll give my review after hanging in it for 30 minutes. It is. Awesome.

Very secure, and honestly a lot of fun to hang in and see what my shot angles will look like. Gonna need more time in it and some practice shooting, but I think it's winner. And I also think I'm sold on saddle hunting as well. Which is awesome for everything except my wallet.

So @Erniepower and @g2outdoors, thanks, you just got another guy hanging in a saddle.

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JRaney

**tam9492**

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Sep 18, 2018

#65

Very slimming!

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**Peterk1234**

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#66

Fixed it for ya. I knew what you really wanted to say.

Hey... what... wait..... I was mis-quoted 😊

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Jonny

**Chistavocat**

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Sep 18, 2018

#68

Jesus is everyone a foot taller than me? Good grief! In California I was average height. Here I'm almost always the shortest person in the room! What the heck is in the water?

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Buzzards gotta eat, same as worms.
I hate rude behavior in a man. I won't tolerate it.

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Sep 29, 2018

#69

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I just can't help but wonder if I'm the first to do this.

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Sep 29, 2018

#70

I have spent the last few mornings and nights in my mantis and here's what I'm finding:

It is more comfortable than my sitdrag/ch combo for sure but it is not without issue. A combination of the netting stretching and the bridge not sliding along the side loops let's ya really feel the top or bottom strap. It can be fixed by sliding the amsteel bridge up or down the side loops. It's a simple adjustment but one I'm not used to making.

I have never used an amsteel bridge. Welcome to 2018! It is fabulous. I like that the burry's leave a little "detent" in the center of the bridge when rotating. I thought I would hate that part and is why I never made one. I was wrong. I will have to shorten it a little though.

I like the leg straps in the bottom position for sure.

I'm not sold on the metal buckle.

Overall, I am pretty happy with it. I shot a doe in it this morning. Grip n' grins coming tomorrow for team 9.

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Bigstep, d_rek, denots and 1 other person
Sep 29, 2018

#71



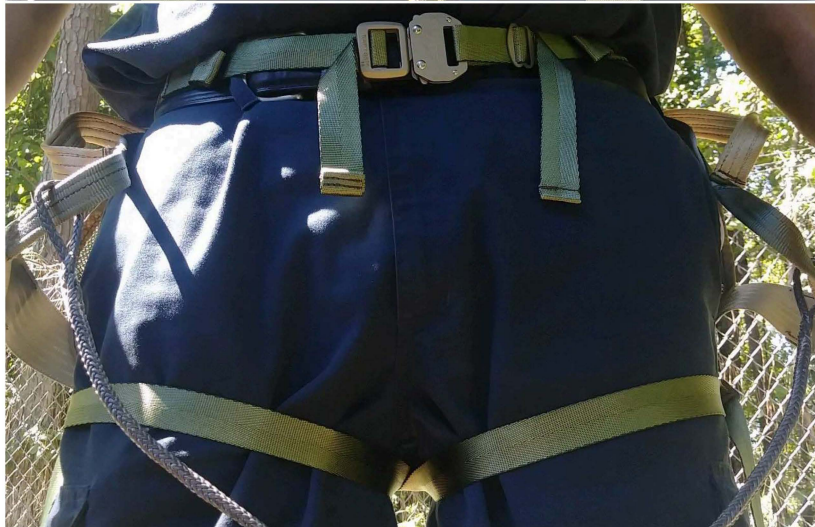
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Well, I wouldn't call them slack adjusters, but it sounds like you did have the leg straps connected correctly. There are two attachment point options. The loops on the waistband, and the loops on the butt strap. So, you weren't doing anything dumb. Here's what the straps look like hooked up in each way.



Lowand Slow
It's better to findout it doesn'twork at 3 feet than 30.

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#72

ahh!! I like them 100x more on the top attachment. Maybe I didn't pay much attention to Dave's review. lol. I just know that when I saw one of the attachment points was on the bottom, I knew I had done the opposite. lol

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TonyGreenway



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Sep 30, 2018

#73

Received my Mantis yesterday. Only hung in it a few minutes but so far it is a big thumbs up! I like the leg straps much better than my Kestrel. And that the linesman belt loops are much farther forward. @g2outdoors @Erniepower Way to go guys!
Edit: I should add this. At this point the only thing I can compare to is my Kestrel. I can't say it is more comfortable as the Kestrel was comfortable for me. Packability is better as well as it will "wear" better while hiking. The leg strap angle. Is a definite improvement for me.
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Oct 2, 2018

#74

Finally got to field test the Mantis, predator, and tethrd linesman's belt and tree strap.

After a bit of a rusty start with all of my mobile gear (took my way to long to get setup, lol) I spent 4- hours dangling from my mantis yesterday on public

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land. What better way to test something than trial by fire?

I was surprisingly comfortable the whole sit. No hip pinch or pressure points in unwelcome areas. I did notice that the bottom of the saddle felt a little tight around the tush but not uncomfortably so, just a little snug. I believe this was more due to tether height, tree angle, and possibly bridge length. I may re-tie the stock bridge 4-6" shorter. All things considered this may be the most comfortable saddle I've hunted out of to date.

I found putting it on/off to be a relatively quiet affair wearing full hunting gear, whereas with my kestrel there was always fear of the large metal buckles clanging off something. The leg straps are very nicely done, and can be fastened silently and easily. The only noise comes from the waist buckle, which allow for a couple metallic clicks when you're snapping/unsnapping it. This too can be remedied if you just go slowly as to avoid aggressive metal-on-metal contact.

Packing it in and out of the hunt was a dream as the entire bare XL saddle package packs down slightly larger than a softball. I snugged it alongside the other gear I hauled in my horn hunter full curl combo frame and I barely noticed the weight.

After I've put a few more sits in I'll chime back in with some additional thoughts. But for now color me impressed!

"I don't know what the f*** this is but it's weird as f*** so I'm leaving."
 ~The Deep
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flingairos and MCDM

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Oct 2, 2018

#75

Solid review man!! You touched on several key features of the mantis and after playing in mine that just came in I felt the same way. The uncomfortability you mentioned was probably due to tether height or bridge length if you not used to it. Thats an easy fix well done man!!

TXS Custom Gear Staff

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**T.Clarke**

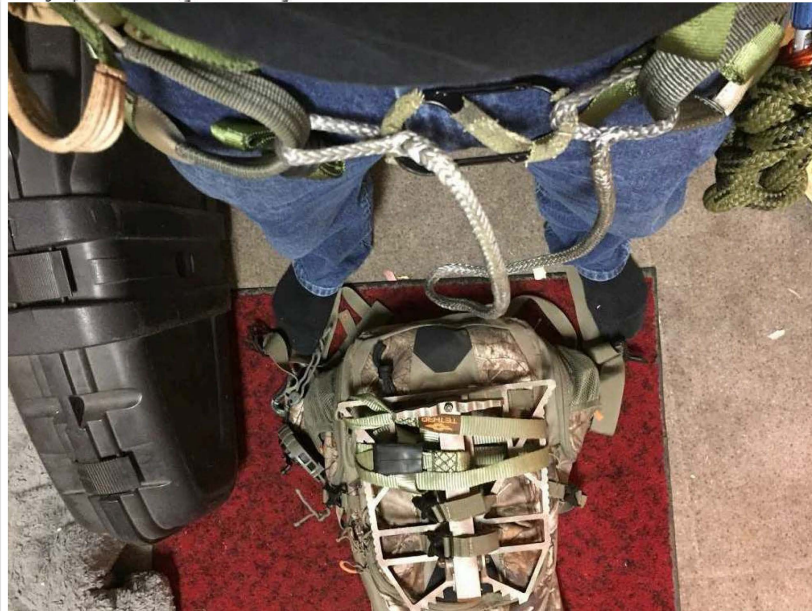
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#76

Well, after using the new Mantis for a couple hunts I decided it needed something to hold the linesmans loops where I could find them a little better in the dark. I was having a hard time clipping in with my pack straps and WE bag hanging right where the loops are. This little S-biner that doubles as one of my gear hooks works pretty well, the loop stands right out for me to clip in and the bridge loops don't drop down and flop around when I walk, should make it nice for wearing it to the stand. I haven't climbed with it yet but it sure seems comfortable so far.

I also used a couple of small gear ties to keep the slack on the leg straps managed, it'll do for now but I'm sure there's a better option. So far I really like this thing but I think I'm going to try to adjust the bridge, it seems pretty long for my liking. Maybe some tubular webbing to figure out the length I prefer and then change the amsteel length?



Tethrd field staff

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