



INSTRUCTIONS

Item 14260

Padre Island® Hammock

does not include hardware

Thank you for purchasing this Texsport hammock. Please read and understand each step of the set-up instructions. We hope you enjoy your new hammock and that it will give you many years of outdoor pleasure.

CAUTION: DO NOT JUMP UP AND DOWN ON THE HAMMOCK. DO NOT USE IT AS A PLAYGROUND SWING. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE HAMMOCKS AS A TRAMPOLINE OR TRY TO SWING OFF OF THE HOOKS. THIS IS DANGEROUS AND NOT THE INTENDED USE OF YOUR HAMMOCK. IT ALSO WILL CAUSE EXCESSIVE WEAR AND TEAR ON THE HAMMOCK AND MOUNTING HARDWARE.

THE MAXIMUM SAFE WEIGHT LIMIT FOR THIS HAMMOCK IS 350 LBS.
PLEASE NOTE AND OBSERVE THIS LIMIT.

MAINTENANCE:

By observing the following suggestions, your hammock will provide many hours of relaxing pleasure:

- Store your hammock in a cool, dry place. Be certain that it is not wet or damp when rolled and stored or the rope may mildew or rot. If the hammock does get wet, let it dry completely before storing.
- Although this hammock is intended for outdoor use, exposure to adverse weather conditions such as UV rays, rain or snow alter the appearance and decrease the life span of the hammock. Therefore, please handle your hammock with care in order to obtain maximum enjoyment.
- Do not hang or store your hammock in an area where wildlife may potentially have access. Avoid storing near chemicals and pesticides which, if spilled, may effect the strength or integrity of the fibers used in this hammock.
- Handwash your hammock using a mild detergent. Rinse well and hang to dry. Allow it to air dry completely before using or storing. Do not use any products with bleach or strong chemicals.

INSTALLATION OF HAMMOCK:

STEP 1 ..First determine where you would like to hang the hammock. It may be hung between two posts, on our specially designed hammock stands, on your porch, or just about anywhere you prefer. Ideally, the space in which you plan to hang your hammock should be 18 inches greater than the overall length of your hammock. ALWAYS TEST YOUR HAMMOCK CAREFULLY PRIOR TO EACH USE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT IS HUNG SECURELY AND IN SAFE CONDITION.

STEP 2 ..If you are installing the hammock where a wooden surface will hold an eye hook; such as between trees, posts, or wall studs, observe the following:

- a. ..MAKE CERTAIN THE WOODEN OBJECT IS AT LEAST SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER AND THAT THE WOOD IS SUITABLE TO HOLD THE EYE HOOK. SOME WOODS ARE VERY SOFT, SUCH AS WILLOW, PALM OR BEECH, AND MAY NOT HOLD THE HAMMOCK WHEN IN USE.**
- b. ..Drill 3/16" pilot hole 1" deep at each installation point approximately 5' to 6' above the ground. The exact height will depend on the distance between the two points of installation and how high you wish to hang the hammock. (See Figure A - reverse).**
- c. ..Screw an eye hook in each of the pilot holes drilled. Use a screwdriver partially inserted in the eye of the hook for leverage while screwing the hook in place. BE SURE TO SCREW THE HOOK COMPLETELY INTO THE WOOD UNTIL THE EYE IS SNUG AGAINST ITS MOUNTING LOCATION. WHERE THE HAMMOCK IS MOUNTED USING A WALL STUD, BE CERTAIN THAT THE EYE HOOK IS DIRECTLY IN THE CENTER OF THE STUD AND IS SECURELY EMBEDDED. CAUTION: DO NOT CONTINUE TO TIGHTEN THE SCREW ONCE IT IS EMBEDDED.**

- d. ..Hook a chain over the hook as shown in the upper part of Figure B. You may adjust this later depending on how high you wish to hang the hammock and as the ropes stretch to their maximum length. **DO NOT WRAP THE CHAIN AROUND THE HOOK. ALSO BE CERTAIN THE CHAIN IS NOT TWISTED.** Either of these may cause the links of the chain to bend and weaken.
- e. ..Attach the end of each chain containing "S" hook to the ring on each end of the hammock (see Figure C). **DO NOT ALLOW THE CHAIN TO BECOME TWISTED, AS NOTED ABOVE.**
- f. ..Once you have used your hammock, it may hang lower due to stretching of the ropes. This is to be expected. To have the hammock hanging at the height originally chosen, simply decrease the number of links used where the chain attaches to the hook. Make certain you follow the precautions regarding hanging and straightening of the chain.

INSTALLATION OF THE POSTS:

STEP 1 If you choose to hang your hammock using a post (or between two posts), please observe the following:

- a. ..Materials: Each post used should be 6" x 6" x 9' tall minimum for rectangular posts, or 6" diameter X 9' tall for round posts. Use 160 lbs. of premixed concrete for each post.
- b. ..Dig two holes about 10" in diameter and 3' deep. They should be spaced at least 18" greater than the length of the hammock.
- c. ..Place the posts in the holes and be sure that no more than 6' of each post extends out of the ground.
- d. ..Prepare the concrete according to the package directions. Pour 160 lbs of mixed concrete in each hole until the concrete reaches the level of the ground surface. Be certain to pack the concrete around the posts and the hole and remove air pockets in the concrete.
- e. ..While the cement is still wet, angle the posts slightly away from the side on which the hammock will be hung. If you are using rectangular posts, be certain that the 6" side of the posts face toward the hammock. Allow concrete to harden for at least 24 hours.
- f. ..When you have completed installation of the post (or posts), mount hammock as explained in steps 2a through 2f.

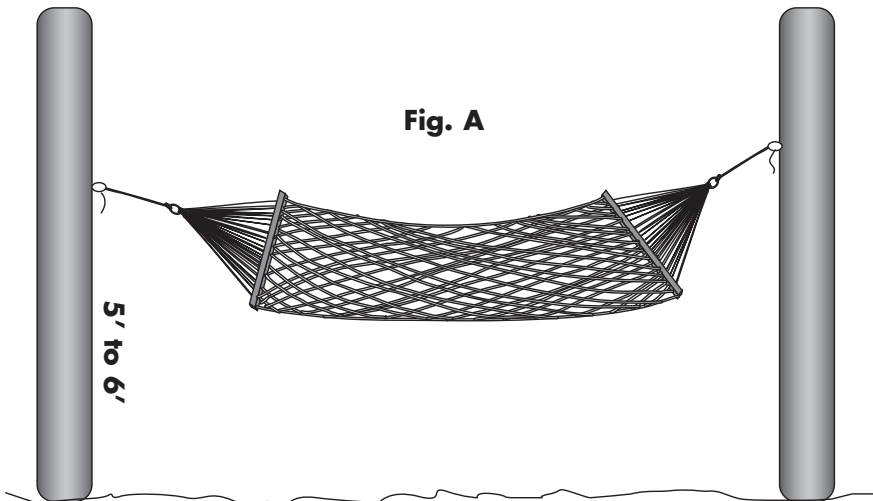


Fig. B

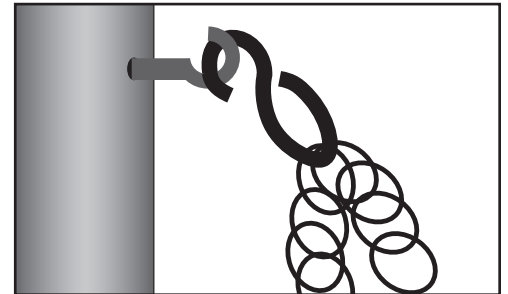
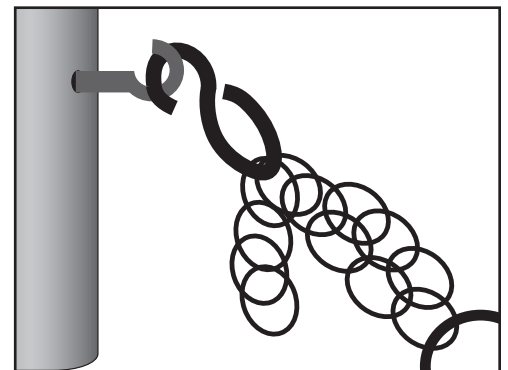


Fig. C



QUESTIONS:

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