



# Hammock Instruction Sheet

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- DO NOT JUMP UP AND DOWN IN THE HAMMOCK AND DO NOT USE THE HAMMOCK AS A PLAYGROUND SWING. **Children have been known to use the hammock for a trampoline or try to swing the hammock off its 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 YOUR HAMMOCK IS THE LESSER OF 450 LBS. (200 KG) OR THE WEIGHT LIMIT INDICATED ON YOUR HAMMOCK.**

- **WHEN YOU HANG YOUR HAMMOCK, BE CERTAIN THAT IT IS SITUATED SO THAT THE ANGLE OF THE HAMMOCK WHEN SOMEONE IS LYING IN IT WILL EXCEED 25 DEGREES.**

- **DO NOT ALLOW THE CHAINS SUPPLIED WITH YOUR HAMMOCK TO BECOME TWISTED OR ALLOW THE HAMMOCK TO FLIP OVER (WHICH ALSO CAUSES THE CHAINS TO TWIST).** This dramatically reduces the strength of the chain.

- **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE HAMMOCK TREE HOOKS.**

- **A HAMMOCK CAN BE UNSTABLE UNLESS YOU ALWAYS PLACE YOUR WEIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE HAMMOCK. DO NOT SIT ON THE EDGE.**

- **DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO USE THE HAMMOCK WITHOUT DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT PLACE INFANTS IN THE HAMMOCK.**

Included with your hammock will be the following:

1. 2 tree hooks for use in wood ( hammock and stand boxed together will not have these)
2. 2 S-hook and chain assemblies to make your hammock adjustable. (hammock and stand boxed together may only have one length)
3. This instruction and warning sheet.

**MAXIMUM SAFE WEIGHT LIMIT OF HAMMOCK 450 LBS.**

## Installation of Hammock

1. First determine where you would like to hang your hammock. You may hang your hammock between two posts, on your porch, on our specially designed hammock stand, or just about anywhere you prefer. Ideally, the space in which you plan to hang your hammock should be 18 to 24 inches greater than the overall length of your hammock.

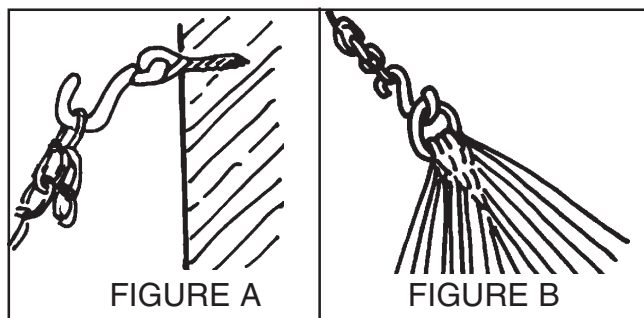
The list below is certainly not the only way in which a hammock can be used. If you have any questions, please call us for assistance. **In any event, always test your hammock carefully prior to each use to make certain that it is hung securely and in safe condition.**

2. If you are installing your hammock where a wooden surface will hold the hammock tree hook, such as between trees, posts, or wall studs on a porch, observe the following:

**a. Make certain the wooden object is at least 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter and that the wood is suitable to hold the hammock tree hook (some woods are very soft, such as willow, palm, or beech, and may not hold the hammock when in use. Hardwood trees such as oak, hickory, etc., should be used.)**

b. When installing the tree hooks that accompany your hammock, first drill a 1/8"-3/16" pilot hole. (Pilot hole should be as small as possible in order to ensure safe assembly and use of hammock.) Insert the tree hook to the point that the eye is in contact with the surface of the hole. **NOTE: Do not over-twist the hook assembly. This may cause damage to the metal and weaken the support.**

c. If installing the hammock into any surface other than wood, consult a professional for the proper method and the additional supplies needed for a safe installation.



### **Installation of Hammock (cont.)**

d. Hook a chain over the hammock hook as shown in Figure B. You may adjust this later depending on how high you wish to hang your hammock and as the ropes in your hammock stretch to their maximum length. **DO NOT WRAP THE CHAIN AROUND THE HAMMOCK HOOK. ALSO, BE CERTAIN THAT 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 the “S” hook to the ring on each end of the hammock. See Figure B. **DO NOT ALLOW THE CHAIN TO BECOME TWISTED, AS NOTED ABOVE.**

f. Once you have used your hammock, it may hang lower due to some 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.

### **Maintenance of your hammock**

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

1. When you hang your hammock for the first time, the weave may appear pulled or uneven. Do not be alarmed. Give your hammock a vigorous shake from one side and it should straighten out. Do not be alarmed if your hammock appears too short when you first take it out of the box. Our special hammock rope “breathes” and will stretch out to its correct length with use. You may have to adjust the chain from time to time as the rope relaxes along with you.

2. Store your hammock in a cool, dry place. **BE CERTAIN THAT IT IS NOT WET OR DAMP WHEN STORED OR THE ROPE MAY MILDEW OR ROT.** If your hammock does get wet, let it air dry completely before storing. A water repellent may be useful on the rope for additional protective care.

**3. Although your hammock is intended for outdoor use, exposure to adverse weather conditions, such as rain or snow, will serve to shorten the useful life of the hammock and will effect its appearance.** Consequently, treat your hammock with care in order to obtain maximum enjoyment.

4. Some squirrels, mice, birds, and bugs also enjoy our hammocks, using rope fibers to construct nests and the like. Also, dogs have been known to use the hammocks for chewing purposes. Consequently, do not hang or store your hammock in an area where dogs may be able to get to it. Also, avoid storing near certain chemicals and pesticides which, if spilled, may affect the strength or integrity of the rope fibers used in your hammock.

5. You will probably spend a lot of time with your hammock, so you may wish to do some cleaning. If you decide to clean it, lay the hammock on a clean, dry surface that is non-abrasive, wet it down with a hose, and use a soft brush or cloth with a mild solution of warm water and detergent. When you are through gently washing your hammock, rinse it thoroughly and allow it to air dry completely before using or storing. **DO NOT USE ANY PRODUCT WITH BLEACH OR STRONG CHEMICALS.**

**6. Prior to each use of your hammock, inspect the ropes and other materials in your hammock, the mounting hardware, installation points, and posts, trees, stand or studs from which the hammock is hung for signs of wear or weakness. DO NOT USE IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNS THAT THE MATERIAL OR SUPPORTS ARE NOT IN PROPER CONDITION.**

7. Please note that under normal conditions, a polyester hammock should last three to five years.

8. **BY FOLLOWING ALL THESE DIRECTIONS YOU SHOULD RECEIVE MANY HOURS OF COMFORTABLE RELAXATION FROM THIS HAMMOCK.**

**WARRANTY INFORMATION:** Products of The HammockSource are guaranteed to be free of defects in workmanship and materials for up to one year after the purchase date. Prolonged exposure to weather conditions including snow, rain, and humidity are not covered under the warranty nor is damage caused by normal wear, mildew, improper care including storage, maintenance, and installation. If an item is found to be defective within one year of its purchase, it will be replaced without charge upon the return of the unit accompanied by a sales receipt. If you choose to return an item, you must contact our customer service department at 800.643.3522 to obtain a Return Authorization Number that will allow us to track your unit once it arrives at our warehouse; thereby creating a faster response to your concern.