



Instructions for use: **Hercules Tree Trunk Protector**

Please read these instructions before you use your Tree Trunk Protector

General information:

Tree Trunk Protectors should always be used when winching and using a tree as an anchor point. The Tree Trunk Protector evenly distributes the load on the tree and protects the tree from damage. To use, wrap the Tree Trunk Protector around the tree trunk at the lowest possible point and then join the two loops using a rated bow shackle. You are then able to attach your winch to the shackle and proceed with your recovery.

Before using the Tree Trunk Protector it is the operator's responsibility to ensure that the Tree Trunk Protector is not damaged and is in usable condition. Inspect for stray strands or broken threads in the strap and in the loops at both ends. If there is any sign of damage discard the Tree Trunk Protector as its integrity has been compromised and therefore weakened.

NEVER overload the strap past its rated load limit.

ALWAYS ensure all persons are a safe distance from the Tree Trunk Protector and winch cable throughout the recovery process and do not allow anyone to place themselves in the path of the vehicle performing the recovery.

To properly maintain your Tree Trunk Protector:

- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight
- Gently hand wash in warm, soapy water (mild solution only) and allow to air dry after use
- Never pressure wash Tree Trunk Protector
- Never allow your Tree Trunk Protector to come into contact with sharp or hot surfaces

When using your Tree Trunk Protector

- Only use the Tree Trunk Protector for the purpose it was designed for
- Never lift or tow with the Tree Trunk Protector, or use it as a substitute for rope
- Do not tie knots with the Tree Trunk Protector
- Inspect regularly for signs of wear and cease using if any damage is visible
- Familiarise yourself with safe operating procedures before attempting to use the Tree Trunk Protector

Additional instructions for use:

- persons intending to use the strap should consider completing a nationally recognised four wheel drive training course, or contact a four wheel drive club for comprehensive advice on the proper selection and use of the strap; and
- the strap must not be used for lifting or conventional towing; and
- persons intending to use the strap must ensure that the strap is not damaged and is in usable condition; and
- the strap's strength and stretch are reduced when the strap is saturated with water; and
- an object such as a recovery dampener, heavy bag or blanket must be draped over the strap during use to reduce any unintentional rebound of the strap; and
- while the strap is being used, persons outside the motor vehicles involved in the recovery process:
 - i. must be kept at a safe distance from the motor vehicles, recommended to be at least 1.5 times the length of the unstretched strap; and
 - ii. must never place themselves in the path of the vehicle performing the recovery.

Note:

- the minimum breaking strength of the strap should be between 2 and 3 times the gross vehicle mass (GVM) of any vehicle it is used with; and
- the strap must be suited to the GVM of the lighter of the 2 vehicles used in the recovery process

WARNING — Always follow product instructions. It is important to correctly attach the motor vehicle recovery strap to a motor vehicle. A standard tow ball or vehicle tie down point is not designed for this purpose and may result in the strap or a vehicle component detaching from a motor vehicle and striking and seriously injuring or killing a person. Only attach the strap to a vehicle recovery point or device that is suitably rated for use with the strap. Incorrect use has previously resulted in serious injury and death.



12 MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY

WARRANTY PERIOD:

Full 12 month warranty from date of purchase against all manufacturing defects.

WHAT DOES THE WARRANTY COVER?

Under normal usage conditions, this warranty covers:

Any defect in design or manufacture which results in the product failing to perform substantially as described in authorised advertising or literature.

We will either repair or replace the product at our discretion providing that the fault is found to have been caused by a design or manufacturing defect and not misuse or tampering.

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. The benefits provided to you as the consumer by this warranty are in addition to other rights and remedies available to you under the law.

THE WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

- a. Any damage resulting from improper use
 - b. Faulty installation or modification made during installation
 - c. The cost of removing and reinstalling the product
 - d. Travel and /or other expenses due to customer's remote location
 - e. Transport charges and damage in transit. It is your responsibility to deliver and pick up your product, including any costs associated with the postage of your repair or replacement product. If you do freight your product we recommend that you insure against loss or damage.
 - f. Any loss directly or indirectly associated with the product failing to operate.
 - g. Damage caused by mould, insects, animals, misuse, incorrect operation, adverse weather, accidents and fair wear and tear
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TO MAKE A CLAIM, PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETAIN YOUR SALES RECEIPT OF PURCHASE

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