



# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

***Elite 5' Tower***

***Elite 5' Tower  
Extension Kit***

**Model BBT500**

**Model BBT510**

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## USAGE INSTRUCTIONS & WARNINGS

### BBT500 • ELITE 5' TOWER

**CARRYING CAPACITY (USER(S) AND EQUIPMENT)** 500 lbs/227 kg

### BBT510 • ELITE 5' TOWER EXTENSION KIT

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**⚠ WARNING!** This Muddy® product carries strict weight restrictions. **DO NOT** use this product if you exceed these total weight limitations. Please note that these weight limitations include the user(s) and their equipment. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

Thank you for your purchase of this quality Muddy® product. To ensure your personal safety, please take a moment to carefully read this Instruction Manual in its entirety before attempting to set-up, install, remove and/or otherwise use this Muddy® product(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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If you find damaged or missing parts in a newly purchased product, please return this product to the retailer for replacement.

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**⚠ WARNING!** Failure to read and strictly comply with the instructions contained in this Instruction Manual may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Falls from a freestanding platform treestand can occur anytime after leaving the ground. These falls may result in serious injury or death! For your personal safety, please take a moment to carefully read this product(s) instruction manual in its entirety before attempting to assemble, set-up, install, remove, and/or otherwise use this Muddy® product(s). At least annually, review the contents of this instruction manual. Additionally, keep these instructions for the entire duration that you own this product(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** The safe use and operation of this product(s) is the sole responsibility of the user. It is also the sole responsibility of the owner to provide any person(s) who borrow or purchase this product(s) with this instruction manual. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death! Additionally, failure to follow this warning may subject you to personal liability penalties as determined by the U.S. Judicial system.

**⚠ WARNING!** **DO NOT** use this or any other Muddy® product(s) if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, equilibrium problems, high blood pressure, are not well-rested and/or any other physical impairment that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this product(s) in the safe manner outlined in this Instruction Manual. Additionally, do not use this or any other Muddy® product(s) if you are currently taking medication (including prescription) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use this Muddy® product(s) as outlined and described in the Instruction Manual. Never use a freestanding platform treestand when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Do not remove, modify, and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this product(s) or its assemblies in any manner. Modification, misuse, and/or part substitution may result in serious injury or death! Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, or altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by the manufacturer.

**⚠ WARNING!** Several Muddy® freestanding platform treestands are equipped with a handrail. The handrail has not been designed to support the users weight. Under no circumstances shall you place any more than fifteen (15) pounds (7 kg) of weight on this structure. Doing so will put the user in serious risk of injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Prior to each hunt, you must inform someone of your hunting location and the expected duration of your hunt. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Prior to each hunt, make sure that you have a signaling device (e.g., mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or Personal Locator Device (PLD)) in your possession and in an operable condition. This device must be within easy access shall you experience the need to contact emergency assistance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** This product(s) is designed for adult use only. No one under the age of 16 shall attempt to use this or any other product(s) without direct adult supervision. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Prior to attempting to use this or any other Muddy® product(s) you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly, setup, installation, use, and removal. You must practice installing, setting up, using and removal of this product(s) at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this Muddy® product(s) setup, installation, use, and removal at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** **NEVER** hunt out of a freestanding platform treestand at heights at which you are not completely comfortable. Depending on the hunting conditions, choose the minimum hunting height that allows for safe, effective hunting. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠ WARNING!** Strict weight limitations have been set for each product(s) to ensure your personal safety. Note the weight limitations and maximum occupancy for your Muddy® product(s). This weight limit includes the user(s) and equipment. **NEVER EXCEED THESE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS!** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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**⚠️ WARNING!** DO NOT attempt to use this or any other Muddy® product(s) when ice, snow, and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any portion of the stand you intend to climb. Do not attempt to use this or any other Muddy® product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles (8 km). Do not attempt to use this or any other product(s) when any other adverse weather condition(s) presents itself. These include, but are not limited to, weather condition(s) which have the potential for producing winds, lightning, rain, snow, sleet and/or any other atmospheric condition which may limit the user's ability to operate this Muddy® product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Shall inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this Muddy® product(s), return to the ground immediately and seek proper man-made shelter. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Never attempt to climb up or climb down with a weapon and/or gear in your possession. **ALWAYS** unload your weapon and pull it up to hunting height using a tether or pull up rope. **ALWAYS** lower your unloaded weapon down to the ground prior (when raising or lowering firearms, the chamber must be open and the barrel pointing downward toward the ground) to attempting to climb down. Use this same method when raising or lowering all other gear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Thoroughly inspect this product or any other Muddy® product(s) (and its components) prior to each use for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of damage(s). **DO NOT** expose your freestanding platform treestand to extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperature. Do not use your freestanding platform treestand or any other product(s) if they show evidence of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of damage(s). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Never jump or bounce on a freestanding platform treestand seat. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using a freestanding platform treestand. A good non-slip safety boot is important to your personal safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the freestanding platform treestand or any of its components (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** DO NOT modify, fix/repair, alter, bend, cut, weld, or heat the freestanding platform treestand in any way. Additionally, do not attach anything to your freestanding platform treestand without explicit authorized and written instructions from the manufacturer. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** DO NOT erect this Muddy® product(s) around power generation (transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment (power lines). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Before you dig, you must contact your local buried utilities One Call Center, 811, to prevent injury, damage of services, or delays. One Call will notify your local utility companies of your proposed project. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Do not attempt to make adjustments to this product(s) while in the stand. All adjustments must be made with the entire stand on the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Check the ground under your freestanding platform treestand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or uneven surfaces can cause your stand to tilt or shift as you climb. Do not use this stand when high winds are present or forecast. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Never attempt to hunt from an unlevel platform. Additionally, never attempt to level your freestanding platform treestand at heights above the ground. If you find that your platform is unlevel, canted, angled awkwardly upward or downward, or in any configuration other than level, readjust your freestanding platform treestand as necessary to alleviate this awkward angle. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** BEFORE each use, make sure all nuts and bolts are secure. **CHECK** all hardware and webbing prior to every use to make sure that no damage has occurred to hardware. **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT(S) IF ANY DAMAGE IS SUSPECTED.** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Prior to climbing, make sure all legs, ladder or supporting sections are firmly connected and locked. Make certain that none of the sections have come loose or separated. If they are, **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT(S).** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** ALWAYS maintain three-point contact when climbing up or down. Proper three-point contact means having either two feet with one hand or one foot with two hands on the step portion of the climbing aids at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** ALWAYS lean forward as you climb the freestanding platform treestand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Use of propane heaters, or any other type of heater(s), inside this Muddy® product may produce an atmosphere which is immediately dangerous to life and health (asphyxiation hazard from carbon monoxide poisoning). **NEVER** attempt to use any heater(s) unless it is equipped with a UL Listed and functioning carbon monoxide shut-off feature and tip-over safety switch/cutoff. Failure to follow these instruction may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** Use only UL Listed heating device(s) labeled for **INDOOR USE ONLY** in this Muddy® product. Failure to follow these instruction may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** You must read and follow all the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use and operation of any heating device(s) used in this Muddy® product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ WARNING!** DO NOT attempt to use propane, or any other type of heating device(s), marked or labeled for **OUTDOOR USE ONLY.** Use of such heating devices will produce an atmosphere which is immediately dangerous to life and health (asphyxiation hazard from carbon monoxide poisoning). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

**⚠️ CAUTION!** Know the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (e.g., nausea, dizziness, headache, etc.). If you think that you may be affected, immediately turn off any source(s) of carbon monoxide and immediately move to an area with fresh air.

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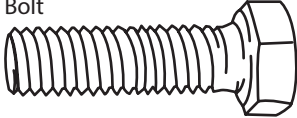
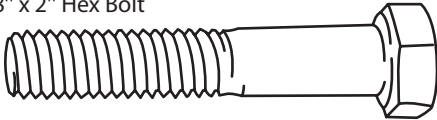
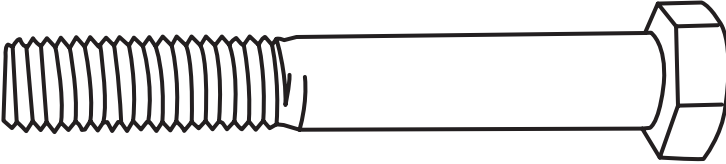
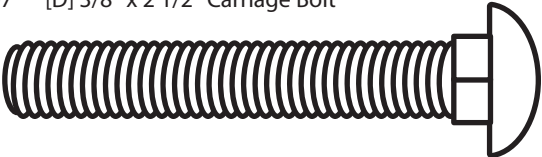
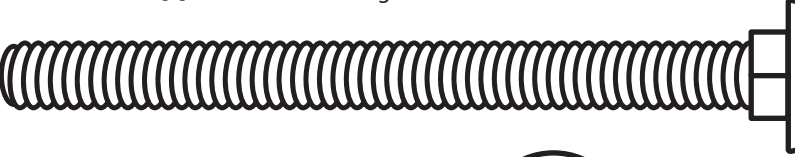
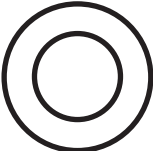
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## PARTS LIST - BBT500 ELITE 5' TOWER

Part #	Description	Qty	Part #	Description	Qty
UP15-0270	Platform Base	1	UP15-0281	Ladder Rail	1
UP15-0271	Top Leg	4	UP15-0282	Platform Rail	2
UP15-0273	Upper Horizontal Brace	4	UP15-0283	Auger Stake	1
UP15-0275	Cross Brace	4	UP15-0284	Wire Rope	1
UP15-0276	Ladder Section	1	UP15-0285	Turnbuckle	1
UP15-0278	Ladder Connector	2	UP15-0286	Leg Stake	4
UP15-0279	Ladder Support	2	UP15-0287	Wire Rope Clip	4
UP18-0082	Leg Connector	4		Instruction Manual	1
UP15-0280	Leg Support	4			

## HARDWARE LIST - BBT500 ELITE 5' TOWER

Part #	Description	Qty
UP77-0159	[A] 3/8" x 1 1/4" Hex Bolt	53
		
UP77-0165	[B] 3/8" x 2" Hex Bolt	2
		
UP77-0166	[C] 1/2" x 3 1/2" Hex Bolt	1
		
UP77-0207	[D] 3/8" x 2 1/2" Carriage Bolt	12
		
UP77-0186	[E] 3/8" x 5 1/4" Carriage Bolt	4
		
UP77-0053	3/8" Steel Washer	122
		

## SPECS



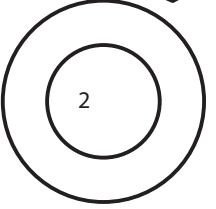
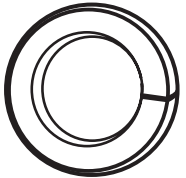

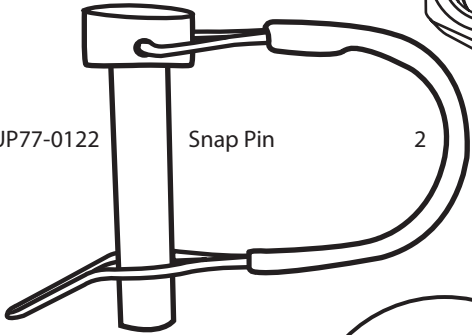
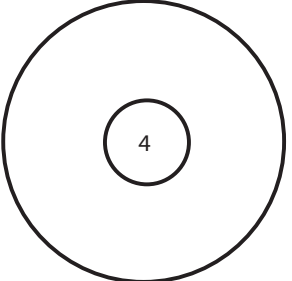
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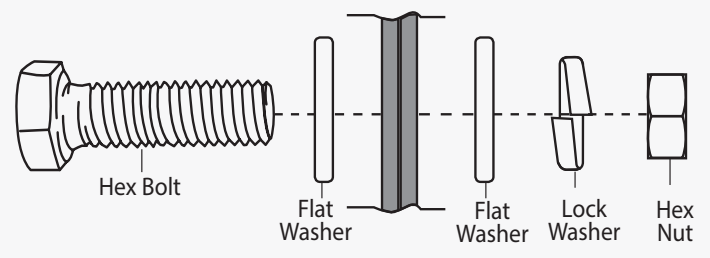
Adjustable Wrench - Qty 2 (Not Included)

*It is recommended to make sure you have all parts and hardware prior to assembly.*

## HARDWARE LIST - BBT500 *continued*

Part #	Description	Qty
UP77-0167	3/8" Lock Washer	71
		
UP77-0168	3/8" Hex Nut	71
		
UP77-0145	1/2" Steel Washer	2
		
UP77-0169	1/2" Lock Washer	1
		
UP77-0170	1/2" Hex Nut	1
		
UP77-0122	Snap Pin	2
		
UP77-0185	3/8" X 1 1/2" Steel Washer	4
		

## TYPICAL HARDWARE ASSEMBLY

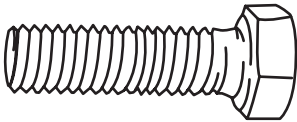



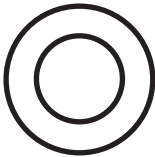

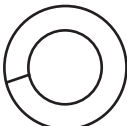


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## PARTS LIST - BBT510 ELITE 5' TOWER EXTENSION KIT

Part #	Description	Qty	Part #	Description	Qty
UP15-0272	Bottom Leg	4	UP15-0275	Cross Brace	4
UP18-0083	Left Horizontal Brace	4	UP15-0276	Ladder Section	1
UP18-0084	Right Horizontal Brace	4	UP15-0277	Ladder Section Splice	2

## HARDWARE LIST - BBT510 ELITE 5' TOWER EXTENSION KIT

Part #	Description	Qty	Part #	Description	Qty
UP77-0159	[A] 3/8" x 1 1/4" Hex Bolt	23	UP77-0168	3/8" Hex Nut	23
					
UP77-0016	[F] 1/4" x 1" Hex Bolt	8	UP77-0001	1/4" Nylock Nut	8
					
UP77-0053	3/8" Steel Washer	46	UP77-0005	1/4" Steel Washer	16
					
UP77-0167	3/8" Lock Washer	23			
					

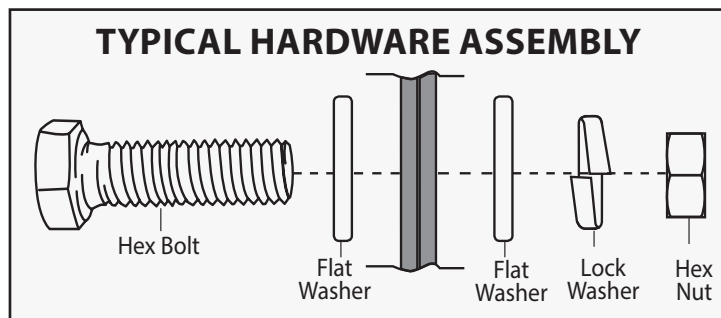
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**STORAGE AND CARE OF YOUR CLIMBING SYSTEM:** Your new climbing system is factory finished with a state-of-the-art powder coating that guarantees years of trouble-free service. It is recommended that you store your climbing system out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance.

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**The following steps are used to assemble BBT500 Elite 5' Tower with BBT510 Elite 5' Tower Extension Kit. Continue to Page 14 for BBT500 Elite 5' Tower**

**⚠ WARNING! Read USAGE INSTRUCTIONS & WARNINGS on pages 2-3 prior to assembly of this product! Failure to follow the instructions on this page and pages 2-3 may result in serious injury or death!**

**⚠ WARNING! DO NOT over tighten the hardware. Over tightening can lead to structural damage and may negatively affect the performance of your stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!**

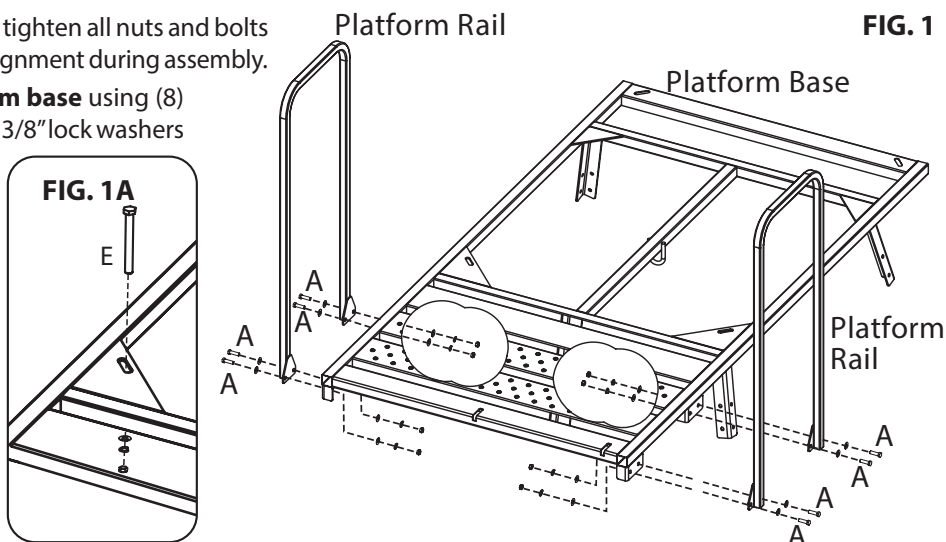
**NOTE:** All steps require that you temporarily finger tighten all nuts and bolts until instructed to tighten. This will ensure proper alignment during assembly.

**STEP 1.** Attach the **platform rails** to the **platform base** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers and (8) 3/8" hex nuts to secure (Fig. 1).

### SECURE THE MUDDY BLIND

**STEP 2.** If still attached, remove the wood studs from the bottom of your Muddy Blind. The wood studs are secured to the floor using (4) screws. Next, Center your Muddy blind on the **platform base**, between the **platform rails**.

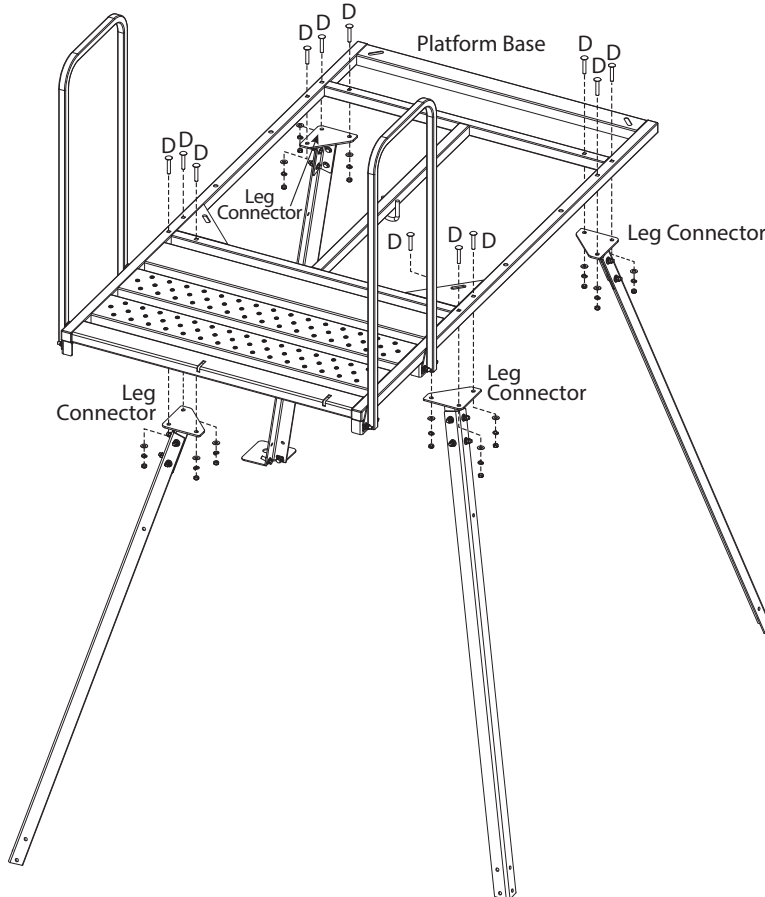
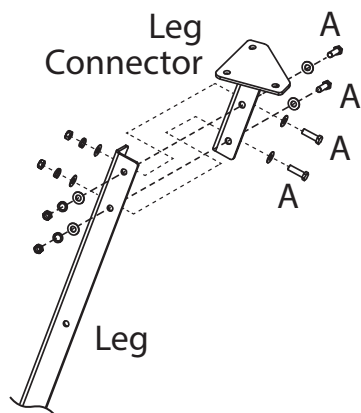
Secure the blind to the **platform base** using (4) 3/8" x 5 1/4" carriage bolts [E], (4) 3/8" x 1 1/2" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts to secure (Fig. 1A).



**FIG. 1**

**STEP 3.** Attach the **leg connectors** to the **top legs** using (16) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (32) 3/8" steel washers, (16) 3/8" lock washers & (16) 3/8" hex nuts.

Then, attach the **leg connectors** to the **platform base** using (12) 3/8" x 2 1/2" carriage bolts [D], (12) 3/8" lock washers, (12) 3/8" steel washers and (12) 3/8" hex nuts to secure.



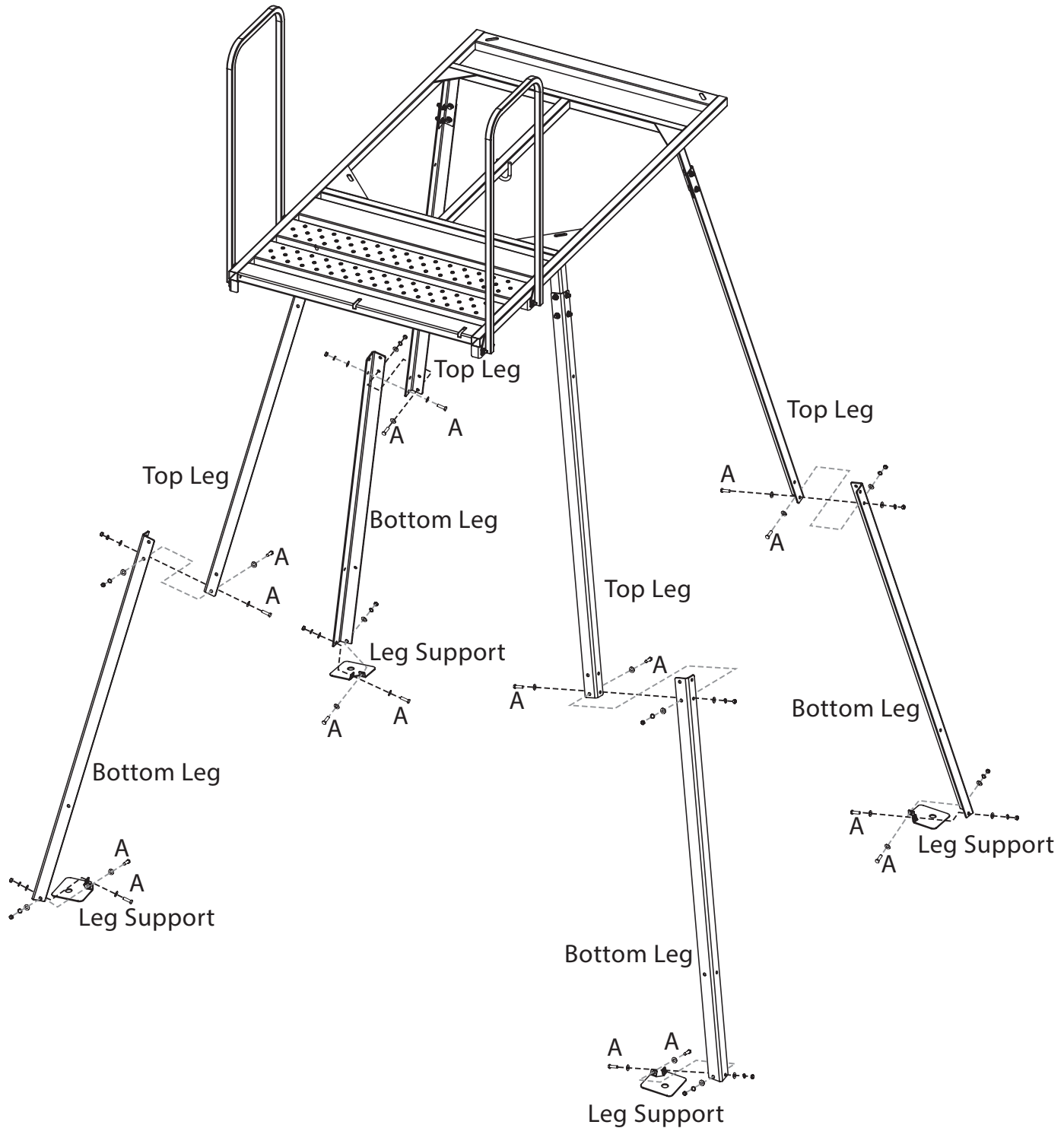
**FIG. 2**

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**STEP 4.** Next, attach the **bottom legs** to the **top legs** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts. **NOTE:** Only the lower holes are used for the leg assembly at this time.

**FIG. 3**

**STEP 5.** Connect the **leg supports** to the **bottom legs** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts to secure.



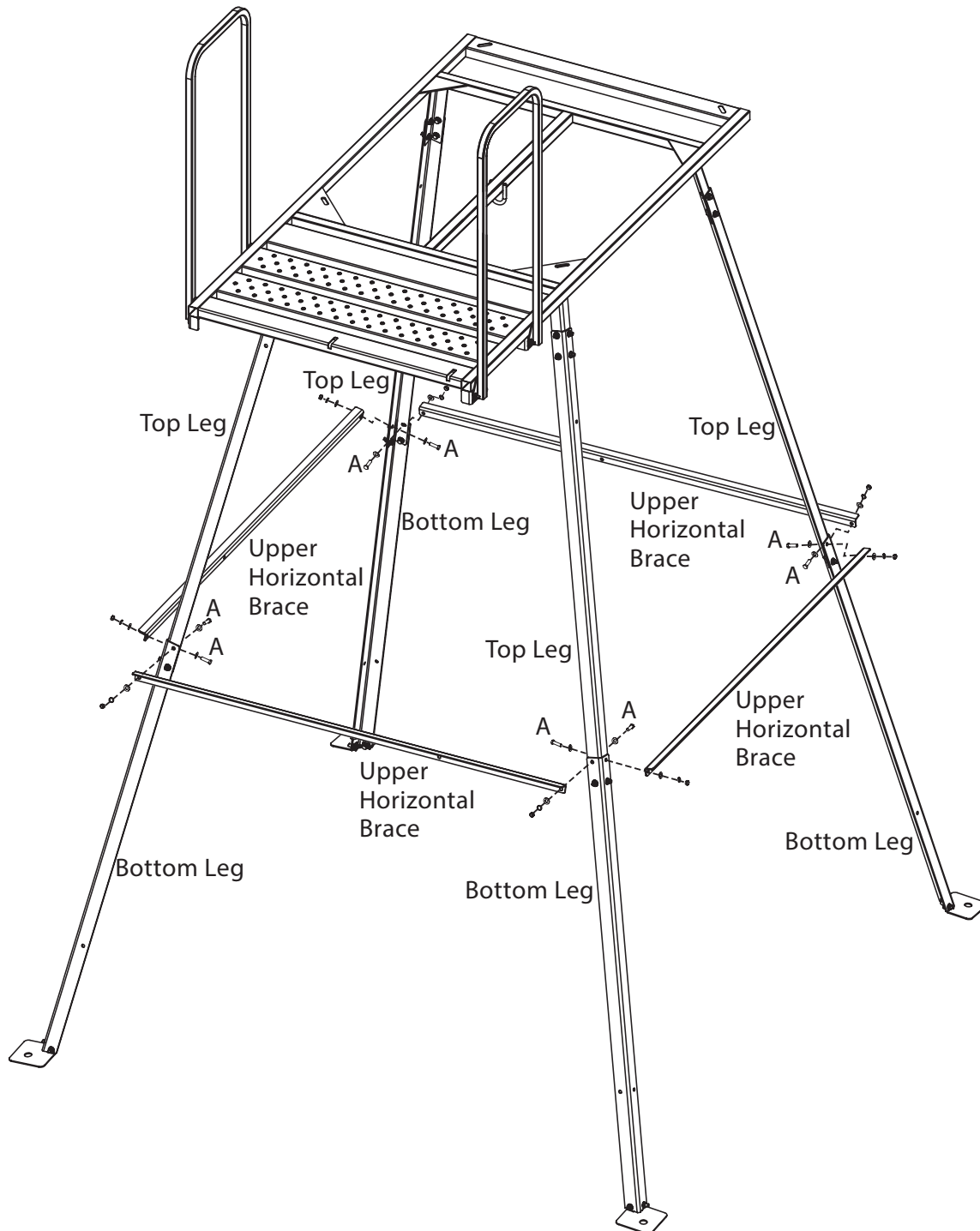
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**STEP 6.** With the flat side of the angle facing to the top, attach the **upper horizontal braces** to the outside of the **bottom/top Legs** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts.

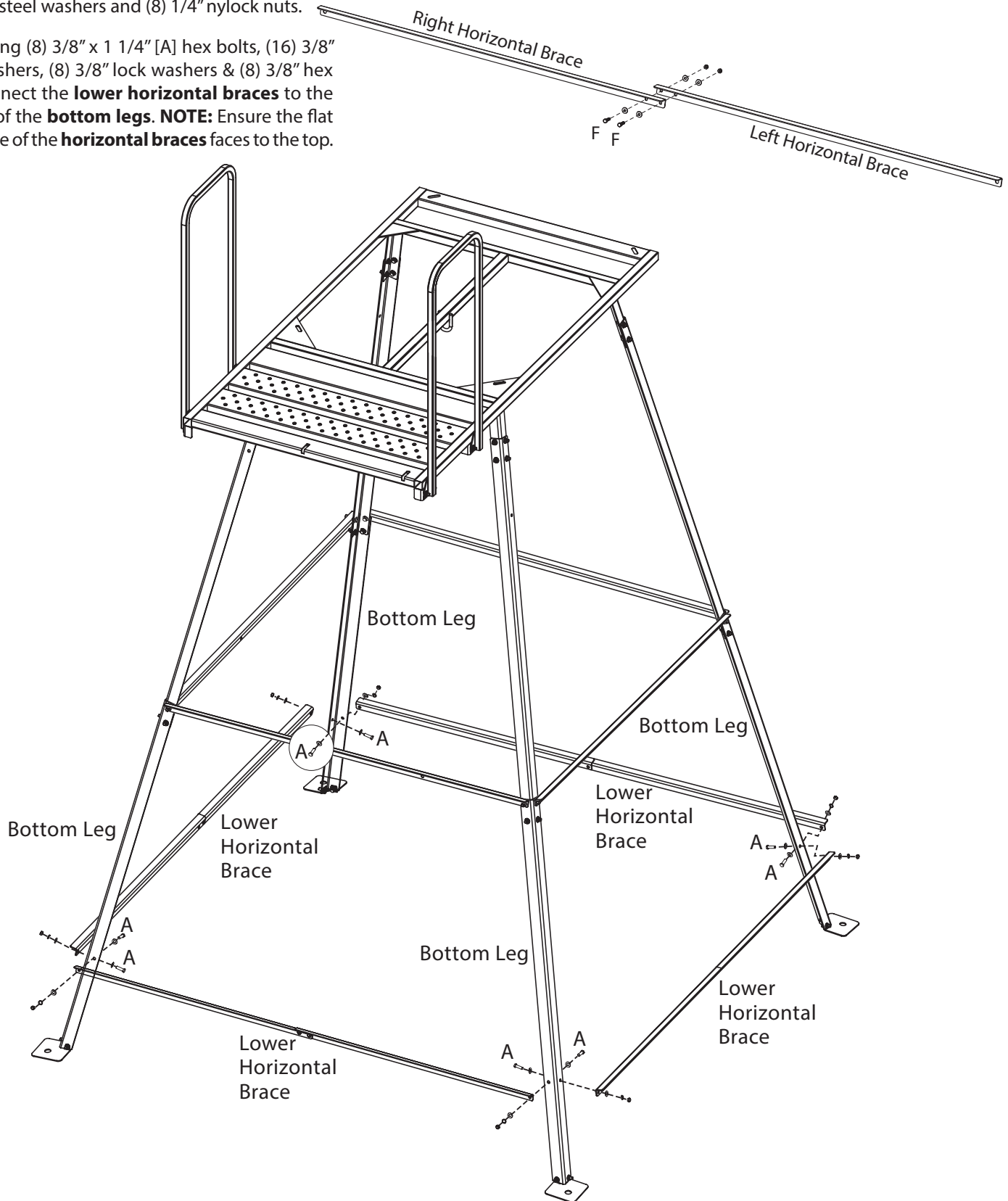
**FIG. 4**



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**STEP 7.** Connect the **left and right horizontal braces** to make the **lower horizontal braces** using (8) 1/4" x 1" [F] hex bolts, (16) 1/4" steel washers and (8) 1/4" nylock nuts. **FIG. 5**

Next, using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts connect the **lower horizontal braces** to the outside of the **bottom legs**. **NOTE:** Ensure the flat side angle of the **horizontal braces** faces to the top.



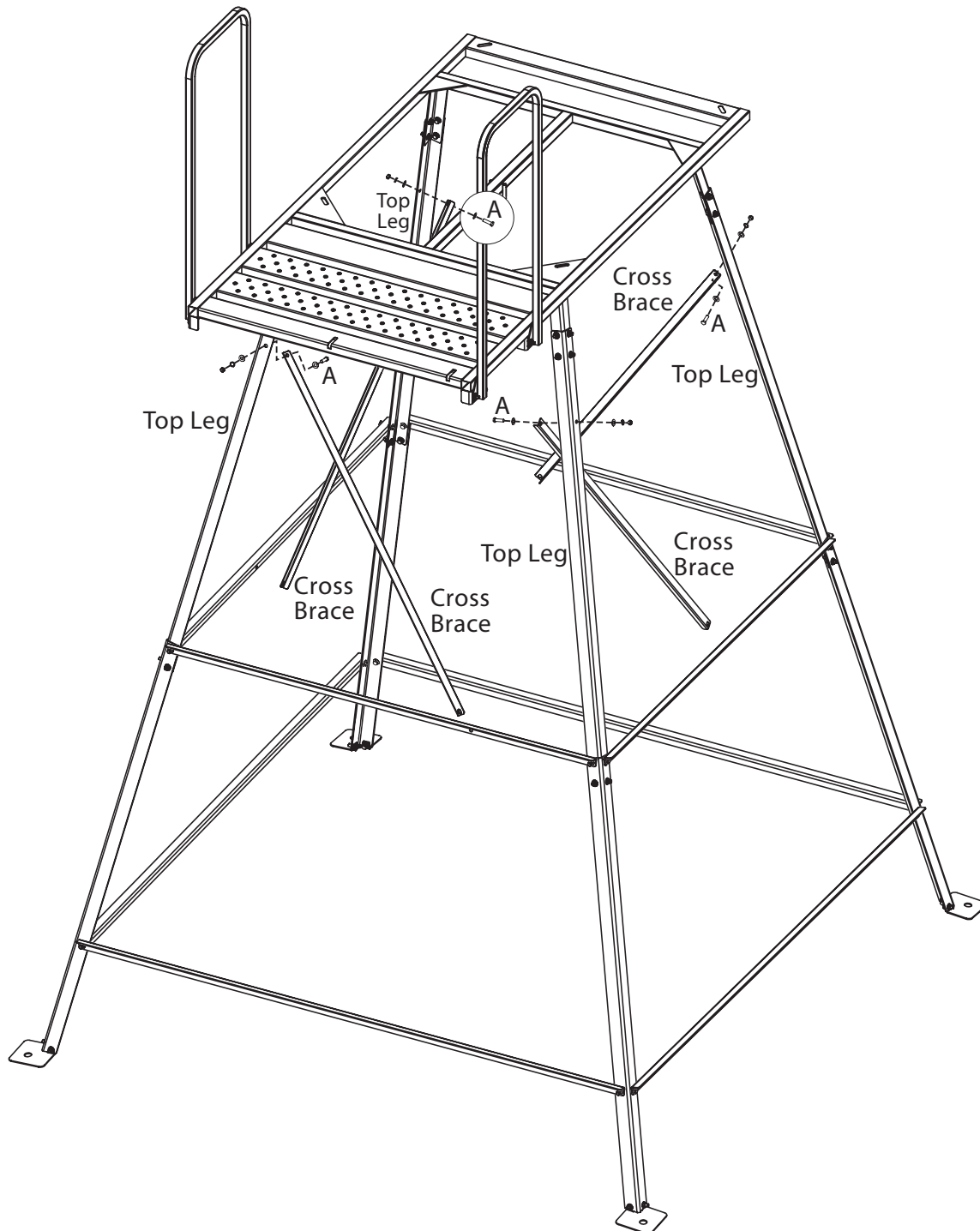
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**STEP 8.** With the flat side of the angle facing to the ground, attach the round hole end of **(4) cross braces** to the inside of the **top legs** using (4) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (8) 3/8" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts to secure.

**FIG. 6**



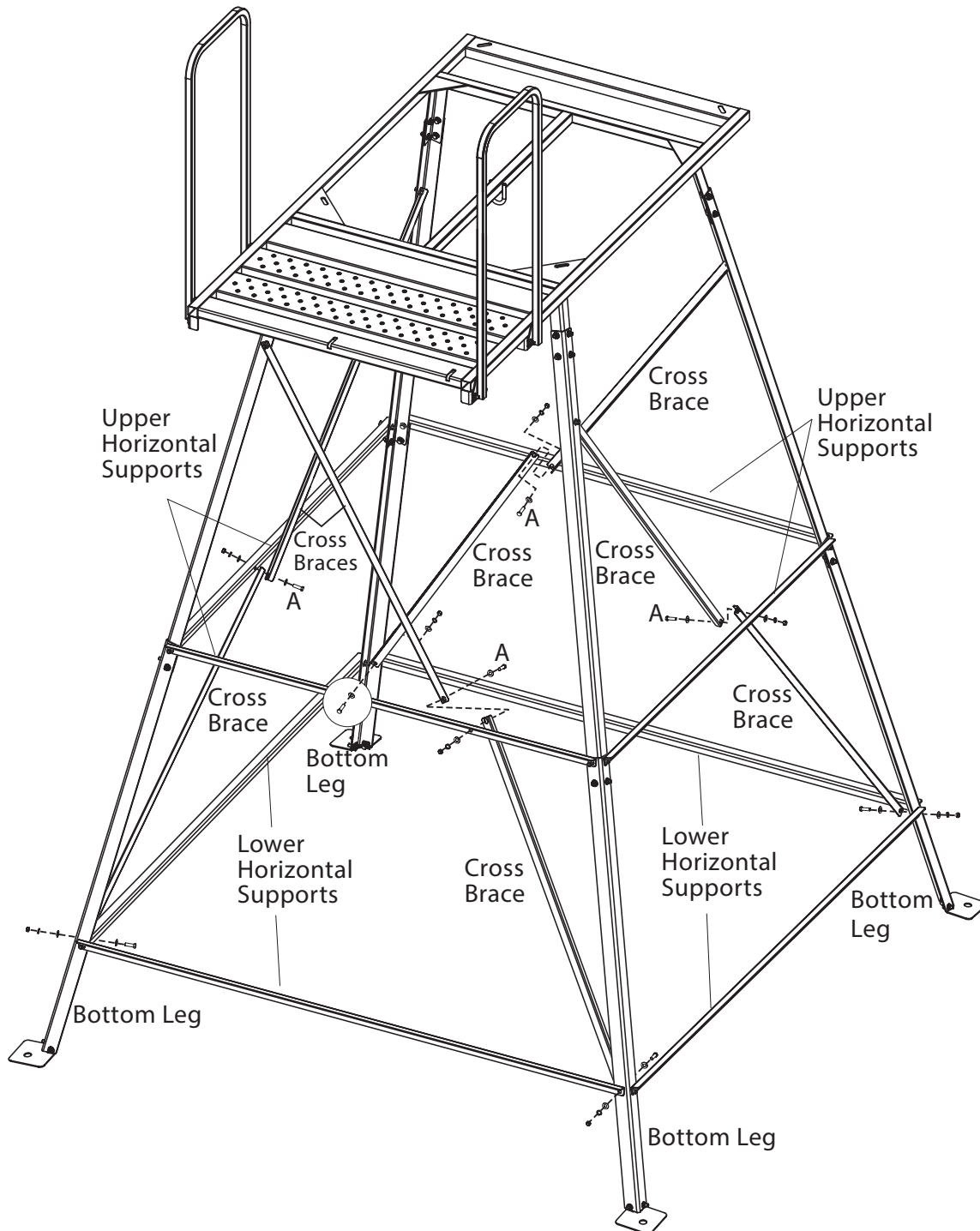
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**STEP 9.** Using the assembled hardware from **STEP 7** secure the round hole end of the remaining **cross braces** to the inside of the **bottom legs & lower horizontal braces**. **NOTE:** Ensure the flat side angle of the cross braces faces to the top.

**STEP 10.** Secure the oblong hole ends of the **cross braces** to the **upper horizontal braces** using (4) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (8) 3/8" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts.

**STEP 11. SECURELY TIGHTEN EVERY NUT AND BOLT AT THIS TIME.**

**FIG. 7**



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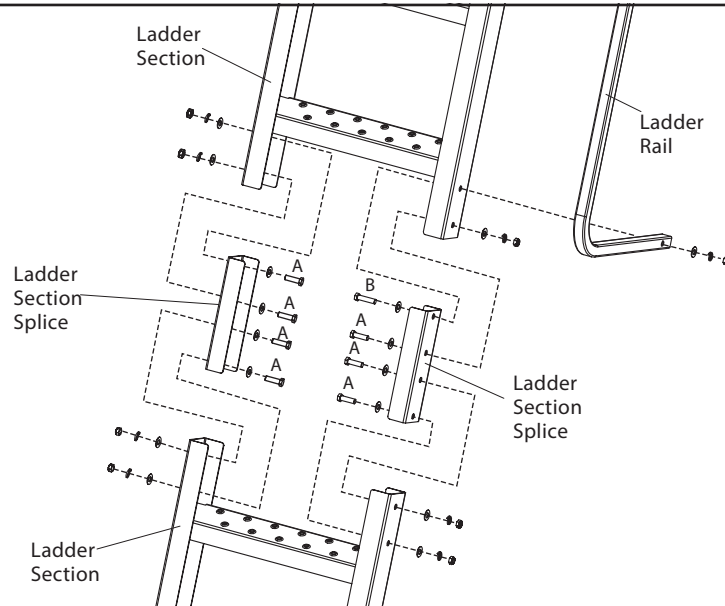
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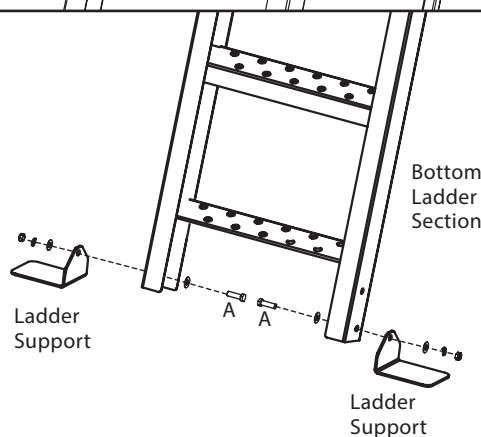
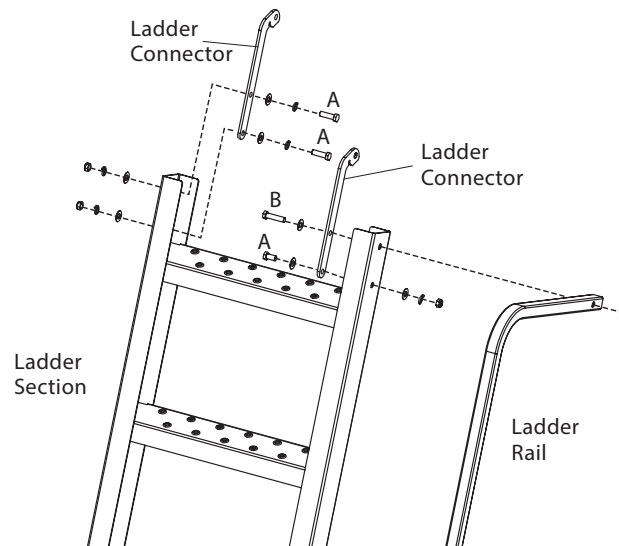
**STEP 12.** At this time erect your Muddy tower kit at the desired location, ensuring that it is level and stable. **NOTE:** Leveling of the tower kit may require removal of dirt below one or more of the leg supports.

**STEP 13.** Anchor the Muddy tower kit according to the tie down anchor instructions found on page 18.

**STEP 14.** Assemble the ladder by connecting the **ladder sections**, **ladder splices**, **ladder connectors**, **ladder supports** and **ladder rail** using (12) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (2) 3/8" x 2" [B] hex bolts, (28) 3/8" steel washers, (14) 3/8" lock washers & (14) 3/8" hex nuts; Securely Tighten. **NOTE:** The **ladder rail** can be attached to either side of the ladder.



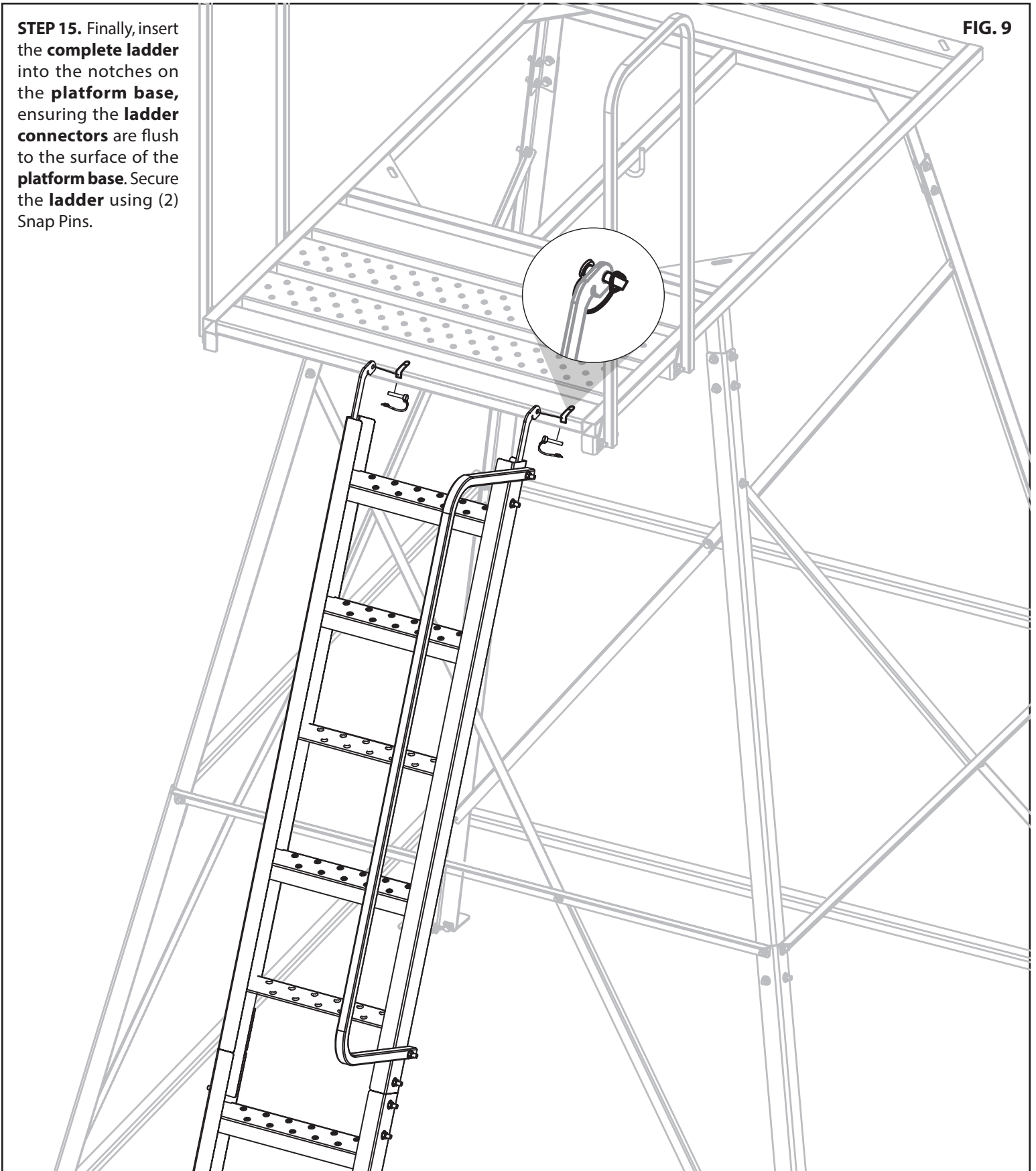
**FIG. 8**



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**STEP 15.** Finally, insert the **complete ladder** into the notches on the **platform base**, ensuring the **ladder connectors** are flush to the surface of the **platform base**. Secure the **ladder** using (2) Snap Pins.

**FIG. 9**



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## The following steps are used to assemble BBT500 Elite 5' Tower.

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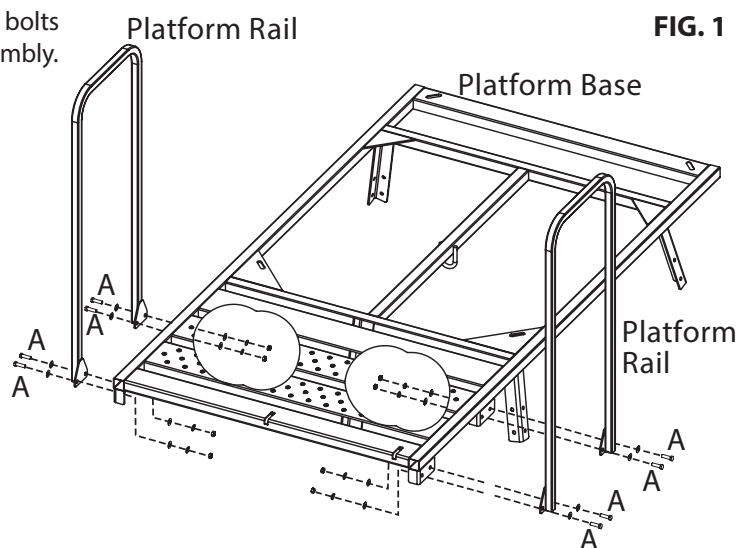
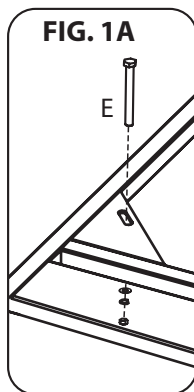
**NOTE:** All steps require that you temporarily finger tighten all nuts and bolts until instructed to tighten. This will ensure proper alignment during assembly.

**STEP 1.** Attach the **platform rails** to the **platform base** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers and (8) 3/8" hex nuts to secure (Fig. 1).

### SECURE THE MUDDY BLIND

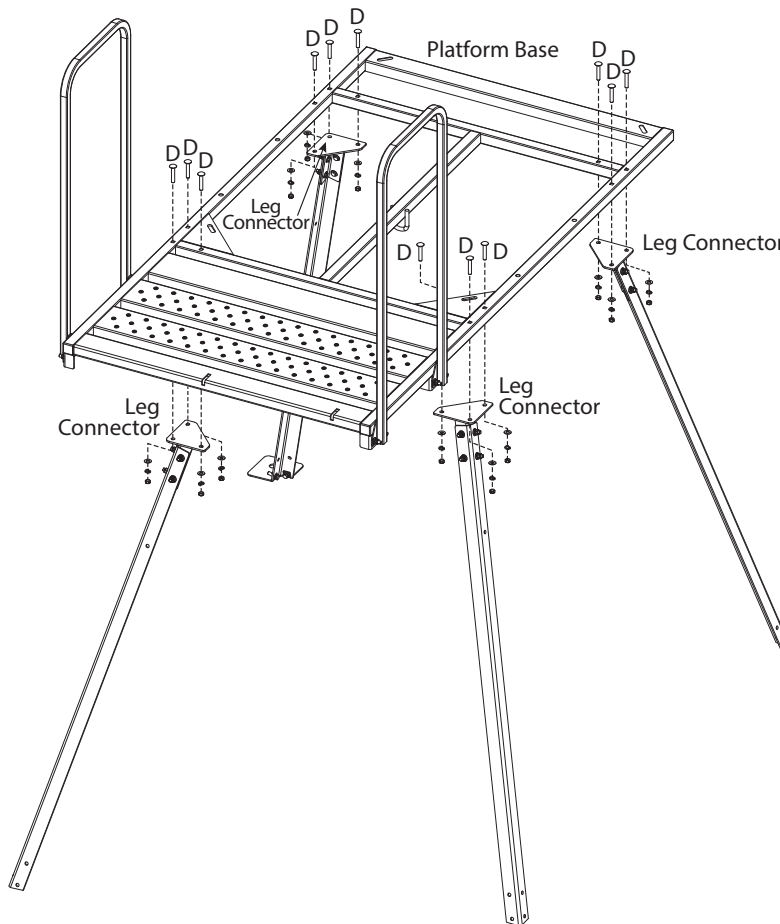
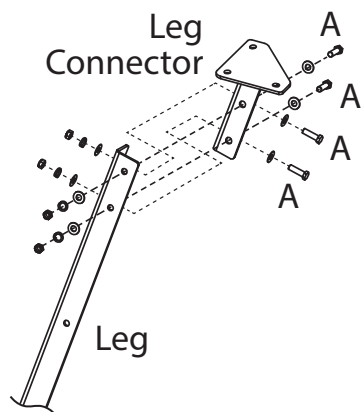
**STEP 2.** If still attached, remove the wood studs from the bottom of your Muddy Blind. The wood studs are secured to the floor using (4) screws. Next, Center your Muddy blind on the **platform base**, between the **platform rails**.

Secure the blind to the **platform base** using (4) 3/8" x 5 1/4" carriage bolts [E], (4) 3/8" x 1 1/2" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts to secure (Fig. 1A).



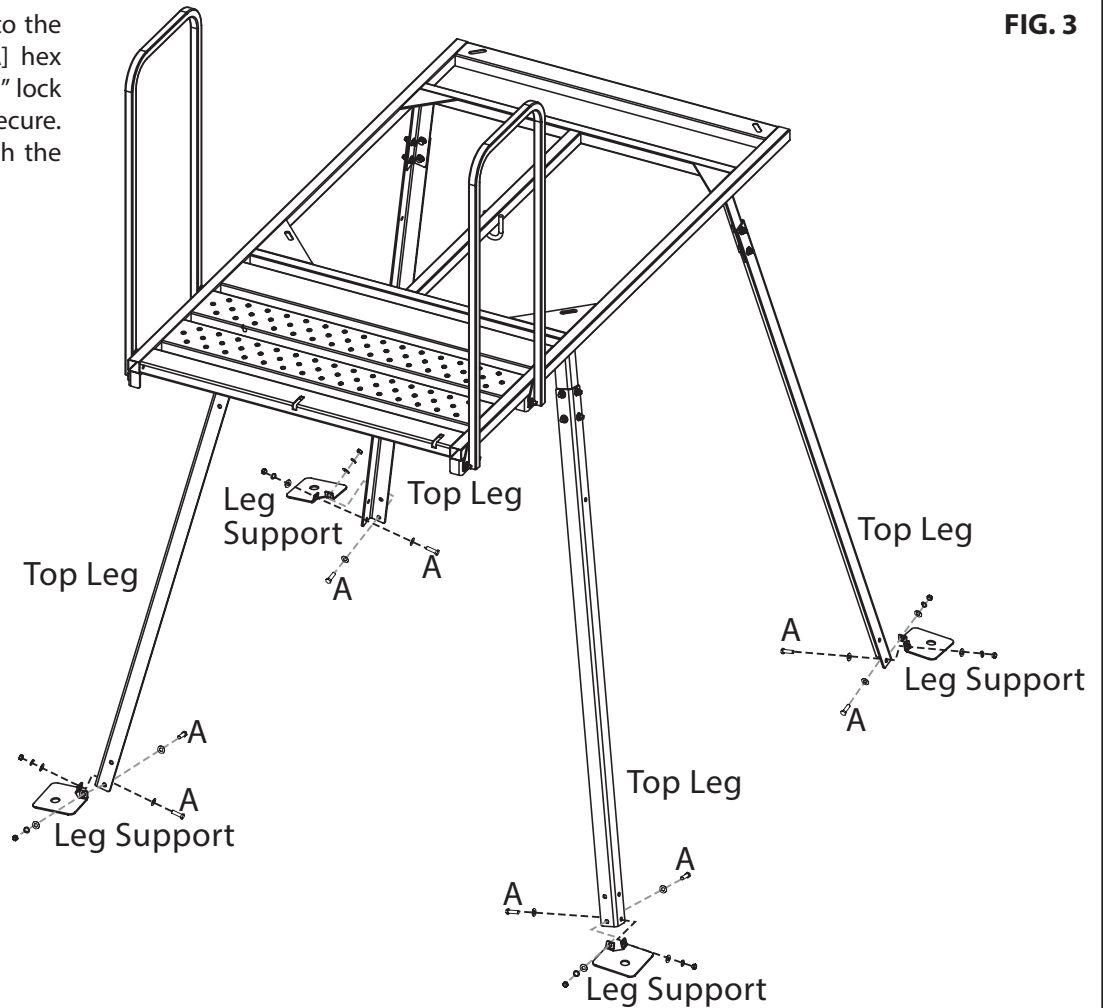
**STEP 3.** Attach the **leg connectors** to the **top legs** using (16) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (32) 3/8" steel washers, (16) 3/8" lock washers & (16) 3/8" hex nuts.

Then, attach the **leg connectors** to the **platform base** using (12) 3/8" x 2 1/2" carriage bolts [D], (12) 3/8" lock washers, (12) 3/8" steel washers and (12) 3/8" hex nuts to secure.



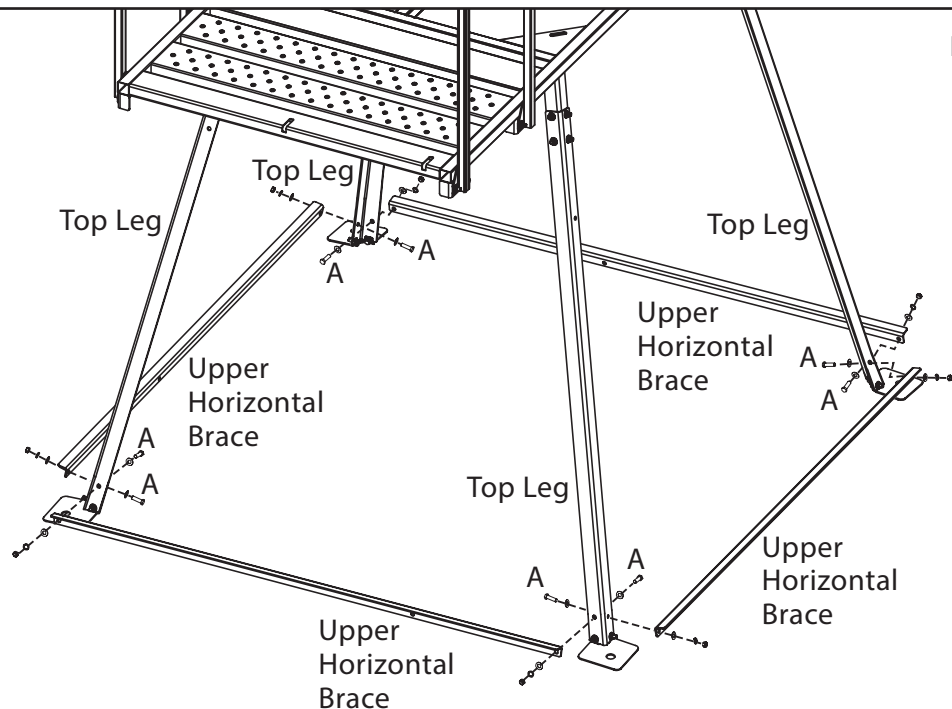
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**STEP 4.** Connect the **leg supports** to the **top legs** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts to secure. **Note:** Use the bottom hole to attach the **Leg Supports**.



**FIG. 3**

**STEP 5.** With the flat side of the angle facing to the top, attach the **upper horizontal braces** to the outside of the **top legs** using (8) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (16) 3/8" steel washers, (8) 3/8" lock washers & (8) 3/8" hex nuts.



**FIG. 4**

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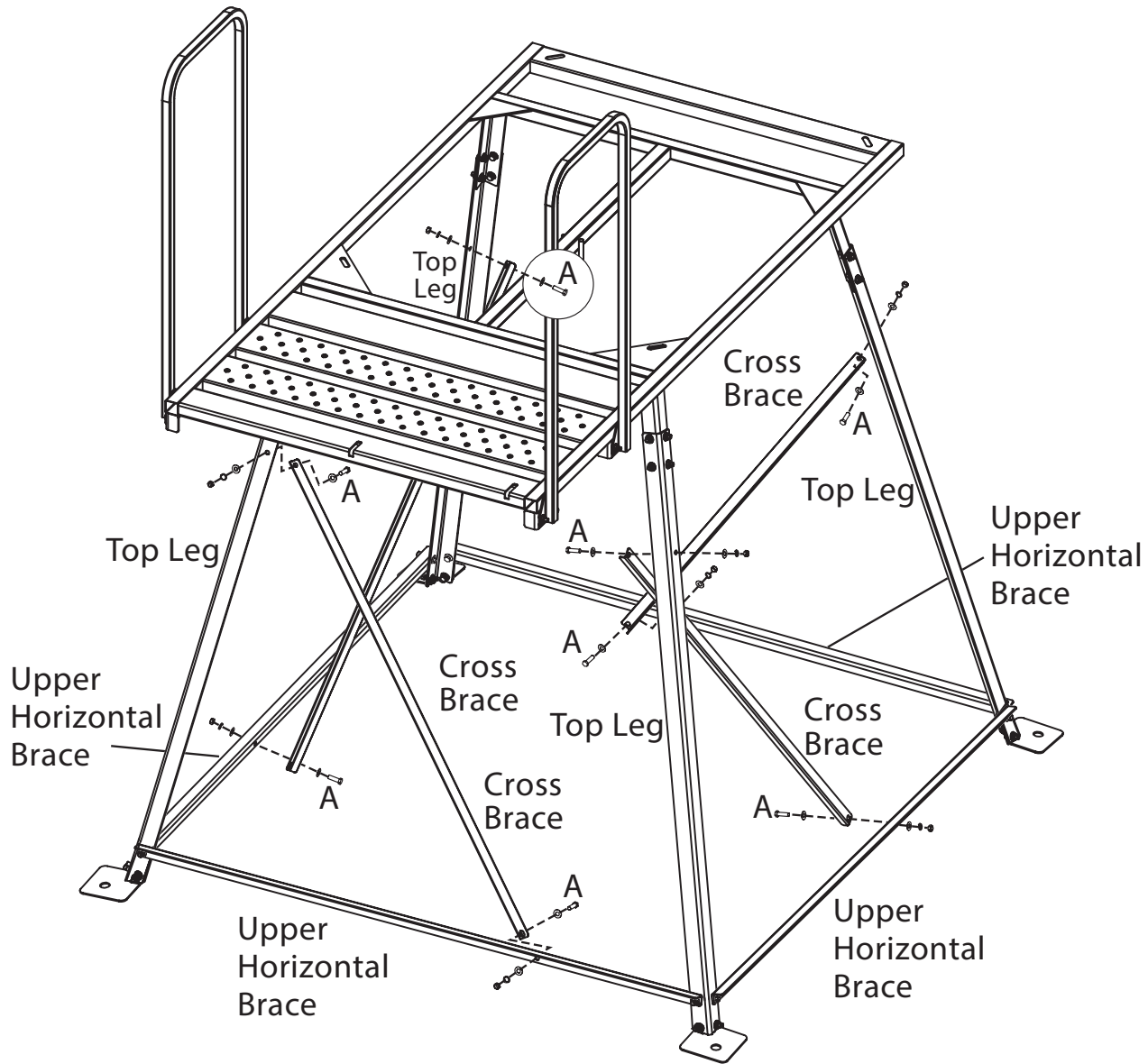
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**STEP 6.** With the flat side of the angle facing to the ground, attach the round hole end of **(4) cross braces** to the inside of the **top legs** using (4) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (8) 3/8" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts to secure.

**FIG. 5**

**STEP 7.** Secure the oblong hole ends of the **cross braces** to the **upper horizontal braces** using (4) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (8) 3/8" steel washers, (4) 3/8" lock washers & (4) 3/8" hex nuts.



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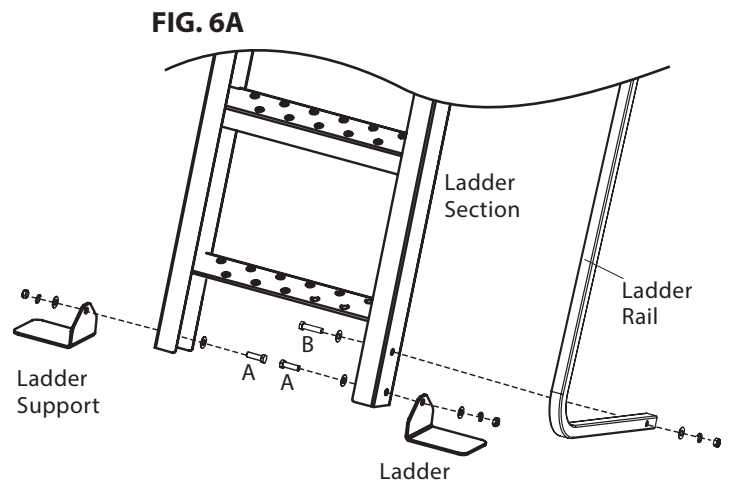
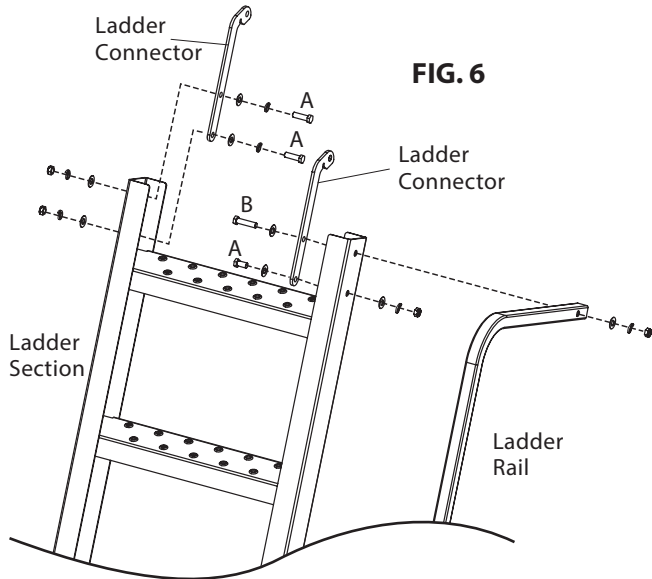
**STEP 9.** At this time erect your Muddy tower kit at the desired location, ensuring that it is level and stable.

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**STEP 10.** Anchor the Muddy tower kit according to the tie down anchor instructions found on page 18.

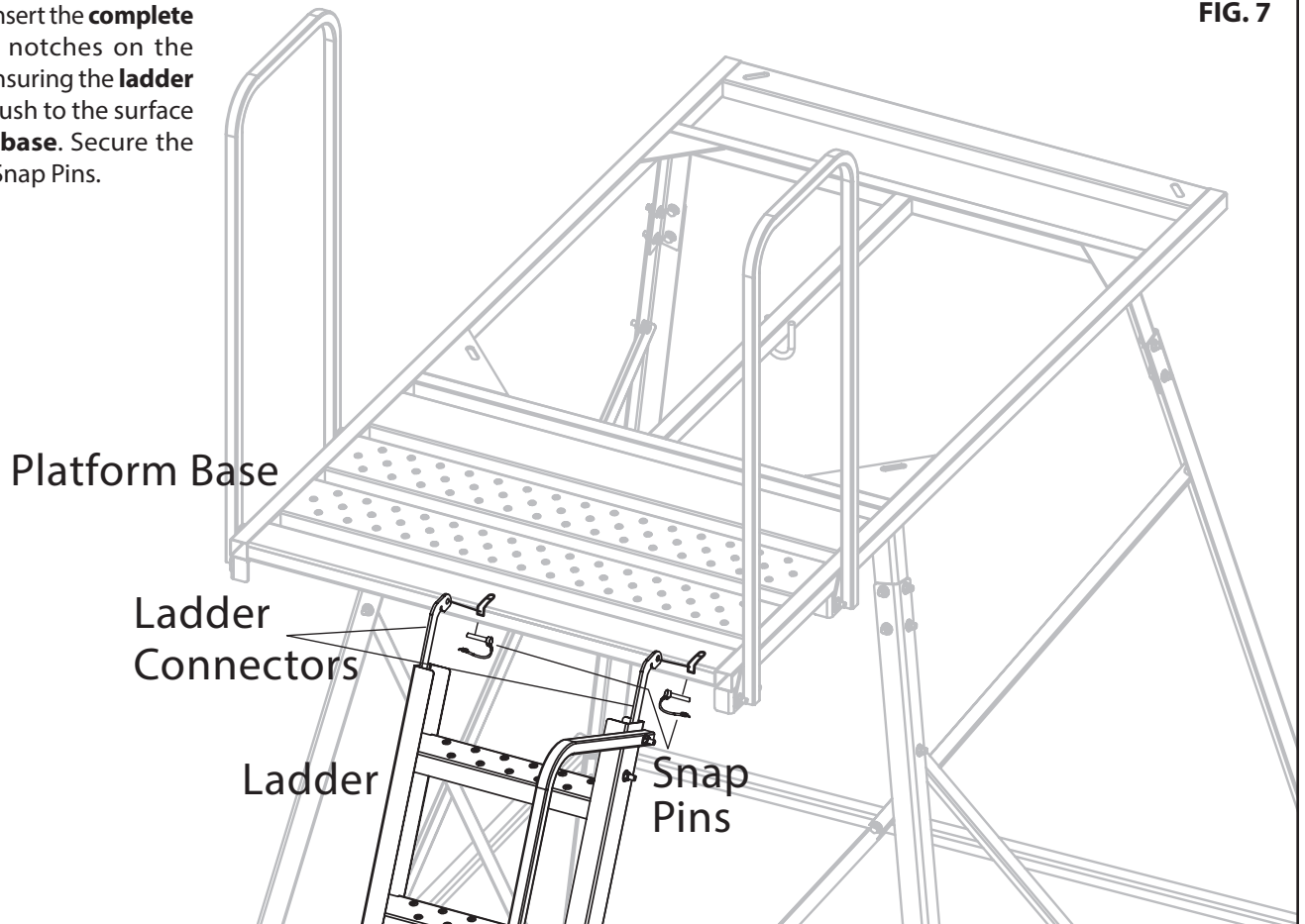
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**STEP 11.** Assemble the ladder by connecting the **ladder section**, **ladder connectors**, **ladder supports** and **ladder rail** using (5) 3/8" x 1 1/4" [A] hex bolts, (2) 3/8" x 2" [B] hex bolts, (14) 3/8" steel washers, (7) 3/8" lock washers & (7) 3/8" hex nuts; Securely Tighten (Fig. 6 and 6A). **NOTE:** The **ladder rail** can be attached to either side of the ladder.



**STEP 12.** Finally, insert the **complete ladder** into the notches on the **platform base**, ensuring the **ladder connectors** are flush to the surface of the **platform base**. Secure the **ladder** using (2) Snap Pins.

**FIG. 7**



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## **Tie Down Anchor Instructions for Muddy Elite Towers BBT500 Elite 5' Tower & BBT510 Elite 5' Tower Extension Kit**

**⚠ WARNING! Never attempt to hunt from an unlevelled stand. If you find that your stand is unlevel, canted, angled, unstable, or in any configuration other than level, immediately discontinue all use of this product. Readjust your stand as necessary to make it level and stable. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.**

**STEP 1:** Secure stand to ground with **(4) leg stakes**. Drive each stake at an angle other than perpendicular to the ground. The angle allows the stake to better hold into the soil. Drive stake until head of stake rests on stand foot (Fig. 1). **NOTE:** Fig. 1 shows where the **tie down hook** is located at on the base.

**STEP 2:** Begin your tie down anchor installation by locating the spot on the ground immediately below the tie down hooking point on the bottom side of your **platform base**. You can do this with the use of a piece of string and a weighted object tied to the end of the string.

**STEP 3:** If you are placing your stand over un-disturbed soil, the **auger stake** can be twisted into the ground. Turn the **auger stake** until the top of the anchor is all that is extending above the ground. (It will make the auger stake easier to twist into the ground if all grass and vegetation is removed before installation) Skip to **STEP 8**.

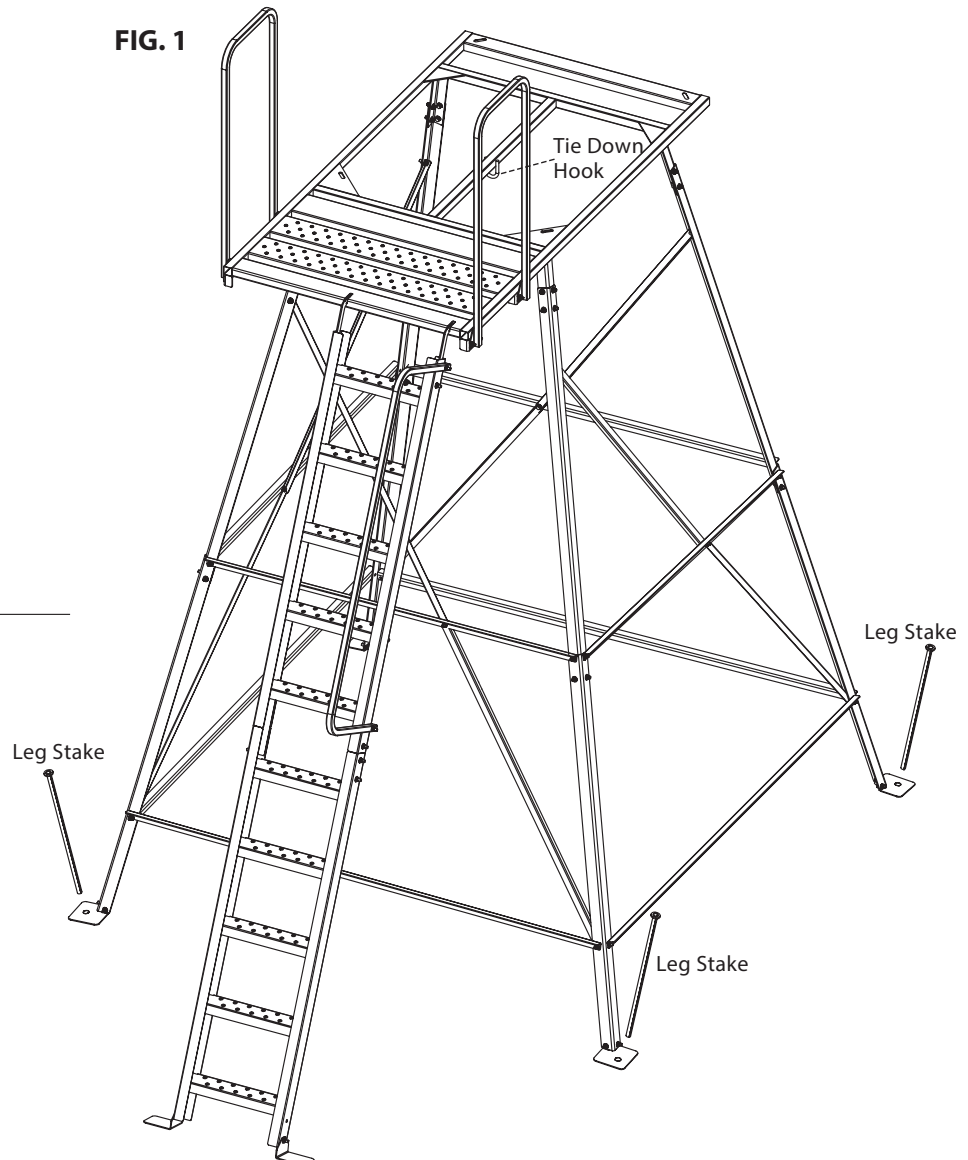
**STEP 4:** If you are placing your stand over loose soil or conditions that may not hold the **auger stake**, please proceed with installing the **auger stake** in concrete as shown in **STEP 5 - STEP 7**.

**STEP 5:** Once the spot is located, dig a hole 12" in diameter by 30" deep. Dig the hole so that the bottom of the hole is approximately 20" in diameter (Fig. 1A).

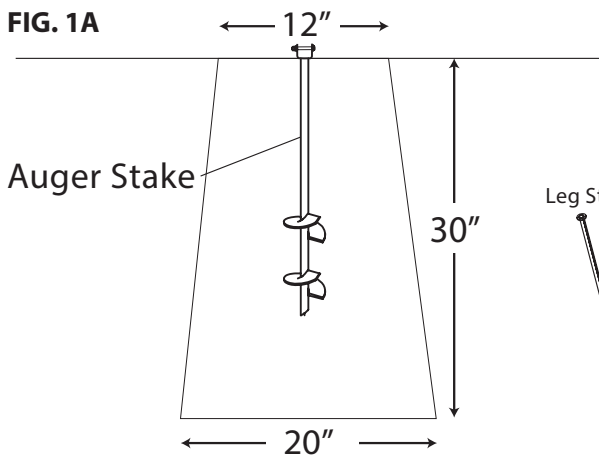
**STEP 6:** Place the **auger stake** into the hole so that the bracket end of the **auger stake** protrudes above the surrounding level of the ground. The **auger stake** can be held in place with a stick extending from one side of the hole, through the bracket, and onto the ground on the opposite side of the hole (Fig. 1A).

**STEP 7:** Pour concrete into hole around **auger stake**. Carefully fill hole to keep from moving the **auger stake**. Continue filling until the concrete is level with the surrounding ground. Allow concrete to cure completely before proceeding to the next step (Fig. 1A).

**FIG. 1**



**FIG. 1A**



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**STEP 8:** Connect the **wire rope** to the **tie down hook** on the bottom side of the **platform base**. (A ladder may be required to perform this step.) Run the **wire rope** through the hook and secure with **(2) wire rope clips**. Adequately tighten the **wire rope clips** to prevent the wire rope from slipping (Fig. 2).

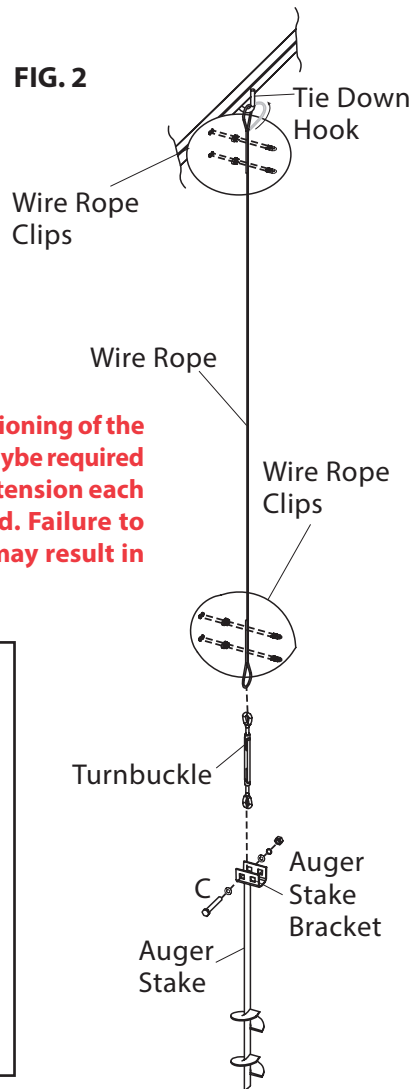
**STEP 9:** Extend the **turnbuckle** to its maximum length by holding the eye and clevis on each end and turning the center turnbuckle body (Fig. 2).

**STEP 10:** Insert the bottom of the **turnbuckle** eye hole in between the auger stake bracket to align with both holes on bracket. Thread the 1/2" x 3 1/2" [C] hex bolt, (1) 1/2" steel washer through the first hole in the auger stake bracket, then through the turnbuckle eye hole and the through the last hole on the bracket, add (1) 1/2" steel washer, (1) 1/2" lock washer, and (1) 1/2" hex nut to secure (Fig. 2 and Fig 2A).

**STEP 11:** String the **wire rope** through the eye on the opposite end of the **turnbuckle** and pull up. Secure the **wire rope** with **(2) wire rope clips** (Fig. 2). Adequately tighten the **wire clips** to prevent the **wire rope** from slipping.

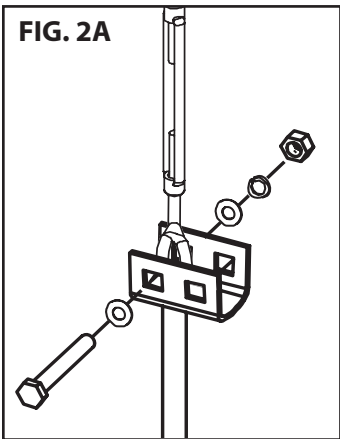
**STEP 12:** Hold the eye of the **turnbuckle** then turn the **turnbuckle** so that it tightens on both hooks equally. Tighten the **turnbuckle** until the **wire rope** is tight.

**FIG. 2**

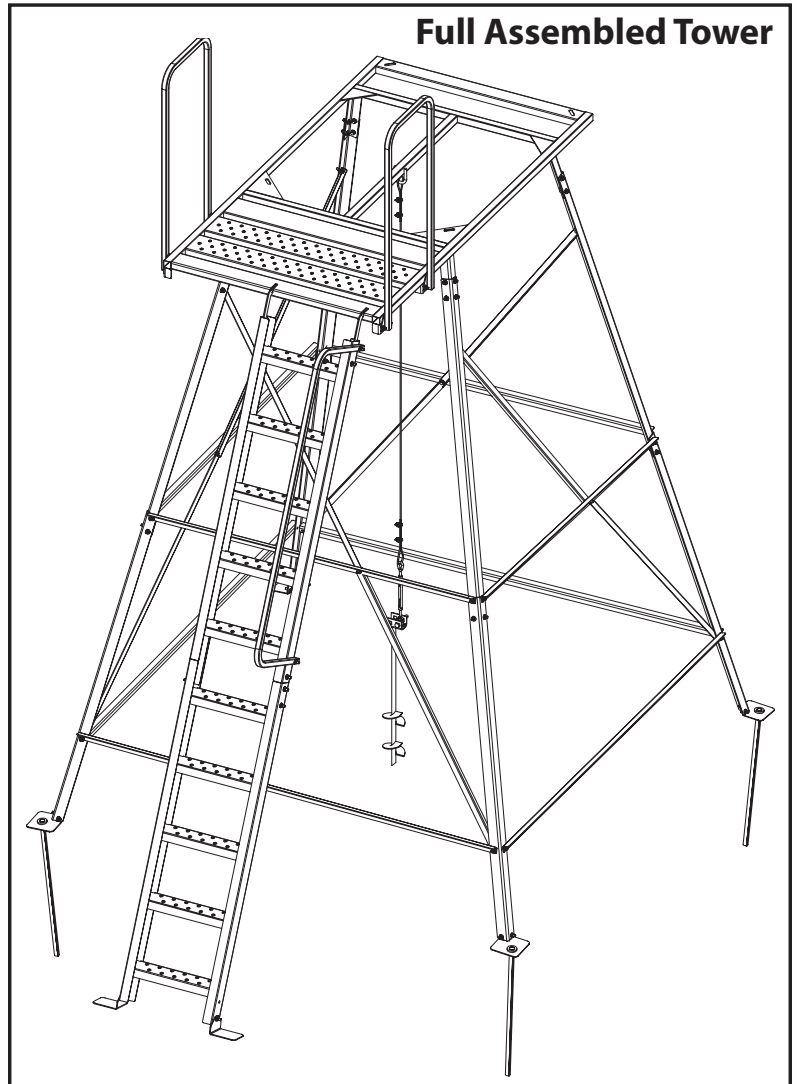


**⚠ WARNING!** Periodic tensioning of the turnbuckle and wire rope maybe required as the stand settles. Check tension each time before entering stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

**FIG. 2A**



**Full Assembled Tower**



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**⚠ WARNING!** Never attempt to level a platform by inserting, or using scrap lumber, rocks, tree limbs or branches, cardboard, or any other material(s). Under no circumstances shall you attempt to level your platform in a manner other than described in this Instruction Manual. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!

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