

The BOULDER BUDDY Lift System User's Guide



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Congratulations on the purchase of the B&B Tree Buddy Lift System! By taking a few minutes to read this manual and a few minutes to practice using the B&B Tree Buddy Lift System, you will wonder how you ever functioned without it!

It is important to recognize that this is a new piece of equipment. By reading these instructions and then allowing yourself a little bit of practice you will begin to reap the benefit of this amazing machine add-on tool.

Please visit our website at www.theboulderbuddy.com to see videos of the operation of The B&B Tree Buddy.

The first part of the instructions are warnings!

Warning: The weight rating on this product is 3000 lbs. DO NOT lift objects that weight more than 3000 lbs. or the rating of your machine, whichever is less!

ONLY TRAINED OPERATORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE MACHINES!

MACHINES SHOULD ONLY BE OPERATED ON SURFACES SUITABLE FOR THAT MACHINE!

THE BOULDER BUDDY LIFT SYSTEM MAY COMPLICATE LOAD DISTRIBUTION SO EXTREME CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHILE USING THE SYSTEM!

DO NOT EXCEED THE LOAD LIFTING RATING OF YOUR MACHINE!

THE B&B TREE BUDDY LIFT SYSTEM CAN LIFT UP TO 3000 POUNDS--FAILURE TO MOVE THAT LOAD RESPONSIBLY CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!



Now that you are ready to use the B&B Tree Buddy Lift System Safely, here's how it's done---

The first diagram identifies the parts of the B&B Tree Buddy Lift System.

- A. Lifting eyes-wrapped for strength and durability
- B. Lifting strap-wrapped for strength and durability
- C. Slide Chokers to tighten lift straps around object, wrapped for strength and durability

(Diagrams as per above)

- A. Lifting Eyes
- B. Lifting Strap
- C. Slide Chokers
- D. Lifting Strap Shackle



The B&B Tree Buddy has been engineered to make moving large rocks and boulders safer and easier. Be aware of the use and rating tags on the product. The B&B Tree Buddy Lift System is fully adjustable-that's patent pending and is where the magic happens!

The B&B Tree Buddy Lift System can be deployed and retracted in a few easy steps!



HOW TO ENGAGE, USE AND DISENGAGE THE B&B TREE BUDDY 3000

Step 1

Place the B&B tree into an upright, standing position. You can use the B&B Tree Buddy to assist with the lifting of the tree if necessary. Now the B&B Tree Buddy can go to work.

Step 2

The next step is to put the lifting eyes of the B&B Tree Buddy on the forks of your machine with the lift straps just off of the ground and with the shackle closest to the root ball. Be aware of overhead hazards!



NOTE—The shackle is intended to go around the root ball on the side away from the machine so that you can disengage the B&B Tree Buddy without removing it from the forks after the tree is planted.



Step 3

Now, move the machine toward the root ball with the trunk of the tree centered in the forks of the machine. Unbuckled the lift strap shackle, engage it around the trunk of the tree and re-buckle it. Now, the lift straps should be hanging around the front and back at the bottom of the root ball.

Step 4

Slide the chokers down to tighten the lifting straps around the root ball, making sure that the slide chokers are down around the root ball as well. Your machine operator may need to lower the forks to allow enough slack in the system to make final adjustments. A bit of practice will allow you to engage the lift straps and slide chokers closer to the top of the root ball making removing it easier after planting.

NOTE—Have your machine operator give or remove slack from the lift system, so that slack is given or removed equally from both sides of the B&B Tree Buddy, otherwise your tree may be off center when raised.



Step 5

Next, raise the tree and approach the hole you've already dug for it. The tree should be standing close to plum as it is raised and moved. Have your machine operator lower the tree into the hole to the proper depth and stabilize the tree by placing dirt in the hole at the bottom of the root ball. Make any necessary adjustment to plum and align the tree while it is being held by the B&B Tree Buddy before setting it down. Adjustments to the tree will be very easy to do since the weight of the tree is being held by your machine.

NOTE—Use the least amount of backfill dirt as possible as you will need to access both the slide chokers and shackle to disengage the B&B Tree Buddy.

Step 6

Lastly, lower the forks of the machine, determine if the tree is stable and will maintain its positioning to finish backfilling around the root ball. If you are not satisfied, re-lift the tree as much as needed and backfill again. Lower the forks to release tension on the lift system, slide the slide chokers up to release the lift straps from the root ball and unbuckle the shackle. Your machine operator can now drive away from the tree with the B&B Tree Buddy still attached to the forks to go get another tree!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEST THE LOAD YOU ARE LIFTING TO ENSURE THE STABILITY OF YOUR MACHINE AND THE TREE. BECAUSE YOU ARE MOVING THE LOAD AWAY FROM THE MACHINE IT CAN AFFECT THE STABILITY OF YOUR MACHINE.

BE AWARE THAT THE LOAD MAY SWING A BIT WHILE IN TRANSPORT. KEEP THE OBJECT CLOSE TO THE GROUND, AND CONTROL SPEEDS WHILE STARTING, STOPPING AND TURNING TO ENSURE SAFE OPERATION.

BE AWARE OF THE PROXIMITY OF YOUR MACHINE TO THE PEOPLE, VEHICLES, TRAILER, FENCES, WALLS AND OTHER VERTICAL OBSTRUCTIONS WHILE CRANING OBJECTS OVER OR NEAR THEM TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE.



STORAGE, CARE AND INSPECTION

The B&B Tree Buddy Lift System is made in the U.S.A., so it's tough! The protective sleeve on the lift system protects it from abrasion, dirt, water and other contaminants. We know working outside is a dirty job. That being said, take good care of the system. As the saying goes, "Take good care of your tools, and they'll take good care of you!" Follow this list of suggestions:

1. Store the system in a dry area or in a tool box.
2. Keep it away from knives, razors and other sharp objects that may cut or damage the system
3. Keep the system away from high heat sources greater than 120 degrees Fahrenheit
4. Visually inspect the system for damage before each use
5. Remove the system from service immediately if it looks or acts damaged and contact us for replacement options. Contact us at info@linkmastersllc.com

Please visit our website at www.thetreebuddy.com to see videos of the operation of the
The B&B Tree Buddy!

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WARRANTY

LIMITED WARRANTY-LINK MASTERS, LLC is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, warrants that it will repair or replace, at its discretion, the B&B Tree Buddy Lift System for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase by end user that proves to be defective by reason of workmanship or material.

Terms and conditions:

The warranty is limited to the original purchaser of the system. When requesting warranty service, proof of purchase may be required.

The unit must be shipped, freight prepaid, to the manufacturer (Link Masters, LLC) to render the service provided herein.

The unit must not have been previously altered, repaired or serviced by anyone other than Link Masters, LLC. The system must not have been subject to accident, misuse, abuse, or operated contrary to the instructions provided herein.

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