

# Warning Tags and Labels – Pole and Tree Climbers

## Pole and Tree Climber Catalog Numbers

KG-1, KG-2, 07, 72, 86, 1907AR, CN1907AR, 1907ARL, CN1907ARL, 1945G, 1972G, 1972AR, CN1972AR, 1972ARL, CN1972ARL, 1972G, 1986AR, CN1986AR, 1986ARL, CN1986ARL, 5301-18, 5301-19, 5301-20, 5301-21, 5301-22, 5301-23, 8210

- Climbing equipment is for use **by properly trained professionals only**.
- **Use climbing equipment only** for the specific purpose for which it is designed and intended.
- **Klein Tools recommends a combined body, clothing and tool weight of 300 pounds or less for use with our pole and/or tree climbers.**
- **Always visually check that** all buckles are properly closed before use.
- **Before each use check that:** 1) gaffs are free of dents, gouges or scratches 2) gaffs have proper width, thickness, point profile and sharpness. **Only evaluate gaffs with Klein KG-1 gaff gauge.** 3) **Resharpener, or discard and replace gaffs if they fail inspection.**
- **Before each use check that:** 1) climber straps and pads are free of burns, cuts, broken stitches or excessive wear, 2) rivets are not bent, loose or missing, 3) buckles are not distorted or cracked, tongue does not bind on buckle and buckle holes are not damaged. 4) **Remove from service, destroy and discard item if it fails inspection and replace immediately.**
- **Never** allow this equipment to come in contact with fire, high-temperature surfaces, welding sparks, or other heat sources.
- **Never** punch holes in or alter a strap or climber.
- **For leather components:** Leather is subject to deterioration by cracking, wearing thin, tearing, weakening and chemical attack. Carefully maintain with Neat's-foot oil or equivalent. Inspect straps for these conditions before each use. **Remove from service, destroy and discard strap if it shows any signs of deterioration and replace immediately.**
- **While climbing,** avoid gaff contact with metal, such as pole hardware, tags, nails, poster staples, etc.
- Poles are **NOT** all alike. Different wood species, climate, pole age, and preservative treatments (Creosote, Penta, CCA) affect climbability, resulting in significant differences in gaff penetration. **Visually check gaff penetration with your full weight on the climber before any climb. If penetration is shallow, use extreme caution.** The gaff could "cut-out," or the increased stress could lead to tip breakage. **For proper penetration,** the minimum underside length of a pole climber gaff is 1-7/16" (37 mm).
- Trees are **NOT** all alike. Different species and bark thickness affect climbability. **Visually check gaff penetration** as described for pole climbers before any climb. **For proper penetration:** 1) Use a tree-climber gaff with a minimum underside length of 2-1/4" (57 mm). 2) When bark thickness measures more than 2-1/2" (64 mm), make sure gaff has adequate length for proper penetration of wood under the bark.
- After climbs, remove climbers to avoid gaff damage from hard surfaces or each other while walking.
- Use gaff guards to protect gaffs between uses.
- Limiting gaff replacement on climbers to two times is **highly recommended.**
- **Employer-** instruct employee as to proper use and warnings before use of equipment.
- **Read, understand and follow** all information provided with climber before use.

