

TOOLS
TREE CLIMBERS

1. GENERAL

1.01 This section covers the description, use and maintenance of linemen's tree climbers.

1.02 This section is reissued to eliminate reference to superseded climbers and outdated sections of the practices. Because of the extent of the revision, the usual marginal arrows indicating changes have been omitted.

2. DESCRIPTION OF TREE CLIMBERS

2.01 Linemen's tree climbers are similar to conventional climbers (C, D, and E), but are equipped with long gaffs necessary for penetration of tree bark. The gaffs measure 4-1/2 inches to 5-1/2 inches on the outside and 2-1/2 inches to 3-1/2 inches on the underside.

2.02 The climbers are adjustable from 14 inches to 19 inches in length as measured from the bottom of the stirrup to the extreme end of the leg iron.

2.03 Use standard climber straps and pads with tree climbers.

3. USE OF TREE CLIMBERS

3.01 Tree climbers shall be used only with the supervisor's approval.

3.02 The use of tree climbers shall be permitted only when other approved methods of climbing prove to be impracticable.

3.03 Conventional type climbers shall not be used for climbing trees.

4. INSPECTION OF TREE CLIMBERS

4.01 Tree climbers shall be inspected in accordance with Section 081-730-101 for conventional climbers with the following exceptions:

(a) Length of gaff measured along inner surface shall be not less than 2-1/2 inches.

(b) Difference in length of gaffs of a pair of climbers not more than 1/4 inch.

4.02 When the length of a gaff is reduced to less than 2-1/2 inches measured along the inner surface, the climbers shall be exchanged for a new pair.

5. MAINTENANCE OF THE GAFFS

5.01 The gaffs of tree climbers shall be kept sharp at all times. Gaffs of tree climbers shall be honed in accordance with instructions in Section 081-730-101 for conventional type linemen's climbers.

5.02 Tree climbers shall not be filed in the field. Return to Western Electric Co. for sharpening.

5.03 Gaffs shall be covered at all times when not in use with the Snap-on Gaff Guard.

5.04 Dispose of defective tree climbers using the same method as for conventional climbers.