# **BUCKINGHAM MFG.**

# MODEL # 6909 SERIES - GAFF GUARD ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Warning: Do not use this product if you cannot understand and follow the instructions and warnings that come with it and complete all necessary functions.

Please consult with your physician prior to using this product. Do not use this product under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Model 6909 series Gaff Guards are various types of gaff protectors / guards used to protect gaffs from damage and from damaging other equipment while stored and transported in tool bags. The spring type gaff protectors / guards are manufactured with the spring portion covered with a soft yet durable high visibility green resin coating.

#### NOTES:

Gaff Guards for Pole Climbers are mandated by OSHA regulation Part 1910.268(g)(2)(i). Use the appropriate model below for the corresponding gaff / climber type.

Model 6909 Gaff Guard fits all Buckingham Mfg. Co. Permanent Pole Gaff Climbers.

Model 6909A Gaff Guard fits all Buckingham Mfg. Co. Replaceable Pole Gaff Climbers.

Model 6909R Gaff Guard fits Buckingham Mfg. Co. Steel & Titanium Replaceable Pole Gaff Climbers.

Model 6909TA Gaff Guard fits all Buckingham Mfg. Co. Replaceable Tree Gaff Climbers.

Model 6909U Gaff Guard fits all Buckingham Mfg. Co. Pole Gaff Climbers, as well as other commercial brand pole climbers.

Model 6909TU Gaff Guard fits all Buckingham Mfg. Co. Tree Gaff Climbers, as well as other commercial brand tree climbers.



## Models 6909, 6909R, 6909U & 6909TU Mounting Instructions:

#### Model 6909 & 6909R:

- 1. Place the gaff inside the spring portion of the gaff guard with the locking legs behind the gaff and the short locking leg around the edge of the climber shank (Fig.1).
- 2. Press the long locking leg of the gaff guard around the same edge of the climber shank as shown in Fig. 2.



Fig. 1 Fig. 2

#### Model 6909U & 6909TU:

- 1. With the spring portion of the Gaff Guard on the inside (opposite of gaff side) of the climber, slide the Gaff Guard over the shank of the climber as shown in Fig. 3.
- 2. Slide the Gaff Guard down the climber shank, place the gaff inside the spring portion of the gaff guard and then slide the gaff guard up the leg iron shank to ensure full insertion of the gaff into the guard as shown in Fig. 4.

Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



3. Press the locking end of the gaff guard down and insert it into one of the loops as shown in Fig. 5.

**NOTE:** The 6909U & 6909TU locking end may fit in either the first or second loop depending on the type of climber it is being mounted on. Use whichever loop gives you a more secure fit.

### Model 6909A & 6909TA Mounting Instructions:

#### Model 6909A & 6909TA:

- 1. Place the gaff inside the spring portion of the gaff guard with the locking end towards the leg iron. Then slide the gaff guard up the leg iron to ensure full insertion of the gaff into the guard.
- 2. Press the locking end of the gaff guard around the top heel portion of the gaff as shown in Fig 6.

Fig. 6.





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Precise "useful life expectancy" or "shelf life" for this product is not specified, as the degree of use, conditions of use, and the degree of care and storage determines useful life. All users maintain responsibility to select proper equipment for the job, be properly trained in its use, and ensure all personnel support equipment passes inspection before each use. Upon evidence of defects, damage or deterioration, all equipment shall be removed from service immediately and tagged or marked as unusable or destroyed. Additionally, all equipment shall be inspected on a regular basis not to exceed one year by a Competent Person, as defined by OSHA/ANSI, to verify that the equipment is safe for use. In the event of any question or concern regarding the condition of such equipment, users shall remove the equipment from service for further inspection. All users must comply with OSHA/ANSI/ASTM standards prior to and in using such equipment. For more information regarding safe and appropriate use of equipment, please contact Buckingham Manufacturing at 1-800-937-2825.

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