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This manual contains important safety information. Before using the slackline read this manual carefully and make sure you understand and agree to all warnings, cautions, instructions, and safety recommendations. Periodically review the information in this manual and inspect your slackline regularly for signs of damage. Do not use the slackline unless you accept all risk of injury and/or death that may result from your use.

### **1. WARNING! THE SLACKLINE IS A DANGEROUS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT EVEN WHEN USED PROPERLY:**

**PARENTS OF MINORS AND MINORS:** Minors should not use the slackline unless they are under constant competent adult supervision. Make sure that the slackline is only installed in areas where minors cannot access the slackline without such adult supervision. Minors should never use the ratchet or adjust the tension of the slackline at any time.

The slackline was developed solely for one adult to improve his or her balance by slowly walking across the slackline over a flat, even and soft landing area without any obstacles, people, projections, or hazards nearby. The slackline must only be used in the manner described in this Manual.

**USING A SLACKLINE CAN BE A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY THAT MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH EVEN WHEN USED PROPERLY. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK AND ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE.**

Make sure that the slackline is fixed only to anchors as described in section 3.1 and 3.2 below. Do NOT attach the slackline to any anchor point that is too weak to safely anchor and use the slackline or that is not fixed. For example, do NOT attach the slackline to one or more cars. [www.gibbonslacklines.com](http://www.gibbonslacklines.com) (USA) and [www.gibbon-slacklines.com](http://www.gibbon-slacklines.com) (INT) contains additional information.

Make sure that the ground and landing area over which the slackline is suspended is flat, even, and soft. You will be falling onto it!

DO NOT set the slackline at any height above 27 inches / 70 centimeters.

Make sure that there are no obstacles, hazards, people, or projections near the slackline that could injure you in a fall. Only use the slackline at locations without any hazards and/or dangers.

- Always wear sturdy, tightly laced athletic shoes with flat rubber soles.
- Do NOT walk the slackline barefoot or in sandals or using shoes with lugged soles.
- Keep all spectators at least 3 meters (9 feet) from the slackline.
- Never use the slackline at dusk or night or in wet or icy conditions.
- Do NOT allow more than one person to use the slackline at any time.
- Do NOT exceed 220 pounds (100 kg) in weight on the slackline at any time.
- THIS SLACKLINE IS NOT INTENDED FOR PERFORMING ANY TRICKS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO JUMPING, FLIPPING, ETC. RISK OF INJURY AND/OR DEATH INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN TRICKS ARE ATTEMPTED OR PERFORMED.

This slackline is not impervious to damage. THE SLACKLINE MUST BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND INSPECTED BEFORE EVERY USE. FAILURE TO INSPECT AND MAINTAIN THE SLACKLINE BEFORE EACH USE MAY RESULT IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH. THE USE OF ANY PARTS NOT PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER ARE NOT RECOMMENDED AND MAY DAMAGE THE SLACKLINE, IMPACT PERFORMANCE, SHORTEN THE LIFESPAN OF THE PRODUCT, AND CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH.

### **1.1 NATURAL WEAR NOT RELATED TO WARRANTY CLAIMS:**

Wear on the loop protection is not taken into warranty consideration – In usage the slackline is confronted with permanent dynamic stresses. Wear on the loop protection hence does not get considered for warranty claims. Wear on Slackframes do to leaving in the rain as well as wear on coating due to contact with Slackline is not to be considered for warranty claims but are defined as natural wear of product.

Related to the topic above the wear on the print of the slackline is excluded from warranty claim. Wear on the Slackline that is caused by incorrect usage like for example when wrapping the slackline around sharp corners can not be claimed for warranty. The Slackline is a sportsproduct and under usage naturally is confronted with wear.

### **1.2 WASHING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS:**

For ideal maintenance we recommend cleaning the ratchet and seal it with standard machine lubricant. Please rinse entire Slackline with clear freshwater after usage in saltwater. Before every usage of the Slackline please check all parts for damage. Please only wash with medium warm clear water. To avoid wear on Slackframe please make sure that you do not leave them in the rain. Dismantle after use and store in a dry environment.

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### **1.3 ADDITIONAL SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

The Slackline system is only allowed to be tensioned by hand and by one person only.

The chosen Anchors neither are allowed to have any sharp corners or be in a condition to potentially harm the slackline.

Is only allowed to be installed with protective flooring underneath.

Is never to be tensioned with other means (such as cars) than the equipment provided inside the set.

Please do not leave the slackline unattended when derigged. Small children could get tangled up in the slackline.

The slackline is not allowed to be modified in length by using knots.

### **1.4 FAILURE TO:**

- USE COMMON SENSE,
- USE THE SLACKLINE AS RECOMMENDED IN THIS MANUAL, AND/OR
- HEED THE WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL
- SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH.
- WHEN ASSEMBLED, THE SLACKLINE IS UNDER SIGNIFICANT TENSION WHICH MAY EQUAL OR EXCEED 1500 lbs (7 kN/700 kg). DUE TO THE HIGH TENSION OF THE SLACKLINE, GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED WHEN USING THE SLACKLINE TO DECREASE THE RISK OF INJURY AND/OR DEATH. OVERLOADING THE SLACKLINE WITH MORE THAN 220 POUNDS (100 kg) AND/OR MORE THAN ONE PERSON INCREASES THE TENSION AND MAY CAUSE THE SLACKLINE AND/OR RATCHET TO FAIL RESULTING IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH.

Check local laws regarding slacklines to see where and how you may lawfully use the slackline. In some cities and states slacklining use on public property is illegal, restricted, or banned.

You may see people on TV or on the Internet performing tricks or stunts on a slackline. These are people who have been practicing for a long time, who are highly skilled, and who accept the risk of all injury and/or death. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PERFORM ANY TRICKS ON THIS SLACKLINE UNLESS YOU ACCEPT ALL RISK OF INJURY AND/OR DEATH.

THE MANUFACTURER AND RESELLERS OF THIS SLACKLINE EXPLICITLY DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY DEATH, PARALYSIS, INJURY, AND/OR DAMAGE TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY THAT MAY OCCUR THAT ARISES OUT OF OR IS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT.

### **1.5 WARRANTY:**

This product is warranted against any material or manufacturing defect for two (2) years from the purchase date as stated on a valid receipt. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER OR INCLUDE ANY DAMAGE OR DEFECT CAUSED BY: NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR, MODIFICATIONS OR ALTERATIONS, INCORRECT STORAGE, POOR MAINTENANCE, AND/OR DAMAGE DUE TO ACCIDENTS, NEGLIGENCE, OR MISUSE (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY USE NOT EXPLICITLY APPROVED IN THIS MANUAL). Be sure to thoroughly dry the slackline before storing.

Other than as described above, THE MANUFACTURER, SELLERS, AND RESELLERS OF THIS PRODUCT MAKE NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS AND/OR WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, REGARDING THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTIES AS TO MERCHANTABILITY, QUALITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. THE MANUFACTURER, SELLERS, AND RESELLERS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, WHETHER BASED ON BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), PRODUCT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THE SLACKLINE USER AGREES THAT HIS OR HER FULL REMEDY AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER, SELLERS, AND RESELLERS FOR ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, OR DAMAGES, SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE SLACKLINE, AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ALL CLAIMS FOR ANY OTHER DAMAGES THAT SUCH SLACKLINE USER MAY HAVE.

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## 2. FURTHER WARNINGS:

ATTENTION! Do not use any other parts or materials to install the slackline or in connection with the use of the slackline other than the parts and materials provided by Gibbon Slacklines.

USE OF THE RATCHET IS DANGEROUS AND MAY LEAD TO INJURY AND/OR DEATH. THE RATCHET MUST NEVER BE USED BY MINORS AND EXTREME CARE AND CAUTION MUST BE TAKEN WHEN USED BY ADULTS. THE SLACKLINE STRAP MUST NOT EXCEED TWO AND A HALF ROTATIONS AROUND THE AXLE OF THE RATCHET. (See subsection 3.4 below.)

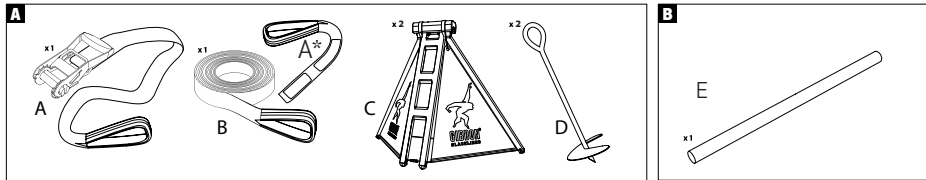
The tension on the lever of the ratchet must not exceed 85 pounds (approx. 378N/38.5kg) to prevent seizure and/or failure of the slackline system resulting in serious injury and/or death. NEVER USE YOUR LEGS OR ANY DEVICE OR BODY PART OTHER THAN YOUR HANDS TO OPERATE THE RATCHET.

This slackline must not be attached or assembled between vehicles (e.g., cars or trucks) for various reasons, including because the tension can easily exceed the safety limit of 85 pounds (approx. 378N/38.5kg). This slackline must not be assembled or used at any height above 18 inches (50 cm).

Slacklining is a beautiful sport, but its dangers, including serious injury and/or death, are significant and must never be underestimated!

## 3. ASSEMBLY:

The Gibbon Slackline is designed for quick and easy assembly if you follow the directions in this manual. The slackline consists of the following components:



Set contains: (as seen in image A)

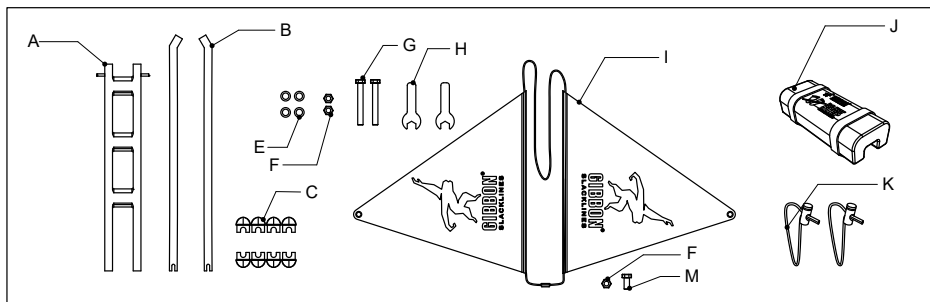
Not included: (as seen in image B)

- A) The ratchet with looped ratchet band
- A\* Optionally - short ratchet band for retrofitting - needed: 2 spanners in size 19
- B) The webbing: 2" (5cm) wide with looped end
- C) 2 x slack-frames with three height options
- D) 2 x ground screws for anchoring the system

- E) turning pole
- Please use a strong and sturdy metal pole or a strong wooden pole for turning the ground screws into the ground.

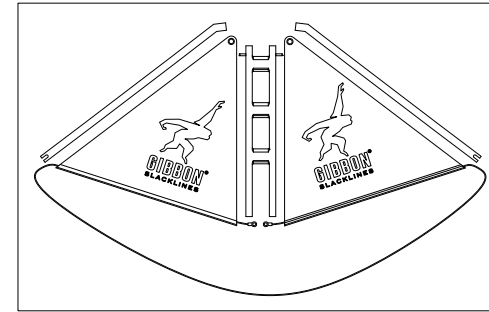
### 3.1 ASSEMBLY OF SLACKFRAMES:

As a first step, assemble both Slackframes. Each Slackframe contains the following parts:

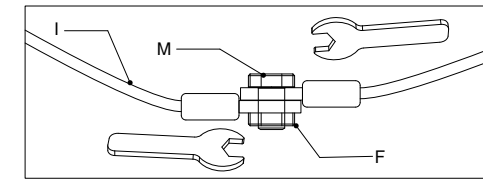


- A: main metal structure
- B: metal legs/structure
- C: plastic caps / feet
- E: washers
- F: nuts
- G: screw bolts
- H: wrenches
- I: flag banners and wire
- J: foam padding
- K: elastic cords & plastic stoppers
- M: screw bolt

### 3.2 INSERTING THE CABLE INTO THE FLAG BANNERS

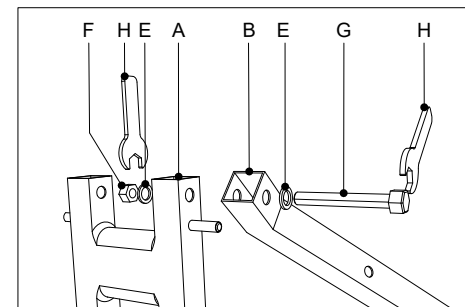


Thread the cable through the loops at the bottom end of the flag banners. As the Banners are asymmetrical please make sure that the steeper angled sides of the flag banners face each other. The steeper side has to face part (A).

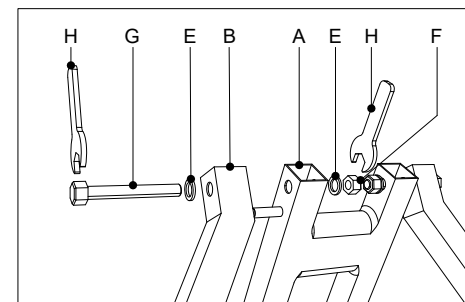


Connect the cable ends by screwing it together using screw (M) with nut (F). Use wrenches (H) to tighten screw and nut tightly. Make sure that the connecting wire ends are in line.

### 3.3 CONNECTING THE METAL STRUCTURE

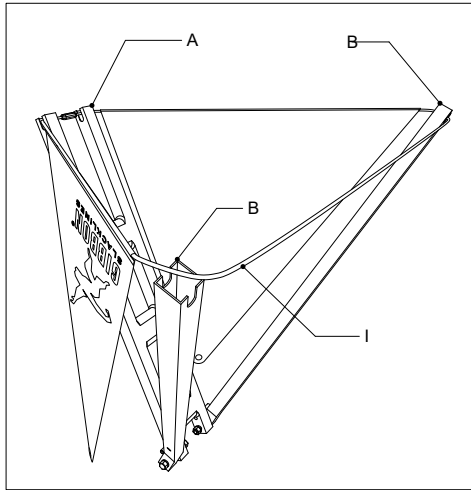


Connect the metal structures (A) and (B) together as illustrated with structure (B) facing outwards. Use wrenches (H) to tighten screw and nut tightly.



Repeat this step on the other side of part (A) with the second structure (B).

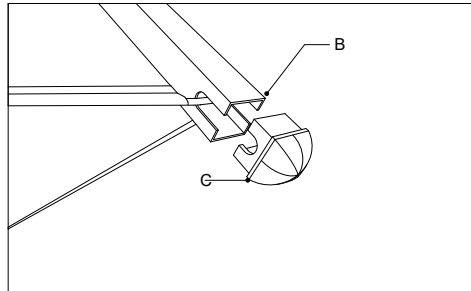
### 3.4 CONNECT FLAG AND CABLE WITH METAL STRUCTURE



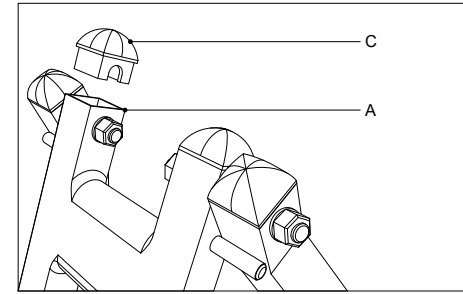
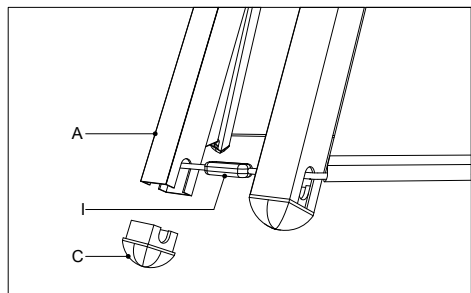
Use the groves on the bottom side of the metal structure to attach the cable. Make sure that the flag banners connected to the wire are always between part (A) and (B) of the metal structure.

Again make sure that the steep side of the flag banners on either side are facing part (A).

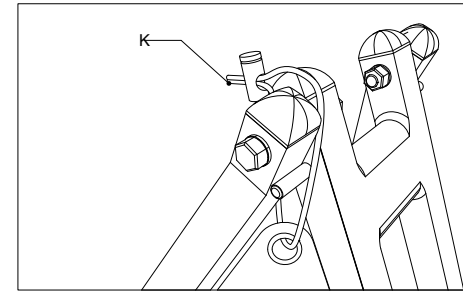
### 3.5 ATTACHING THE PLASTIC CAPS (C)



Use the plastic caps to close all 8 open ends of the metal structure. At the bottom make sure that the groove on the plastic caps are following the direction of the cable as illustrated.



### 3.6 TENSIONING THE FLAG BANNER WITH ELASTIC CORD (K)

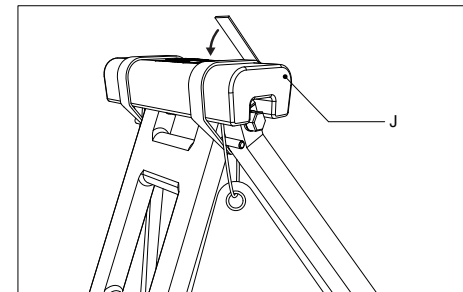


Thread the elastic cord through the eyelet at the top end of the flag banner. Loop around the metal structure and thread both ends of the elastic cord through the plastic stopper.

Position the looped elastic cord between the ends of part (A) and (B) and use the plastic stopper to tension the banner.

Repeat this procedure on the other side with the other flag banner.

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Attach the foam padding on the top of the structure by threading the velcro straps around the bottom intersection of part (A) and (B) and connect the velcro strap under high tension.

## 4. SETTING UP THE INDEPENDENCE KIT CLASSIC

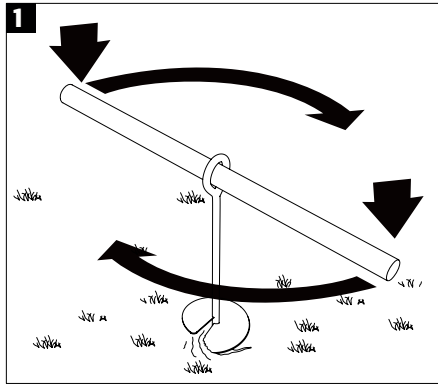
Start by looking for a suitable place for turning the ground screws into the ground. Take into account that the anchor needs always at least twice the distance to the Slackframe in relation to the desired setup height.

Example A: 10m (32ft) setup at 70cm (2.3ft) height needs an additional 2x 140cm (2x 5ft) added for defining the distance of the ground screws.

=> Total distance from anchor to anchor: 12,8m (42ft) with the long ratchet strap!

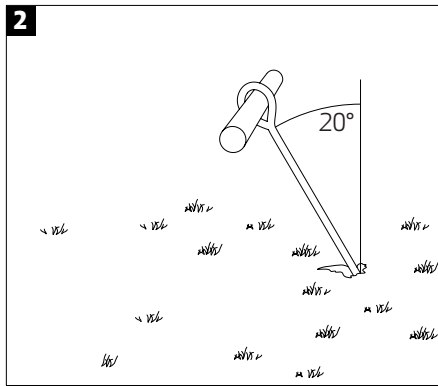
It is also possible to set up the system at shorter distances and lower setup heights.

Example B: 4m (12ft) distance at 30cm (1ft) setup height: 4m (2x60cm) = minimum distance between anchor points: at least 5,2m (16ft). It is also possible to readjust the setup length by simply shortening the distance between the Slackframe allowing you to adjust the distance while the system is installed.



#### 4.1 FIXING THE GROUND SCREWS AS ANCHORS:

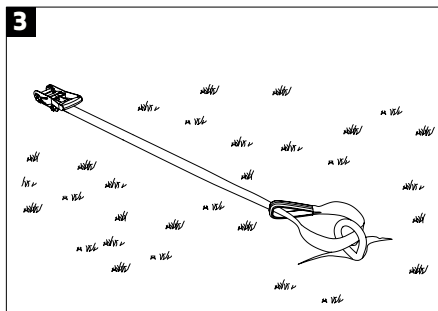
Position the ground screw vertically into the ground and start applying pressure on the ground and start applying pressure on the ground screw while turning clockwise by using a sturdy wooden or metal bar (not included) threaded through the loop of the screw (see image 1).



Once the ground screw is digging into the ground adjust the angle of the screw to around 20° pointing **towards the other anchor point** and turn the screw into the ground until only the loop sticks out (image 3).

Repeat the procedures illustrated in image 1 & 2 with the other ground screw for the second anchor.

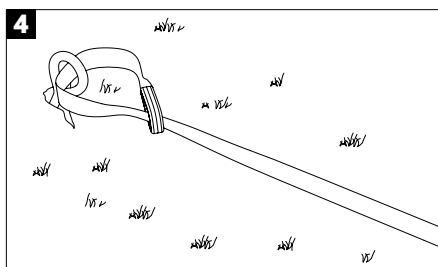
*In case there is only one ground anchor necessary due to one tree or pole, please read the instruction manual included for setting up GIBBON Slackline Sets.*



#### 4.2 ATTACHING THE RATCHET WITH LOOPED RATCHET BAND TO THE GROUND SCREW:

Once the ground screws are installed girth hitch the ratchet system through the loop of the ground screw as shown on image 3.

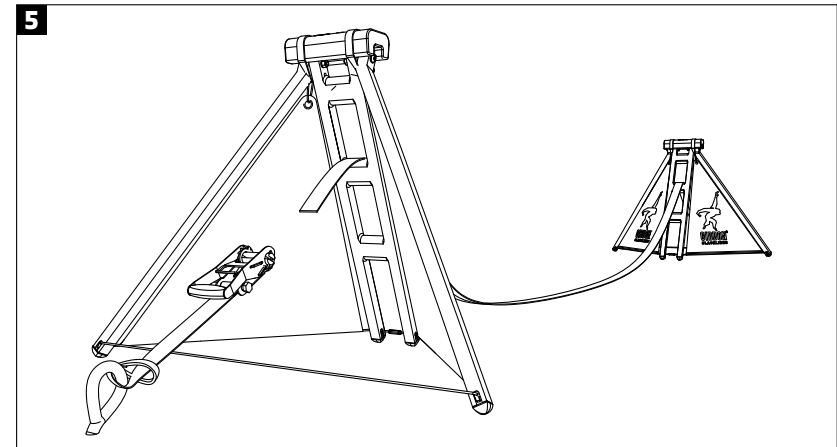
**IMPORTANT!** Make sure that the ratchet faces up!



#### 4.3 ATTACHING THE SLACKLINE WEBBING TO THE SECOND GROUND SCREW:

Repeat the procedure before by girth hitching the slackline webbing on the second installed ground screw (image 4).

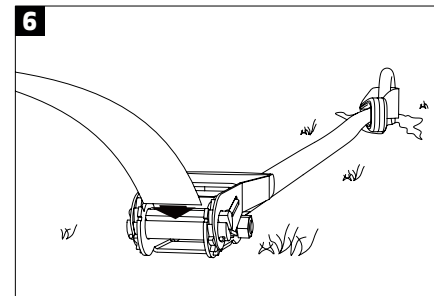
**IMPORTANT!** Install the ground screws **BEFORE** you girth hitch ratchet with looped ratchet band and slackline to the ground screws.



#### 4.4 ADDING THE SLACKFRAMES

Position the slackframes facing each other and start threading the slackline through the desired slot to achieve the desired setup height (image 5).

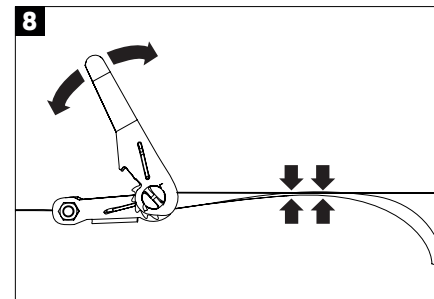
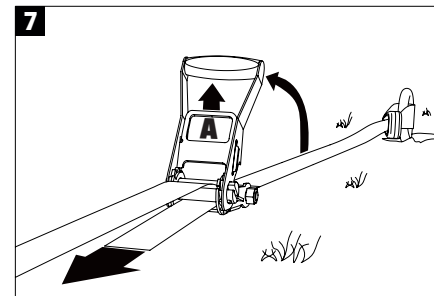
**IMPORTANT!** Make sure that the ratchet is placed between the ground screw and the slackframe, so that the ratchet is outside the area of usage (also see image 10).



#### 4.5 TENSIONING THE SLACKLINE

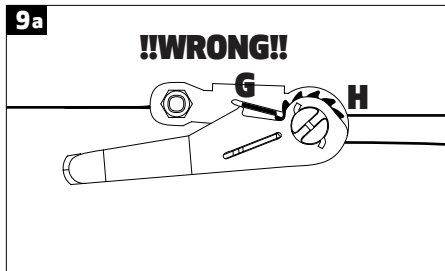
Thread the slackline through the slot of the ratchet facing up (image 6) and pull through the excess webbing till there is as much tension on the line that is possible by hand (image 7).

Release lever "A" of the ratchet and open up the ratchet lever handle for tensioning.



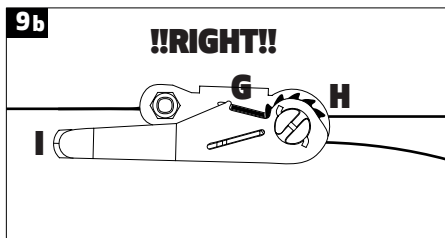
Hold excess webbing and line firmly together to avoid the pre tension from releasing (image 8).

Start tensioning the slackline by moving the ratchet lever forth and back. (image 8)



**IMPORTANT!** The slackline must not exceed two and a half rotations around the axle of the ratchet. The tension on the lever of the ratchet must NEVER exceed 85 pounds (approx 378N/38.5kg) to prevent seizure and/or failure of the system that may result in serious injury and/or death.

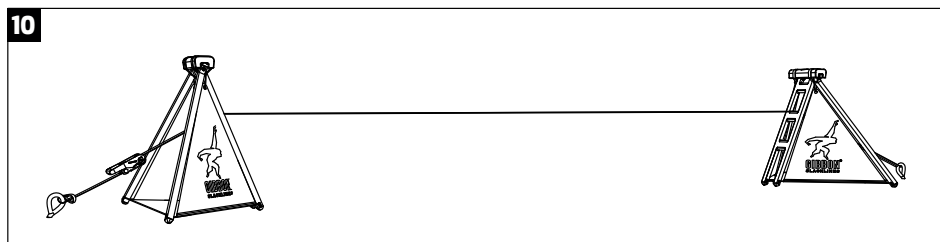
As soon as the band reaches the desired tension, check the ratchet to ensure that the bolt ("G" in Image 9a & 9b) rests neatly in the cogging ("H" in Image 9a & 9b) and bring the lever back up to a horizontal position parallel to the band ("I" in Image 9b).



DO NOT USE THE SLACKLINE IF THE RATCHET IS NOT FULLY SECURED AND LOCKED (UNLOCKED: Image 9a; LOCKED: Image 9b)!

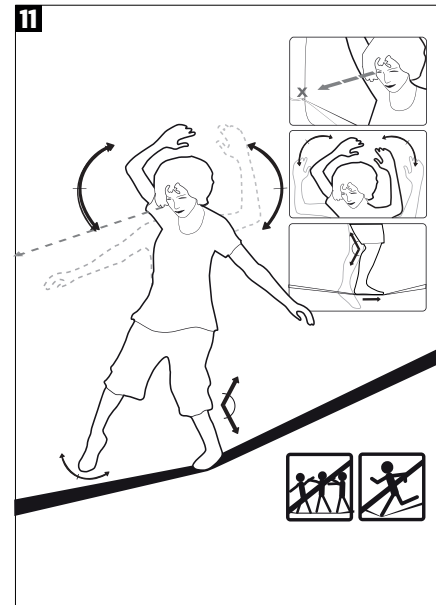
Tip: The closed lever ("I" in Image 9b) is a good indicator that the bolt rests in the cogging and that the ratchet is secured and locked.

You may adjust the tension of the band according to your personal preference, so long as the tension does not exceed 85 pounds (378N/38.5 kg).



**ENJOY YOUR SLACKLINE!**

**IMPORTANT!** BE AWARE THAT DEPENDING ON THE GROUND AND SOIL THE GROUND SCREW WILL MOVE TILL IT LOCKS INTO POSITION. SO DETENSIONING AND RETENSIONING AFTER FIRST TENSIONING MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED SETUP. STORE THE PARTS (EXCEPT GROUND SCREWS) IN A DRY ENVIRONMENT AFTER USE TO AVOID NATURAL WEAR.



## 5. WALKING THE SLACKLINE:

Tips: Look at the anchor point of the band in front of you for balance. Move your arms to correct imbalances. Keep your knees bent. **IMPORTANT:** For safety reasons there should never be more than one person on the slackline! NEVER RUN on the slackline!

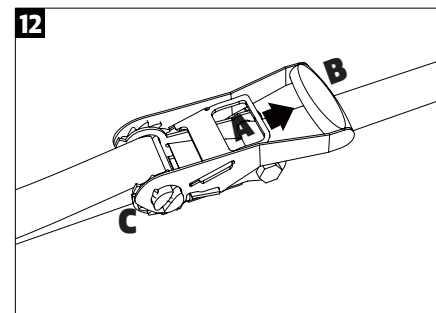
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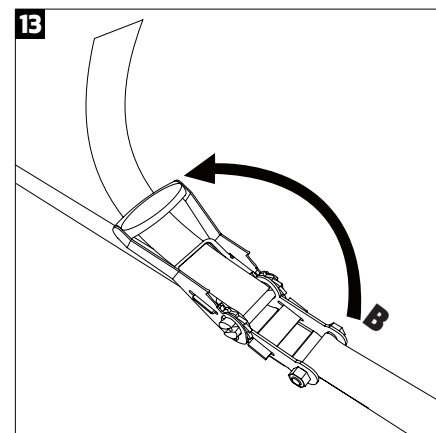


## 6. DISMANTLING THE SLACKLINE

To release the ratchet pull the safety lever ("A" in Image 12) to unlatch the ratchet and open the main lever ("B" in Image 12) until the safety lever detaches from the cogwheel ("C" in Image 12) and the band is released.

**IMPORTANT!** The band is under tension and injury and/or death may occur if not carefully dismantled. Make sure the ratchet is open fully before releasing the band (Image 12).

Once the band is released, detach the band from the ratchet (Image 13). Inspect the band for abrasions and damage, make sure the webbing is clean and dry and store in a dry place. Remove and store both ratchets and tree protectors.



**IMPORTANT!** STORE THE PARTS (EXCEPT GROUND SCREWS) IN A DRY ENVIRONMENT AFTER USE TO AVOID NATURAL WEAR.



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