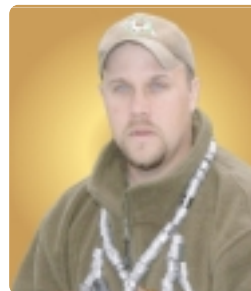




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Directions For Use

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Congratulations on your purchase of the MIGRATOR™ BLIND by Shawn Stahl! This hunting blind represents the knowledge of over 100 of years of combined hunting experience and was designed to meet three objectives: 1) total effectiveness in the field, 2) larger size to meet the needs of larger hunters and 3) overall comfort for hunting long periods. Shawn and the guys at Avery® have put everything they have into the Migrator™, and they know you will soon consider it one of your most important hunting investments so please follow these instructions for its optimum performance and long life.

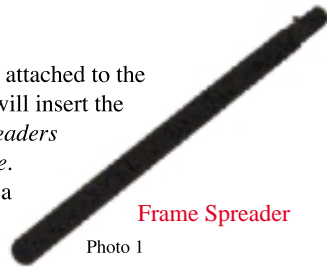
DIRECTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

Your Migrator™ requires some simple one-time assembly. Following these simple steps will insure years of trouble free use. Be sure to review the Parts List to familiarize yourself with the part names and terminology.

Step 1

- a) Remove the Migrator™ from the box and unfold it completely so that the *Camo Cover* is facing upward. Place the loose aluminum parts to the side for later assembly.
- b) Open the doors of the blind. Obtain one *Frame Spreader* (see Photo 1) and attach it to the front *Lower Frame*. Start by inserting the male end of the *Frame Spreader* into the female end of the *Lower Frame*. Depress the pushpin allowing the *Frame Spreader* to slide completely into the *Lower Frame*. Twist the *Frame Spreader* until the pushpin snaps into the female hole located on the *Lower Frame*. Repeat this step on the opposite side.

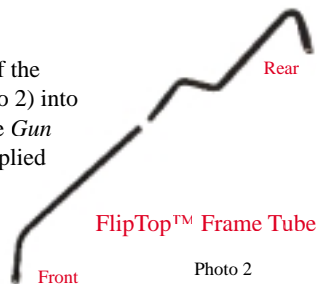
Once both *Frame Spreaders* are attached to the front of the *Lower Frame*, you will insert the opposite ends of the *Frame Spreaders* into the rear of the *Lower Frame*. This should be done one side at a time. Lift the female end of the *Lower Frame* and male end of *Frame Spreader* approximately 6" off of floor to create a small angle allowing the male end of the *Frame Spreader* to be placed into the female end of the *Lower Frame*. Depress the pushpin and push the frame joint downward allowing the male tube to slide into the female tube until the pushpin snaps into the hole located at the end of the *Lower Frame*. Repeat this step on the opposite side.



- c) Assemble the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* (see Photo 2) by inserting the male ends into the female ends and pushing them together until the pushpins snap into place.
- d) Insert the rear ends of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* (see Photo 2) into the *FlipTop™ Covers* and thread the tubes through until they reach the rear of the *FlipTop™ Covers* near the *HeadRest*.

e) Insert the flattened front ends of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* (see Photo 2) into the *Front FlipTop™ Hinges* on the *Gun Rest* and secure them with the supplied *D-Ring Pins*.

f) Wrap the *Gun Rest Cover Strip* around the foam pad on the *Gun*



Rest and secure the Velcro strips in place. Note: performing this step forces the *Gun Rest* to rise slightly when the *BootBag™* is folded into the hunting position, which, in turn, speeds the set-up process.

Note: be sure that the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* are pulled free of the *FlipTop™ Covers* near the *HeadRest* so that the fabric will not bind (the 90-degree bends of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* should be exposed as shown in Photo 3). You are now ready to go to the field.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

SET-UP

Your Migrator™ is now ready to use! Simply follow these step-by-step directions and refer to the photographs for a complete understanding of set-up and takedown.



Step 1

- a) Place the folded Migrator™ on the ground with the *Camo Cover* facing upward. Detach the cinch straps and remove them from the loop locks allowing the blind to unfold naturally.
- b) Unfold the *BootBag™* end forward.

Step 2

- a) Open both doors, lift the *HeadRest Frame* and push it towards the rear of the blind. Attach the Velcro strip located on the rear of the *Padded Seat* to the corresponding Velcro strip located inside the *Camo Cover*.
- b) Lift one *HeadRest Support Tube*, place the flattened end into the *Support Fitting* and secure the connection with the supplied *D-Ring Pin*. Repeat this step for the opposite side.
- c) Next, place the flattened rear ends of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* in the *Rear FlipTop™ Hinges* located on the *HeadRest* and secure them in place with the *D-Ring Pins*.
- d) Secure the *Rear Panel Cinch Tabs* around the *HeadRest* (these tabs are located on the inside of the *Camo Cover's* rear panel).
- e) Pull the *Camo Cover* over the exposed 90-degree bends of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes* so that the tubes are totally concealed.

Step 3

- a) To adjust the *Padded Seat*, simply slide the webbing straps on the back of the seat until you reach the desired position. You will need to get inside the Migrator™ and test the slant of the seat several times before finding the position best suited for you. This must be done through trial and error.

TAKEDOWN

IMPORTANT! If the Migrator™ is wet or damp when you fold it in the field, always make sure to open it and allow it to dry

naturally when you get home or back to camp. This will help prevent mold and mildew.

Step 1

a) It is possible to leave some vegetation attached as long as it does not interfere with the blind's folding. Remove all gear from the blind.

b) Detach the *FlipTops™* by removing the two *D-Ring Pins* that connect them to the *HeadRest*. Make sure to always reinstall the *D-Ring Pins* into the hinges to avoid losing them.

c) Pull the fabric away from each *FlipTop™ Frame Tube* exposing the 90-degree bends of the tubes. This will allow the blind to collapse to a flat position without binding. Note: failure to follow this step will cause the fabric to bind!

d) Detach the two *D-Ring Pins* that connect the *HeadRest Support Tubes* to the *Support Fittings*. Remove the *HeadRest Support Tubes* and allow them to fold forward and lie flat on the blind's floor. Reinstall the *D-Ring Pins* into the *Support Fittings* for safekeeping.

e) Detach the *Rear Panel Cinch Tabs* and fold the *HeadRest* flat.

f) With the *FlipTops™* in the "closed" position, fold the *BootBag™* back over the frame. Now, secure the frame into the "folded" position by feeding the two cinch straps on each side of the *Camo Cover* through the loop locks and attaching the Velcro strips.

ONCE YOU HAVE MASTERED THESE STEPS AND DEVELOPED YOUR OWN TECHNIQUE, TOTAL SET-UP SHOULD TAKE AROUND 60 SECONDS. YOU SHOULD PRACTICE SET-UP AND TAKEDOWN SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE HUNTING FROM YOUR MIGRATOR™.

Customizing the MIGRATOR™ to Meet Your Needs

"MUDDING" YOUR MIGRATOR™

It is very important that you "mud" your Migrator™ before using it! This process will eliminate sheen caused by the *Camo Cover's* new polyester fabric. To "mud" your cover, place several shovels of dirt (indigenous to your hunting area) into a bucket of warm water and mix thoroughly. After creating a thick and wet mud, smear the mixture over the cover and rub it into the grain of the fabric as well as the *CamoStraps™* and *FaceFlaps™*. Allow the cover to sun dry for several hours and then briskly sweep the dried residue off with a broom. Your Migrator™ should now have a dull, matte finish, and you are ready to go to the field.

STUBBLING/BRUSHING YOUR MIGRATOR™

Effectively stubbling your Migrator™ will add to your success. When you reach your hunting location, gather a good supply of natural vegetation that matches the area of the field you are hunting (if you are hunting in a cut cornfield you will gather corn stalks, in a cut barley field you will use barley stubble, etc.) Place handfuls of vegetation into the *CamoStraps™*. You may not need to fill every *CamoStrap™*, but you should cover the blind as completely as possible. YOU CANNOT USE TOO MUCH NATURAL VEGETATION!

After stubbling the cover, make sure that the *FlipTops™* will open easily.

It is very important that you use sun-bleached stubble only. Do not use stubble, straw or vegetation from the bottoms of piles, as it may not match the rest of the field. You may want to gather extra vegetation and place it near your hunting location should you need additional stubble during your hunt.

Note: for the lowest profile, try "digging down" with your Migrator™. This is done by digging a 6-8" deep hole large enough for the frame portion of the blind. Place the Migrator™ frame in the hole. ALWAYS ASK THE LANDOWNER BEFORE YOU DIG AND ALWAYS REPLACE THE DIRT AND PACK IT INTO PLACE WHEN YOUR HUNT IS OVER.

FLIPTOP™ ADJUSTMENT

The slant of the *FlipTops™* can be adjusted to your desired height by simply rotating the *FlipTop™ Height Adjuster Cams* (located on the *Gun Rest*) until the desired slant is reached. For the best 3-dimensional effect, position the doors at a slight angle. Your mobility and comfort are very important, as you must remain motionless when birds are close.

SEAT ADJUSTMENT

The seat can be adjusted to your desired position by simply sliding the webbing seat straps until the seat is most comfortable for sitting and shooting. This can only be done through trial and error.

FLAGGING PORTS™

The *Flagging Ports™* are designed to give you the ability to "flag" for birds from either side. The *Flagging Ports™* are ergonomically angled to allow for the natural forward/upward/backward motion needed for effective flagging. Keep the heavy-duty zippers on the *Flagging Ports™* closed when not in use.

FACEFLAPS™

The *FaceFlaps™* are designed to eliminate bird flaring from "face shine." In low light or brightly backlit situations, you may opt to fold these vinyl-coated polyester windows under and out of your line of sight. Attach the *FaceFlaps™* securely with the Velcro attachments when not in use. For best results, it is recommended that you use the *FaceFlaps™* whenever possible.

FLAGSLEEVE™

The *FlagSleeve™* offers easy-access to and storage for your flag. Utilizing the *FlagSleeve™* will insure that you always have this very important hunting tool when you need it. The *FlagSleeve™* is located on the inside of the right *FlipTop™ Cover*.

BOOTBAG™ LOCK BARS

The Migrator™ can be folded to a length short enough to be transported in any short wheel base pickup. If your style of hunting does not require that the blind be folded, you may choose to lock the frame in place.

To do this, simply depress the pushpins located at the front of

the *BootBag™ Lock Bars* and slide them over the *Folding Hinges* until the pushpins snap back into position.

Note: for set up and take down with the *BootBag™ Lock Bars* in the “locked” position, you must remove the *Gun Rest Cover Strip* from the *Gun Rest* to allow the *Gun Rest* to fold flat.

REAR VENTILATION WINDOW

Located on the rear panel of the Migrator™ you will find a roll-up window designed to give air circulation inside the blind during warm weather hunting. In addition, the Migrator™ Blind’s larger size allows you to conceal your dog behind the seat if you choose. The *Rear Ventilation Window* gives your dog much needed air circulation.

To use, simply roll the *Rear Ventilation Window* to the desired position and secure it in place with the Velcro strips. When not needed, simply roll the window down and secure it in place with the Velcro.

CLEAN UP

The Migrator™ is very easy to keep clean. Unzip the end of the *BootBag™*, raise the frame and allow all stubble and trash to fall out of the hole. The interior fabric can be wiped clean with a wet rag, and the exterior cover can be sprayed clean with a water hose. Proper care and cleaning will insure a long life for your Migrator™.

Trouble Shooting

There are answers to any question you might have about the Migrator™. Following are a few frequently asked questions and the answers:

Question: Why does my Migrator™ sometimes “bind up” when laid flat?

Answer 1: You must pull the corners of the *FlipTop™ Covers* away from the rear of the *FlipTop™ Frame Tubes*.

Answer 2: Make sure that all gear has been removed from the blind.

Answer 3: Make sure that the *FlipTops™* at the *HeadRest* end do not bind on the *CamoStraps™*.

Question: Why won’t my Migrator™ fold up completely?

Answer 1: Make sure the *FlipTops™* are in the “closed” position.

Answer 2: Make sure the *HeadRest Support Tubes* were placed flat on the floor before folding the frame.

Answer 3: Make sure that excess stubble left in the *CamoStraps™* does not interfere with the *Folding Hinges*.

Answer 4: Make sure that the *BootBag™ Lock Bars* are in the “unlocked” position.

Question: Why won’t my Migrator™ *Gun Rest* fold down completely with the *BootBag™ Lock Bars* in the locked position?

Answer 1: Make sure you remove the *Gun Rest Cover Strip* from the *Gun Rest* to allow it to fold flat.

Question: Why are birds not “finishing”?

Answer 1: Make sure you “mud” the *Camo Cover* as suggested in the “Customizing” section.

Answer 2: Make sure that the vegetation used to “stubble” your

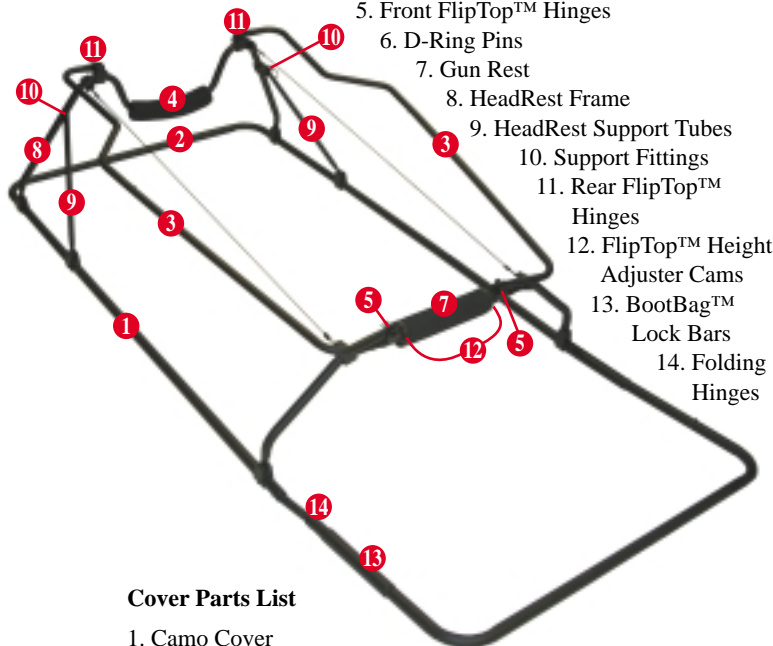
blind was gathered from the field you are using. Stubble must match the vegetation in the field. Make sure that you do not use unbleached stubble.

Please feel free to contact us at 800 333-5119 should you have any questions about the assembly, operation and/or care of your MIGRATOR™ BLIND by Shawn Stahl.

Good hunting!

Frame Parts List

1. Frame Spreader
2. Lower Frame
3. FlipTop™ Frame Tubes
4. HeadRest
5. Front FlipTop™ Hinges
6. D-Ring Pins
7. Gun Rest
8. HeadRest Frame
9. HeadRest Support Tubes
10. Support Fittings
11. Rear FlipTop™ Hinges
12. FlipTop™ Height Adjuster Cams
13. BootBag™ Lock Bars
14. Folding Hinges



Cover Parts List

1. Camo Cover
2. FlipTop™ Covers
3. Gun Rest Cover Strip
4. Zippered BootBag™
5. Padded Seat
6. Rear Panel Cinch Tabs
7. CamoStraps™
8. FaceFlaps™
9. Flagging Ports™
10. Flag Sleeve™
11. Rear Ventilation Window
12. Door Handles
13. Floor

