Replacement straps are available, should the original strap become worn or damaged. Never use a damaged Fastrap™.

While the Fastrap™ is nearly impervious to water, the bracket and the ratchet may corrode, and the strap may become mildewed if the unit is repeatedly stored wet. If the webbing is wet, try to store the Fastrap™ with the strap unfurled; it will soon dry out, and can be stored normally. Any heavily-corroded, or bent, cracked, or gouged brackets should be immediately removed from service.

The friction coating applied to the mounting surface may also become clogged with dirt and other stray material through normal use. This surface should occasionally be cleaned to maintain optimal performance. A common pressure washer, with a nozzle rating of up to 3,000 PSI (pounds per square inch) will do an excellent job of removing contaminants from the surface. Spray evenly, bringing the nozzle no closer than approximately 12” from the surface. If a pressure washer is not available, simply spraying the unit with a running stream of water, such as from a garden hose, will often do an excellent job. Always allow the unit to dry thoroughly, before storing normally.

STRAP REPLACEMENT
The strap used in the Fastrap™ Crossarm Bracket is a precision-engineered component, with carefully-designed performance properties, much like the seatbelt webbing in an automobile. Note that each strap has a date of manufacture printed on the identification tag. Because of environmental conditions, and wear through normal use, Sherman & Reilly recommends the replacement of the strap at approximately five (5) year intervals. Service parts are readily available through your dealer, or directly from Sherman & Reilly, Inc.

To replace the strap, remove the bolt connecting the strap end to the bracket, carefully noting the orientation of the strap to the bracket. Unlock the ratchet by squeezing the middle “handle” and opening the ratchet to its flat or fully-opened position. Pull the “D” ring to unwind the strap from the drum, and pull the loop end through the slot in the drum, being careful to observe how the webbing is oriented. Install the new webbing through the drum in the same orientation. Reattach the belt to the bracket, using the original bolt and locknut. Leave the nut slightly loose, just enough so that the bolt is free to rotate. If the locknut no longer retains its locking ability, replace it.

WARRANTY
The Fastrap™ Crossarm Bracket is covered by the Sherman & Reilly Forever Warranty™; refer to the enclosed Warranty Statement for details.
Congratulations on your purchase of this Sherman & Reilly, Inc. Fastrap™ Crossarm Bracket. You are about to begin using the most advanced, quickest-to-install crossarm stringing bracket available.

While the bracket is quick and easy to install, there are a few rules for use with which you should become familiar.

First, recognize that this device is designed for straight vertical loads of up to 2,500 pounds, and for horizontal loads of up to 1,500 pounds. The ability to bear heavy loads is dependent upon tightening the strap as tight as reasonably possible; this is particularly true when pulling at an angle.

INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL

When using the Fastrap™ bracket, always begin by inspecting the webbing used in the strap. If it shows signs of wear or has any significant damage, the bracket should not be used until the webbing is replaced. Check the bracket for cracks or other damage, and examine the ratchet for bent components.

Next, reach around the crossarm and grab the ratchet assembly. Pull the ratchet back around the crossarm, taking care to ensure that the strap is not twisted or tangled. Holding the ratchet by the handle grip, hang the metal ratchet assembly on the hook shape on the Fastrap™ bracket. Holding the bracket in position, grasp the “D”-ring at the free end of the strap, and pull. Do not attempt to pull the strap tight; you simply want to make the tightening process quicker by removing excess slack.

Finally, pump the ratcheting handle up and down to fasten the bracket in position. Grasp the “D”-shaped handle on the hook shape on the Fastrap™ bracket, and remove the ratchet assembly from the bracket.

CARE

Likewise, your Fastrap™ requires only simple maintenance to keep it in top condition. Do not pull the strap to achieve lightweight. Remember, the strap should be tightened as much as reasonably practical. Don’t worry... you are going to crush the crossarm.

That’s it! Your bracket is installed. To remove it, simply squeeze the handle on the ratchet and remove from the crossarm.

In some situations, an additional measure of security may be desired. The Fastrap™ has been designed so that it can capture the head of a standard 5/8” bolt inserted into the crossarm, which prevents the bracket from sliding under any circumstances, regardless of the condition of the crossarm. This bolt is installed near the center of the crossarm, with its head facing away from the bracket. This is the only acceptable installation method for these brackets.

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