

**Golden Spike Rebar Stand** 

## Tree Stand Comparison Which System Should I Use?

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**Cinco Plastic Stand** 

**Big Foot Stand** 

<u>History:</u> Independent Retailers, Garden Centers and Box Stores such as Home Depot, Lowes, Home Base, HQ, Target and many more along the West Coast used to use the Wood Stand and bowl in the 80's and 90's. It was the least expensive way to stand a tree, and customers expected a stand to be included with their tree. That is why today customers still buy a stand with almost every tree on the West Coast in particular. The rest of the country experiences about a 30% attachment rate on stands to trees, while the West Coast nearly doubles that or more. If there are no stands, customers go elsewhere to buy not only a stand but also a tree. There is no question that standing trees sell better, and that every tree has to have a stand. Why not sell them together? It worked in the past and the real tree market took off on the West Coast like no other part of the country. Imagine taking your tree home with a stand already installed? Who wouldn't want that convenience?

Box stores got away from the labor of installing stands and passed that responsibility on the customer. As a result, plastic stands sales increased dramatically but service and display took a nose-dive. Independent lots still have an advantage when it comes to service, quality looking display, and customer experience. There is a difference picking out your Christmas Tree from a "forest" of standing trees and picking out your tree from a pile of produce. Display adds value and sells more trees and product.

TRU-CUT Wood Stand	<u>Golden Spike</u> <u>Rebar Stand</u>	Big Foot Stand	<u>Cinco Plastic stands</u>
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The <b>Tru-Cut Wood Stand</b> is by far the least expensive way to stand a tree and can be used for lot dispay and in home use.	The <b>Golden Spike Rebar Stand</b> is a great quality system to display trees on the lot and also can be taken home for in-home display.	The <b>Big Foot Stand</b> is by far the easiest way to stand a Christmas Tree. It has a lifetime guarantee and many advantages for lot display and in home use.	The <b>Cinco Plastic Tree Stand</b> is the easiest over-the- counter tree stand to sell. It looks good and customers have little difficulty installing it.
Pros: 1. Least expensive stand on the market 2. Quick to install 3. Does not fit through 23" baler 4. Great for lot display or in home use 5. Variety of sizes for 1'-18' trees 6. Made in the USA Cons: 1. Requires a straight fresh-cut 2. Requires Nailing 3. Not adjustable 4. Not reusable Avg cost with bowl = \$6.27 Avg Retail for 30" stand for 6-8 ft tree = \$15.00 installed Click to view demo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEWfD09BpnM	<ul> <li>Pros: <ol> <li>Quick to install</li> <li>Removable, and re-usable</li> <li>Can be adjusted after standing by bending stand into place</li> <li>Quality steel construction</li> <li>Great for lot display or in home use</li> <li>Variety of sizes for 4-18' trees</li> <li>Made in the USA</li> </ol> </li> <li>Cons: <ol> <li>Requires drilling (must be straight)</li> <li>Does not fit through 23" baler</li> </ol> </li> <li>Avg Cost with bowl = \$13.45</li> <li>Avg Retail for Medium stand for 6-8 ft tree installed = \$25.00-\$29.00</li> <li>Click link for demo: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&amp;v=7mhrf3fFNuo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&amp;v=7mhrf3fFNuo</a></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pros:</li> <li>VERY Quick installation, no special tools or machinery needed (saves labor)</li> <li>Easily adjustable to straight (like swivel type stands)</li> <li>Easy to Take off – reusable</li> <li>Sturdy Steel design, powdercoat</li> <li>Place over large capacity water bowl (no leaking)</li> <li>Variety of sizes for 4-20' trees</li> <li>Great for BIG TREES!</li> <li>Fits through a 23" baler</li> <li>Made in the USA</li> <li>Cons: None</li> <li>Avg cost for 6-8 ft tree with bowl= \$32.56</li> <li>Avg Retail for Medium stand for 6-8 ft tree = \$45-\$49</li> <li>Click for video demo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_bWtX21jTl</li> </ul>	Pros: 1. Great for over-the-counter sales 2. Requires no special tools 3. Quality plastic construction 4. Steel bolts 5. Reusable 6. Fits through 23" baler 7. Variety of sizes for 3-12' trees 8. Made in the USA Cons: 1. Not easily adjustable 2. Requires assembly 3. Installation takes some time Avg cost \$24.15 Avg Retail for Medium stand for 6-8 ft tree = \$40-\$49