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## Stand secures a Christmas tree in seconds

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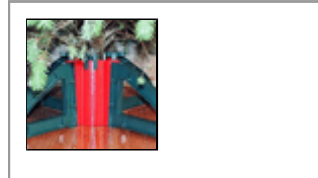
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The inventors of the Omega Tree Stand are married, which could explain the appeal of a gizmo that is said to allow for perfect Christmas tree installation in 20 seconds. Less time to fight over the tree, more time to kiss under the mistletoe.



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Then again, Sue Eckenswiller said, "we came up with the idea when our daughter was born near Christmas, and our Christmas tree fell over in the middle of the night. The lights smashed and water spilled. We were frustrated and, as new parents, were concerned about the safety of existing tree stands."

She and her husband, Grant, worked on a four-legged base with a clamping system that both secures and straightens the tree, and they made the water reservoir big enough to hold a gallon. So far so good: The Omega was sold out on Target.com recently, but might be found at Ace Hardware stores or online at [www.omegatreestand.com](http://www.omegatreestand.com), \$29.99 plus shipping.



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