

Figure 1 – Removing a large lateral branch requires two preliminary cuts before the final cut

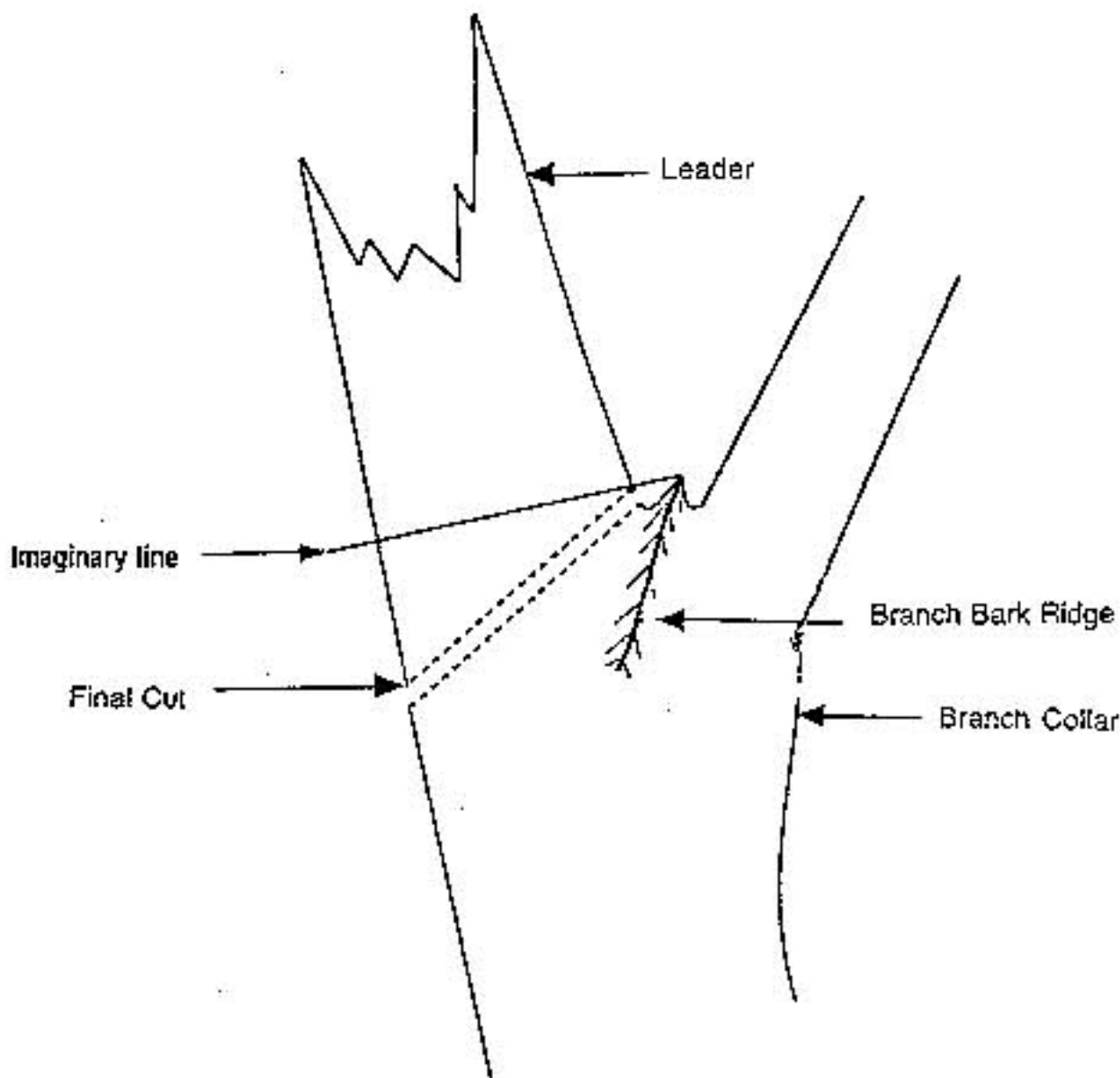


Figure 2 – When cutting back to a lateral, bisect the angle between the branch bark ridge and an imaginary line perpendicular to the leader or the branch being removed

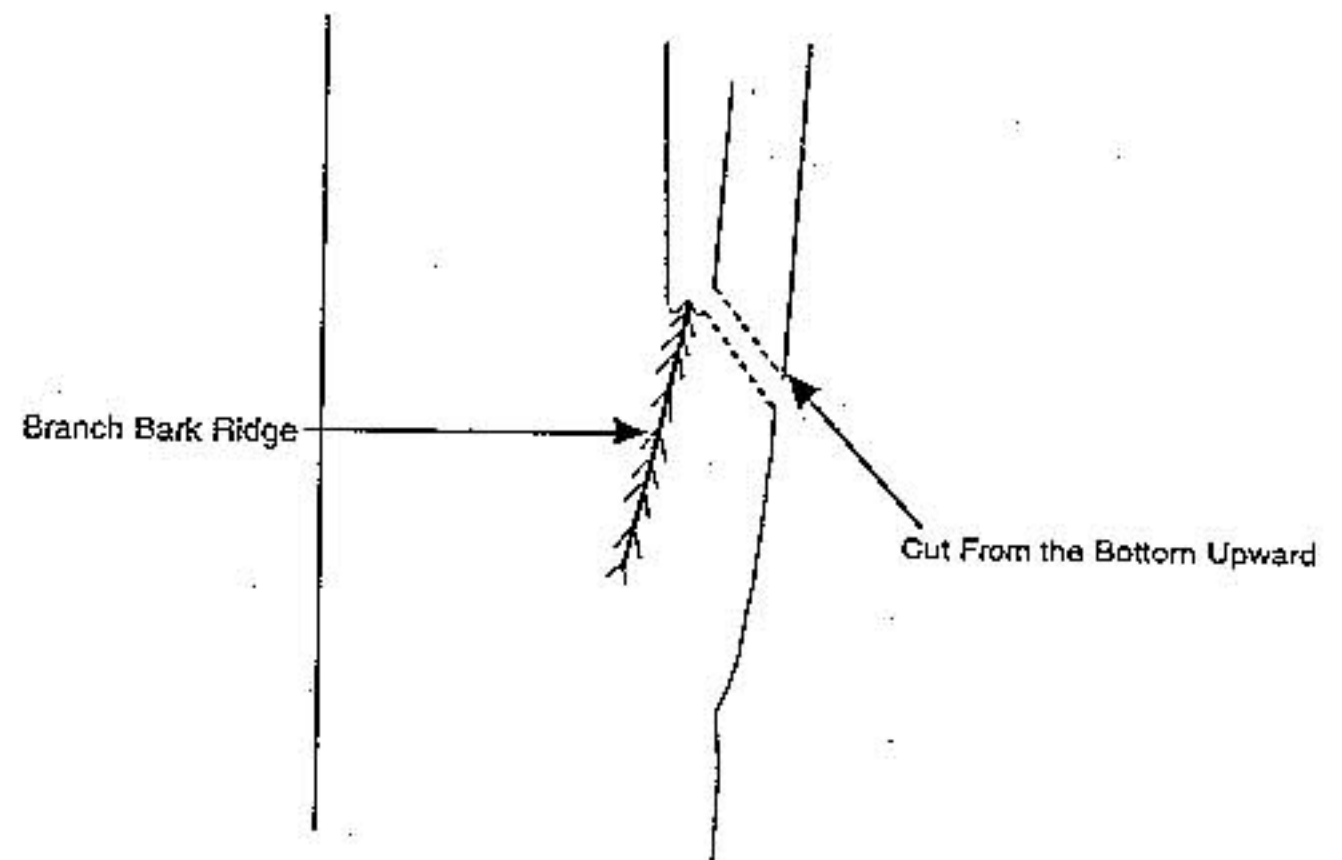


Figure 3 – When removing a branch with a narrow branch attachment, cut from the bottom upward