



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using the product, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of injury including the following:

1. Falling from a ladder may result in injuries or death.
2. Do not exceed the maximum working load.
3. Light duty ladders shall not be used with ladder jacks or scaffold planks, or both.
4. Ladders shall not be climbed by more than one person at a time.
5. Self-supporting ladders shall not be used as single ladders or in the partially closed position.
6. The user shall climb or work with the body near the middle of the step or rung.
7. The user shall not step or stand on a ladder top cap or the rear braces.
8. The ladder base shall be placed with a secure footing on a firm, level support surface. Ladder levelers may be used to achieve equal rail support on uneven surfaces.
9. Devices such as shoes, spurs, spikes, combinations thereof, or similar devices of substantial design should be installed where required for slip resistance and bearing area.
10. Ladders shall not be used on ice, snow, or slippery surfaces unless suitable means to prevent slipping are employed.
11. Ladders shall not be placed on boxes, barrels, or other unstable bases to obtain additional height.
12. Portable ladders are not designed for excessive side loading, and such abuse of the ladder shall be avoided. The ladder shall be kept close to the work. The user shall not overreach but shall descend and relocate the ladder instead. When using a ladder, the user shall never push or pull unless the ladder is properly secured.
13. When ascending or descending the ladder, the user shall face the ladder and maintain a firm hold on the ladder. The user shall not climb onto a ladder from the side, from one ladder to another, or from a swingstage to a ladder, unless the ladder is secured against sideways motion or has been tied to the structure. The user shall not climb a broken or bent ladder.
14. Take proper safety measures when ladders are used in areas containing electrical circuits. Avoid contact or possible contact with an energized, uninsulated circuit or conductor in order to avoid electrical shock or short circuits. Metal ladders and wood ladders with side-rail metal reinforcement wires shall not be used where they would come in contact with exposed energized electric wires.
15. Keep this ladder away from electric power lines. Be particularly careful when manipulating any ladder around an overhead electrical power line.
16. A ladder shall not be used as a brace, skid, lever, guy or gin pole, gangway, platform, scaffold plank, material hoist, or for any other use for which it was not intended. Ladders shall not be erected on scaffolds to gain additional height.
17. Ladders and ladder sections, shall not be tied or fastened together to provide a longer length. Ladders and ladder sections shall not have their length increased by other means.
18. Ladders shall not be placed in front of doors opening toward the ladder unless the door is blocked open, locked, or guarded.
19. The user shall ensure that the stepladder is fully opened, with spreaders locked and all feet contacting a firm-level support surface.
20. A ladder shall not be relocated while anyone is on it.
21. The bracing on the rear rails of stepladders is designed solely for increasing stability and not for climbing.
22. Broken or bent ladders shall be marked and taken out of service until they are repaired by a competent mechanic or destroyed in such a manner as to render them useless. The user shall not attempt to repair a defective side rail.
23. Ladders, like any tool, must be handled with care and not be subjected to dropping, jarring, or misuse. They are designed for the purpose intended. Therefore, any variation from this purpose constitutes a mishandling of the equipment.
24. Ladders should be free of oil, grease, or slippery materials on climbing or gripping surfaces.
25. Do not let children climb on or play with the product.
26. Regularly examine the product for wear and tear. Stop using the product at first sign of damage or if parts become detached.



Warning, fall from the ladder



Maximum number of users.



Refer to instruction manual.



Do not ascend or descend unless you are facing the ladder.



Inspect the ladder after delivery. Before every use visually check the ladder is not damaged and is safe to use. Do not use a damaged ladder.



Keep a secure grip on the ladder when ascending and descending. Maintain a handhold whilst working from a ladder or take additional safety precautions if you cannot.



Do not use the ladder on an uneven or unfirm base.



Avoid work that imposes a sideways load on ladders, such as side-on drilling through solid materials.



Do not overreach.



Do not carry equipment which is heavy or difficult to handle while using a ladder.



Do not erect ladder on contaminated ground.



Do not wear unsuitable footwear when climbing a ladder.



Do not use the ladder if you are not fit enough. Certain medical conditions or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make ladder use unsafe.



Warning, electricity hazard



Identify any electrical risks in the work area, such as overhead lines or other exposed electrical equipment and do not use the ladder where electrical risks occur.



Do not use the ladder as a bridge.



Ladder for domestic use.



Do not step off the side of standing ladder onto another surface.



Open the ladder fully before use.



Use the ladder with restraint devices engaged only.



Standing ladders shall not be used as a leaning ladder unless it is designed to do so.



Do not stand on any surface marked by this symbol.

- Do not spend long periods on a ladder without regular breaks (tiredness is a risk).
- Prevent damage of the ladder when transporting e.g. by fastening and, ensure they are suitably placed to prevent damage.
- Ensure the ladder is suitable for the task.
- Do not use the ladder if contaminated, e.g. with wet paint, mud, oil or snow.
- Do not use the ladder outside in adverse weather conditions, such as strong wind.
- For professional use a risk assessment shall be carried out respecting the legislation in the country of use.
- When positioning the ladder take into account risk of collision with the ladder e.g. from pedestrians, vehicles or doors. Secure doors (not fire exits) and windows where possible in the work area.
- Use non-conductive ladders for unavoidable live electrical work.
- Do not modify the ladder design.
- Do not move a ladder while standing on it.
- Ladders should only be used for light work of short duration.

BEFORE FIRST USE

- Risk of suffocation! Keep any packaging materials away from children – these materials are a potential source of danger, e.g. suffocation.
- Check the product for transport damages. Remove all the packing materials.
- A thorough ladder inspection shall be made when the ladder is originally purchased, received, and put into service.
- The ladder shall be inspected periodically, preferably before each use.
- Working parts and rung/step-to-side rail connections shall be checked.
- Where structural damage or other hazardous defect is found, the ladder shall be taken out of service and either discarded or repaired by a competent mechanic.
- The ladder shall be inspected for side rail dents or bends, or excessively dented rungs. All rung/step-to-side rail connections shall be checked, as well as hardware connections, rivets (for shear), and all other components.
- If ladders are exposed to excessive heat, as in the case of fire, their strength may be reduced. After such exposure the ladder shall be inspected visually for damage and tested for deflection and strength characteristics.
- If ladders are subjected to certain acids or alkali materials, they may experience chemical corrosion and a reduction in strength. Consult a qualified person prior to use.

For regular inspection, the following items shall be taken into account:

- Check that the stiles/legs (uprights) are not bent, bowed, twisted, dented, cracked, corroded or rotten.
 - Check that the stiles/legs around the fixing points for other components are in good condition.
 - Check that fixings (usually rivets, screws or bolts) are not missing, loose, or corroded.
 - Check that rungs/steps are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged.
 - Check that the hinges between front and rear sections are not damaged, loose or corroded.
 - Check that the locking stays horizontal, back rails and corner braces are not missing, bent, loose, corroded or damaged.
 - Check that the rung hooks are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the rungs.
 - Check that guide brackets are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the mating stile.
 - Check that ladder feet / end caps are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged.
 - Check that the entire ladder is free from contaminants (e.g. Dirt, mud, paint, oil or grease).
 - Check that locking catches (if fitted) are not damaged or corroded and function correctly.
 - Check that the platform (if fitted) has no missing parts or fixings and is not damaged or corroded.
- DANGER** If any of the above checks cannot be fully satisfied, you should NOT use the ladder.

CLEANING

- To clean the product, wipe with a soft, slightly moist cloth.
- Never use corrosive detergents, wire brushes, abrasive scourers, metal or sharp utensils to clean the product.



Environmental Protection

The appliance must not be disposed of with regular household waste. At the end of its service life, the appliance must be properly delivered to a collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By Collection and recycling of old appliances, you are making an important contribution to the conservation of our natural resources and provide for environmentally sound and healthy disposal.