

GB STEP-LADDER FOR PROFESSIONAL OR HOUSEHOLD USE**TO BE READ BEFORE USE****INSPECTION:**

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 nuts, 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.
- Check that the locking stays horizontal, back rails and corner braces are not missing, bent, loose, corroded or damaged.
- Check that the 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 slide.
- Check that the Stepladder feet / end caps are not missing, loose or excessively worn, corroded or damaged.
- Check that the entire Stepladder 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. If any of the above checks cannot be fully satisfied, you should NOT use the Stepladder.

REPAIR, SERVICING AND STORAGE:

- For repairing servicing or replacing parts such as footpads, please contact the distributor or the manufacturer.

- Store the Stepladder in a dry, open and secure area, where it is not liable to be damaged or become an obstacle.

USER INSTRUCTION:

- Read the instructions before using the product.

- Warning fall from the Stepladder.

- Inspect the Stepladder after delivery. Before every use visually check the Stepladder is not damaged and is safe to use.

- Do not use a damaged Stepladder.

- Maximum total load: 150kg

- Do not use the Stepladder on a uneven or unfirm base.

- Do not lean over.

- Do not erect Stepladder on contaminated ground

- Do not ascend or descend unless you are facing the Stepladder.

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

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

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

- Do not wear unsuitable footwear when climbing a Stepladder.

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

- Do not spend long periods on a Stepladder without regular breaks (tiredness is a risk).

- Prevent damage of the Stepladder when transporting e.g. by fastening and ensure they are suitably placed to prevent damage.

- Ensure the Stepladder is suitable for the task.

- Do not use the Stepladder if contaminated, e.g. with wet paint, mud, oil or snow.

- Do not use the Stepladder 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 Stepladder take into account risk of collision with the Stepladder e.g. from pedestrians, vehicles or doors.

- Secure doors (not fire exits) and windows where possible in the work area.

- Warning: electrical hazard

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

- Do not use electrical Stepladders for unavoidable live electrical work.

- Do not use the Stepladder as a bridge.

- Do not modify the Stepladder design.

- Do not move a Stepladder while standing on it.

- For outdoor use caution to the wind.

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

- Open the Stepladder fully before use.

- Use the Stepladder with restraint devices engaged only.

- Standing Stepladders shall not be used as a leaning Stepladder unless it is designed to do so.

- Locking devices shall be checked and be fully secured before use if not operated automatically.

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