

# 2 STEP STEEL STOOL - SKU 350097

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**WARNING!** Failure to adhere to the warnings and instructions contained in this manual and on the product could result in serious or fatal injury.

## INTENDED USE

The Stool is designed and intended for domestic use, as a climbing aid in the home and garden and for hobbies.

This Stool is not a toy. Children should be supervised at all times to ensure they do not play with the Stool system.

Only use the Stool system as described in these instructions. Any other use is deemed improper and may result in damage to property, personal injury or even death.

## BEFORE USE

Ensure that you are fit enough to use a Stool. Certain medical conditions (including pregnancy) or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make Stool use unsafe. Check with your doctor before using the Stool.

Wear tight-fitting clothing, remove jewellery and tie long hair back when using the Stool.

Always wear suitable footwear when climbing a Stool; flat, dry, treaded, shoes with securely tied laces are considered appropriate footwear.

Ensure that the surface you will rest the Stool against is capable of supporting the combined weight of the Stool, operator and any carried objects.

Doors (but not fire doors or similar), windows and areas of entry/exit should be secured when using the Stool.

All distractions should be reasonably avoided. Always set up the Stool so that it is always freely accessible.

When transporting Stools on roof bars or in a truck, ensure they are suitably placed and secured to prevent damage.

Inspect the Stool upon delivery and before first use to confirm condition and operation of all parts. Use the checklist provided in the **'Before Use: Risk Assessment'** section of this manual.

Visually check that the Stool is not damaged and is safe to use at the start of each working day when the Stool is to be used.

Remove any contamination from the Stool, such as wet paint, mud, oil or snow.

For professional users, regular periodic inspection is required.

Before using a Stool at work, a risk assessment should be carried out respecting the legislation in the country of use.

Ensure the Stool is suitable for the task. If unsure, contact a qualified person for guidance.

Do not use a damaged or otherwise unsuitable Stool.

## POSITIONING AND ERECTING THE STEEL STOOL

Ensure the Stool is fully collapsed, all locks are secured and the Stool is free from contaminants before moving to the area of work. Only erect and close in a safe work area. Do not move the Stool when erect.

Only position and use the Stool on an even, level and unmoveable base.

When positioning the Stool, take into account risk of collision with the Stool e.g. from pedestrians, vehicles or doors. Secure doors (not fire exits) and windows where possible in the area.

Identify any electrical risks in the work area, such as overhead lines or other exposed electrical equipment. This Stool does not offer insulation or protection from electrical hazards.

The Stool shall be only be positioned flat on its feet, not the rungs or steps.

Never position or use the Stool on slippery surfaces (such as ice, shiny surfaces or significantly contaminated solid surfaces) unless additional effective measures are taken to prevent the Stool slipping or ensuring contaminated surfaces are sufficiently clean.

Always position the Stool against a flat, non-fragile surface and secure properly before use e.g. tied down or with the use of a suitable stability device.

Ensure the locking devices on each rung are fully secured before use.

Never attempt to move or reposition the Stool from above.

## USING THE LADDER

Do not exceed the maximum total load of 150kg/330lbs for this Stool.

Only allow one person to use the Stool at any time.

Stools should only be used for light work of short duration.

Use non-conductive Stools for unavoidable live electrical work. This Stool is not suitable for live electrical work as it is conductive and offers no protection from electrical hazards.

Never erect or use the Stool upside down. The base should always sit firmly on the ground.

Do not use the Stool outside in adverse weather conditions, such as strong wind or rain.

Do not leave an extended Stool unattended.

Take precautions against children playing on the Stool.

Do not place any tools or other objects on the rungs and do not hang anything on the Stool system.

Equipment carried while using a Stool should be light and easy to handle.

Face the Stool and keep a secure grip when ascending and descending.

Do not slide down the stiles of the Stool. Climb and descend with deliberate movements.

Always maintain 3 points of contact with the Stool at all times e.g. two feet on the same rung and a hand on the stiles. Use additional safety equipment if this is not possible.

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# SAFETY SYMBOLS

Maintain a handhold whilst working from a Stool or take additional safety precautions if you cannot.

Do not overreach; always keep your belt buckle (navel) inside the stiles and both feet on the same step/rung throughout the task.

Avoid work that imposes a sideways load on standing Stools, such as side-on drilling through solid materials (e.g. brick or concrete).

Do not stand on the top four steps/rungs of a standing Stool with an extending Stool at the top.

Do not use the Stool as a bridge.

Do not use standing Stools for access to another level.

Do not step off a leaning Stool at a higher level without additional security, such as tying off or use of a suitable stability device.

Do not step off the side of the Stool.

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

Take care when closing the Stool to not catch any fingers, clothing or hair in the mechanisms. Close one rung at a time.

## REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Fully collapse the Stool, closing all rungs, and secure before storage or handling.

Clean with a suitable proprietary household cleaner and a soft dry cloth. Dry all parts thoroughly before storing.

Do not submerge your Stool in water or any liquid for any reason.

Store your Stool indoors in a dry environment away from other contaminants. Do not rest other objects on the Stool. Only store the Stool when it is dry.

Do not subject your Stool system to humid or damp environments. These can damage the Stool.

Store the correct way up. The base should always sit on the ground.

Repairs and maintenance shall be carried out by a competent person with suitable replacement parts. Unapproved third party spares are not recommended and will void your warranty.

The following GREEN SQUARE pictograms indicate proper use. The following RED CIRCLE pictograms indicate misuse and are provided as a visual reminder for use. They are not an exhaustive list of use instructions or warnings. Care, diligence and common sense must be provided by the user when using the Stool to avoid accident or injury.

**Failure to follow any provided instructions will void your warranty and could be considered misuse.**



Read all instructions before use



Maximum load of 150kg/330lbs



Erect at the correct angle



Extend ladder 1m above landing point



Erect on a level base



Erect on a firm base



Ensure the ground and ladder are free from contaminants



Use the correct way up



Do not overreach



Do not step off the side of the ladder

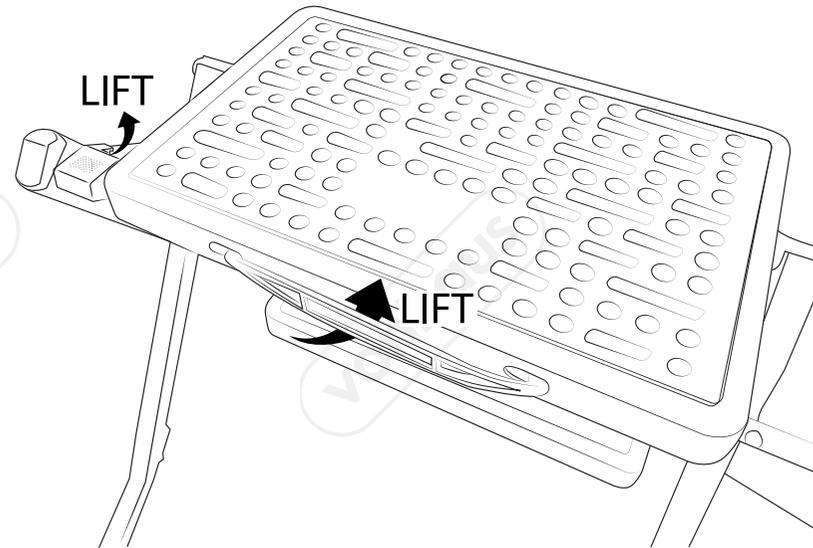
# BEFORE USE: RISK ASSESSMENT

**WARNING!** If any **INSPECTION POINTS** are marked as **"YES"** do not use. Seek suitable replacement.

INSPECTION POINT	YES	NO
<b>RUNGS:</b> Are any Rungs loose, cracked, bent worn or missing?		
<b>RUNG LOCKS:</b> Are any Rung Locks loose, stuck, missing or broken on either side?		
<b>LABELS:</b> Are any labels missing or unreadable?		
<b>RAILS:</b> Are any Rails loose, cracked, bent, split, frayed or worn?		
<b>HARDWEAR:</b> Is any Hardwear (screws/bolts/fixings) missing, loose or broken?		
<b>SHOES:</b> Are any shoes worn, broken unstable, loose or missing?		
<b>STABILITY BAR:</b> (Where provided): is the bar loose, cracked, bent, worn or missing?		
<b>ADDITIONAL POINTS</b>		
<b>CLEANLINESS:</b> Is the Stool free from dirt/water/oil or other contaminants which may impair safety and function?		Clean & Dry the Stool before use
<b>SECURE AREA:</b> Have all doors (excluding fire door exits) been secured and precautions taken care to prevent accidents?		Secure all points before use
<b>FIT FOR PURPOSE:</b> Are you confident that the Stool and any tools are fit for purpose and suitable for the task at hand?		Seek alternatives suitable for the task.
<b>ADDITIONAL MEASURES:</b> Have any additional safety measures necessary for the task been taken? (i.e securing of the Stool, appropriately lit environment, safety risk assessment been made?		Do not proceed until all appropriate measures have been taken
<b>RED SAFETY LOCKS:</b> Are BOTH Red Safety Locks engaging when the Stool is extended?		

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# CLOSING THE STOOL



## STORAGE

Store this product carefully in a secure, dry place, out of reach of children.

## WARRANTY

To register your appliance and find out if you qualify for a free extended warranty, go to:

[www.VonHaus.com/warranty](http://www.VonHaus.com/warranty)

Please retain a proof of purchase receipt or statement as proof of the purchase date.

The warranty only applies if the appliance is used solely in the manner indicated in this manual and all instructions have been followed accurately. Any abuse of the appliance or the manner in which it is used will invalidate the warranty.

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