

2 STEP PREMIUM STEP LADDER - SKU 3500098

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

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

Only use the ladder 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 ladder. Certain medical conditions (including pregnancy) or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make ladder use unsafe. Check with your doctor before using the ladder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inspect the ladder 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 ladder is not damaged and is safe to use at the start of each working day when the ladder is to be used.

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

For professional users, regular periodic inspection is required.

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

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

Do not use a damaged or otherwise unsuitable ladder.

POSITIONING AND ERECTING THE LADDER

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

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

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 area.

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

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

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

The ladder shall be erected at the correct position, such as the correct angle for a leaning ladder (angle of inclination approximately 1:4) with the rungs or treads level (e.g. 1m away from the base of a wall if extending to climb 4m up).

Always position the ladder 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 ladder from above.

USING THE LADDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do not leave an extended ladder unattended.

Take precautions against children playing on the ladder.

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

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

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

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

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SAFETY SYMBOLS

Always maintain 3 points of contact with the ladder 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.

Maintain a handhold whilst working from a ladder 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 ladders, 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 ladder with an extending ladder at the top.

Do not stand on the top three steps/rungs on the ladder; this can cause stability issues.

Do not stand on the top two steps/rungs of a standing ladder without a platform and hand/knee rail.

Do not use the ladder as a bridge.

Do not use standing ladders for access to another level.

Leaning ladders used for access to a higher level should be extended at least 1m above the landing point

Do not step off a leaning ladder 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 ladder.

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

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

REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Fully collapse the ladder, 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 ladder in water or any liquid for any reason.

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

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

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 ladder 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

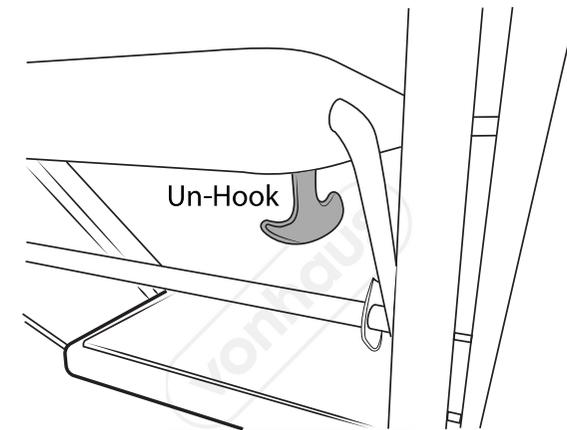
BEFORE USE: RISK ASSESSMENT

CLOSING THE LADDER

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

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

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STORAGE

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

CARE & MAINTENANCE

To get the most out of your Ladder, and for safety purposes, always clean the Ladder before and after use.

The Rungs must be kept clean; dirt, filings, paint, glue etc. must be cleaned away using a clean cloth after use and before the Ladder is closed.

TIP: For tougher stains, a small amount of non-abrasive cleaner can be added to a soft tissue or cloth. After cleaning, the ladder must be treated with a silicon spray by opening all sections of the Ladder, spraying and wiping them clean with a paper towel or dry cloth. **The Ladder must always be dry.**

The end caps of the Ladder must always be sealed to prevent the ingress of dirt and other objects into the body which may cause the Telescopic Tubes to become damaged.

Any damage to your Ladder should be repaired by a qualified person only.

WARNING! Do not use your Ladder if damaged as this poses a severe risk of accident or injury and will void your warranty.