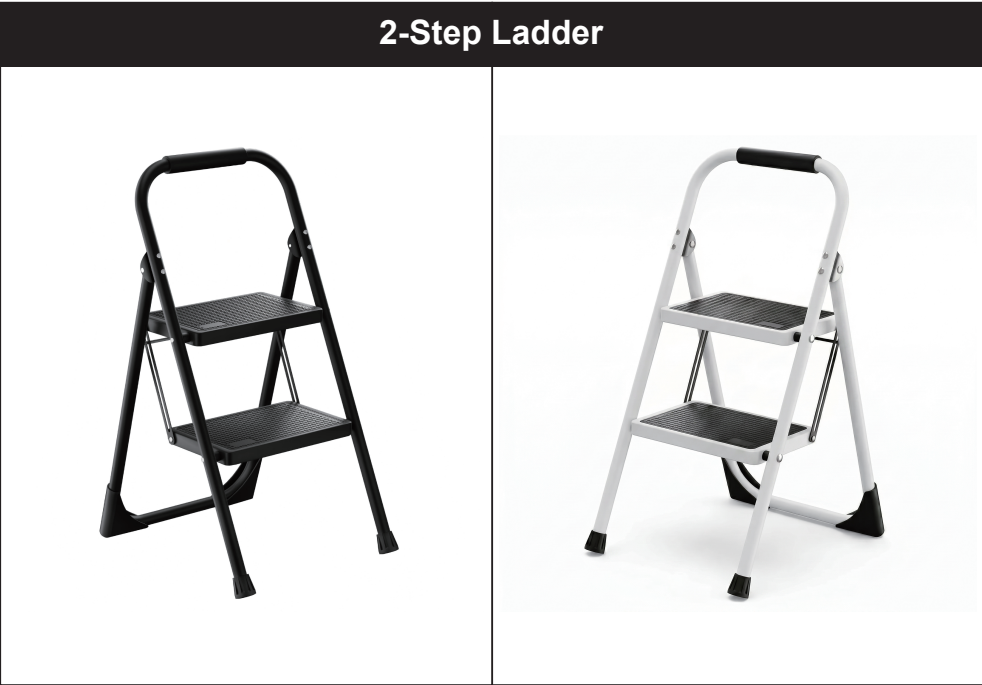


Folding Step Ladder

User Instructions- Please Keep for future reference

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.



WARNING!
Fall from the ladder

BEFORE USE

	Refer to instruction manual
	Inspect the step stool after delivery. Before every use visually check the step stool is not damaged and is safe to use. Do not use a damaged step stool.
	Do not use the step stool if you are not fit enough. Certain medical conditions or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make step stool use unsafe.
	Inspect ladder feet.
Ensure the ladder is suitable for the task.	
Do not use the ladder if contaminated, e.g. with wet paint, mud, oil, water or snow.	
For professional use, a risk assessment shall be carried out respecting the legislation in the country of use.	
Do not modify the ladder design.	
Do not use a damaged ladder.	
For professional users regular periodic inspection is required.	
Prevent damage of the ladder when transporting e.g. by fastening and ensure they are suitably placed to prevent damage.	

	Do not erect step stool on contaminated ground.
	Do not use the step stool on a unlevel or unfirm base. Erect on a level base.
	Step stools shall not be used as a leaning ladder unless it is designed to do so.
	Open the step stool fully before use.
	Use the ladder with restraint devices engaged only.
Do not move a ladder while standing on it.	
Ladder shall be on an even, level and unmovable base.	
Ladder shall never be repositioned from above.	
Locking devices shall be fully secured before use.	
Ladder shall be stood on its feet, not the rungs or steps.	
Ladder shall be erected at the correct position with the rungs or treads level and complete opening of a standing ladder.	
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.	

POSITIONING & ERECTING THE LADDER

	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 step stool where electrical risks occur.
	

USING THE LADDER

	Maximum number of users on the product : one person.
	Do not wear unsuitable footwear when climbing a step stool.
	Do not ascend or descend unless you are facing the step stool.
	Do not over reach
	Avoid work that imposes a sideways load on step stools, such as side-on drilling through solid materials.
	Do not carry equipment which is heavy or difficult to handle while using a step stool.
	Do not step off the side of step stool onto another surface.
	Do not use the ladder as a bridge.

Do not use the ladder outside in adverse weather conditions, such as strong wind.
Do not spend long periods on the ladder without regular breaks (tiredness is a risk).
Ladders should only be used for light work of a short duration.
Equipment carried while using a ladder should be light and easy to handle.
Secure doors (not fire exits) and windows where possible in the work area.
Take precautions against children playing on the ladder.
Use non-conductive ladders for unavoidable electrical work.
When outdoors, be cautious in windy conditions.

REPAIR, MAINTENANCE & STORAGE

Ladders should be stored in accordance with the producer's instructions.
Repairs and maintenance shall be carried out by a competent person and be in accordance with the producer's instructions.
Order the replacement spare parts from the original producer.

LIST OF ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

For regular inspections, the following items shall be taken into account-

Check:

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

If any of the above checks cannot be fully satisfied, you should NOT use the ladder.

STORAGE CHECKLIST

The important considerations when storing a ladder (not in use) should include the following:

If the ladder is permanently positioned (e.g. on scaffolding), is it secured against unauthorised climbing (e.g. by children)?
Is the ladder stored away from areas where it's condition could deteriorate more rapidly e.g. dampness, excessive heat, or exposed to the elements?
Is the ladder stored in a position which helps it remain straight e.g. hung by the stiles on proper ladder brackets or laid on a flat clutter free surface?
Is the ladder stored where it cannot be damaged by vehicles, heavy objects, or contaminants?
Is the ladder stored where it cannot cause a trip hazard or an obstruction?
Is the ladder stored securely where it cannot be easily used for criminal purposes?