

Important note: Professional users and equipment providers to professional users (e.g. employers) should engage in proper training such as the Ladder Association Ladder Inspection Course.

Standing ladders

Maintenance checks before use

- Check the front stiles and rear legs are not bend, 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 steps/rungs are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged
- Check that hinges between the 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 feet 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 the platform (if fitted) has no missing parts or fixings and is not damaged or corroded

IMPORTANT: IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CHECKS CANNOT BE FULLY SATISFIED YOU SHOULD NOT USE THE LADDER

Repairs:

You should not attempt to repair the ladder unless you are qualified to do so.

You should seek advice from the manufacturer regarding repair and replacement

Storage:

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

- Is the ladder stored away from areas where it could deteriorate more rapidly (e.g. dampness, excessive heat or exposed to the elements)?
- Is the ladder stored in a position which helps it to remain straight (e.g. hung by 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 used for criminal purposes?

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