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COMPACT INSTRUCTIONS

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NOTICE

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY GUIDELINES IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS

COMPACT INSTRUCTIONS

Ladderfix Compact is suitable for use with all popular patterns of ladder which are properly erected on firm level ground or other proper base.

1. INSPECT. Clean Ladderfix Compact (particularly corrosive materials such as cement) and check condition.

1.1 no damage such as dents, splits, holes, excessive wear, corrosion or gross distortion; minor distortion is acceptable providing Compact sits evenly and has not been rebent after damage.

1.2 both wheels are secure and undamaged and the tyres are clean and not loose, swollen, split or excessively worn.

1.3 both spring clip assemblies are secure.

1.4 no repairs of any sort have been made.

2. FIT Ladderfix Compact while ladder is on the ground – engage hooks over the two top rungs; engage spring clips under the lower of the two rungs (some models have long and short settings – choose the one that gives positive grip with least tension).

3.. FOLLOW SAFETY GUIDELINES.

4. UP-END ladder and extend to required height. If required, incline ladder somewhat more steeply than 1 in 4, check stability, stand on and roll top section up the wall.

5. LADDER ANGLE. Adjust to 1 in 4 and rest both wheels firmly in position.

6. GENERAL USE. Particularly for window cleaning, position both wheels on top of the window sill and up against the bottom of the window frame to give highest reach; or rest wheels under the sill.

7. CARE. Ladderfix Compact is designed for **trade and industrial** use but it is **NOT** indestructible.

DO NOT jump or bounce your ladder top,

DO NOT stand on the limbs of the Compact.

DO NOT climb beyond the bottom hooks.

DO NOT “bomb” your ladder.

DO NOT leave your ladder unattended to get blown over.

CLEAN OFF DEBRIS immediately, particularly corrosive materials such as cement and plaster.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

THE WORK AT HEIGHT REGULATIONS 2005 should be observed at all times

SECURE ladders at the top with the appropriate Ladderfix model or by tying.

CAUTION. Ladderfix products are convenient and safe providing that they and your ladder are in good condition and they are used in accordance with safe codes of practice.

FURTHER USEFUL PRECAUTIONS

WINDS. Avoid using ladders if winds are more severe than a light breeze and be prepared for sudden gusts.

CARRYING LADDERS. Keep the ladder clear of the ground and obstructions, hesitate at steps, doorways and corners, and look in all directions before changing direction.

LOCATION. Do not erect ladder at doorways without taking particular precautions – ESPECIALLY FIRE EXITS. Make sure that ladder can be seen and avoided by pedestrians and vehicles. Corners are particularly risky. Do not forget about blind people and children.

UP-ENDING. Close the ladder as much as possible. Check for overhead cables, clothes lines, trees and other overhead obstructions, then check that the ground is reasonably clear. Because you may have repositioned the ladder, do the same when bringing the ladder down. Place bottom end against wall or kerb, lift the top end and walk forward holding the middle of each rung in turn, keeping the arms stretched up high. When the top of the ladder is at rest, bring the bottom outwards.

STABLE BASE. Do not erect on a box or a free standing tower.

LADDER ANGLE. Incline ladder at 1 in 4, i.e. 1 going 4 rising. Do not alter to compensate for poor site conditions.

OUTBUILDINGS AND SHALLOW ANGLES. Do not use ladder at a shallow angle to get to a window above an outbuilding, staking a ladder does not prevent ladder stress.

LADDER LEVEL. Both bottom stile ends MUST BE on a firm level surface and the rungs should be more or less horizontal. If the ground slopes sideways use Ladderfix Safety Base or Leveliser.
Do not use loose packing.

SLIPPERY GROUND. At angles around 1 in 4, normal exterior level surfaces even when wet are not usually a problem, especially if rubber feet are used. BUT backward slopes, ice, oil, moss and polish are dangerous. Clean up all slippery material under and around not forgetting that you also might slip stepping on and off.
Clean and inspect Ladder feet regularly

SOFT GROUND. When working on soft ground or flower beds, put down a stout board with a suitable slip resistant surface.

RUNGS AND FOOTWEAR. Make sure that they are free of slippery material. Footwear should have a proper arch to engage the rung. Soles should be substantial to avoid discomfort.
Toes should be reinforced.

CLIMBING. Have at least one hand free to hold on. If you are climbing “one handed” hold the stile.

OVERLOADING. Do not exceed limits or allow more than one person on at a time.

HANDHOLD. Do not climb higher than 1 metre below the ladder top.

OVERREACHING. Do not allow both shoulders beyond one side of the ladder.

CAUTION. These SAFETY GUIDELINES are not an exhaustive list of precautions. They should not be taken as a substitute for any additional measures found necessary on site, nor do they guarantee that the use of a ladder is safe without regard to local conditions and are always subject to an employers risk assessment.