

# OYPLA<sup>TM</sup> DIY



## Fibreglass Step Ladder

# Safety Instructions

**Notice: Ensure you read and fully understand instructions before use**

**While every attempt is made to ensure the highest degree of protection in all equipment, we cannot guarantee freedom from injury. The user assumes all risk of injury due to use. All merchandise is sold on this condition, which no representative of the company can waive or change.**

- This product is not a toy, and is only to be used for its designated purpose.
- Never carry out any alterations or modifications to the ladder design.
- Do not move a ladder whilst standing on it.
- For outdoor use, use caution to the wind.
- Do not overload the product.
- Make sure to distribute weight evenly on the ladder.
- Do not use the step ladder on uneven ground.
- When using the step ladder, be sure to only stand on lower treads. Never step on the tread at the stop.
- Keep your body centred and do not over reach as this will increase the chance of falling and injury.
- Keep fingers, loose clothing, and hair away whilst folding the product.
- This product is not suitable for use by children.
- Leaving the product outside and exposed to weather, especially direct sunlight, rain and salt air, will speed the weathering process. This can be slowed by removing the product from these conditions, or covering the product with a suitable cover.
- Do not spend long periods on a ladder without regular breaks. Tiredness is a risk.
- Prevent damage of the ladder when transporting e.g. by fastening and, ensure they are suitably placed to prevent damage.
- Do not use the ladder if contaminated, e.g. with wet paint, mud, oil or snow.
- Do not use the ladder outside in adverse weather conditions, such as strong wind.
- For professional use, a risk assessment shall be carried out respecting the legislation in the country of use.
- Ensure the ladder is suitable for the task.
- Use non-conductive ladders for unavoidable live electrical work.
- 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.
- 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 ladder where electrical risks occur.
- Any horizontal surface which looks like a platform on a standing ladder that is not designed for standing on (e.g. a plastic work tray) shall be clearly indicated on that surface.
- If the product is damaged or has any defects, please contact [cservice@oypla.com](mailto:cservice@oypla.com)



**DO NOT EXCEED THE 150KG LOAD CAPACITY**



EN ISO 7010-W008

Warning, fall from the ladder.



Keep a secure grip on the ladder when ascending and descending. Maintain a handhold whilst working from a ladder or take additional safety precautions if you cannot.



EN ISO 7010-M002

Refer to instruction manual/booklet



Avoid work that imposes a sideways load on ladders, such as side-on drilling through solid materials.



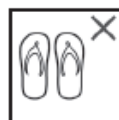
Inspect the ladder after delivery. Before every use visually check the ladder is not damaged and is safe to use. Do not use a damaged ladder.



Do not carry equipment which is heavy or difficult to handle while using a ladder.



Maximum total load



Do not wear unsuitable footwear when climbing a ladder.



Do not use the ladder on a unlevel or infirm base.



Do not use the ladder if you are not fit enough. Certain medical conditions or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make ladder use unsafe.



Do not overreach.



Do not use the ladder as a bridge.



Do not erect ladder on contaminated ground.



Ladder for professional use.



Maximum number of users.



Do not step off the side of standing ladder onto another surface.



Do not ascend or descend unless you are facing the ladder.



Open the ladder fully before use.



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 ladder where electrical risks occur.



Standing ladders shall not be used as a leaning ladder unless it is designed to do so.



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

# Operating Instructions

1. Open the ladder, ensuring that the spreaders lock so the step ladder is secure to use.
2. Place the step ladder on flat, balanced ground so it can be used in the safest way possible.
3. When ascending the step ladder, climb only on the silver treads on the front. Do not climb the ladder using the bracing on the back section of the step ladder.
4. Once you have finished using the step ladder, simply unlock the spreaders and fold the ladder together.

**Note:** regular inspections should be conducted. For the regular inspection, the following items shall be taken into account:

- Check that the stiles/legs (uprights) are not bent, 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 rungs/steps are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged.
- Check that the hinges between 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 the rung hooks are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the rungs.
- Check that the guide brackets are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the mating.
- Check that ladder feet / end caps 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 locking catches (if fitted) are not damaged or corroded and function correctly.
- Check that the platform (if fitted) has no missing parts or fixings and is not damaged or corroded.
- If any of the above checks cannot be fully satisfied, you should NOT use the ladder.
- For special ladder types, further items identified by the manufacturer shall be taken into account.

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