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Single or Multiple Hinge Joint Ladders

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(Maintenance, Repair and Storage)



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Maintenance checks before use:

Check that the stiles (uprights) and any platform are not bent, bowed, twisted, dented, cracked, corroded or rotten.

Check that the stiles 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 and any corner braces are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged.

Check that the entire ladder including platforms, is free from contaminants (e.g. dirt, mud, paint, oil or grease).

Check that all hinge locking catches and any platform locking catches are not damaged or corroded and function correctly.

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



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Repairs:

You should **NOT** attempt to repair the ladder unless you are qualified to do so. You can seek advice from the manufacturer regarding repair or replacement.

Storage:

The important consideration when storing a ladder should indicate the following:

Is the ladder stored away from areas where its condition could deteriorate more rapidly, (e.g. dampness, excessive heat or exposed to the elements)?

Is the ladder stored in a position which helps its to 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? If the ladder is permanently positioned, (e.g. on scaffolding), is it secured against unauthorised climbing, (e.g. by children)?



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