



PLATFORM STEPLADDER

Alternative names: workstation

Category Ladders



Platform or workstation stepladders are ladders with a platform for standing on. Platform stepladders are useful when collecting or handling products at a height that is not practicable or safe for other ladders or other mechanical aids, for example in connection with stocking and organising shelves, lifting products from high pallets, or retrieving and delivering products for customers.

Benefits

- Platform stepladders allow you to safely reach high shelves
- Allow you to handle products at better working heights, and you avoid high lifting and awkward reaching above shoulder height
- Provide a stable, level, safe and shielded workstation at height where you can work with both hands free
- Come with different heights, widths, step and platform designs, handrails, wheels, etc. so you can find the one best suited for the task at hand and the physical surroundings

Requirements for use

- The height and design of the platform stepladder should be appropriate for the task at hand
- Products handled from or via the platform stepladder should be light and easy to handle
- Products may only be carried while climbing or descending the platform stepladder if the products can be carried with one hand so that the other hand is free to hold on to the ladder/handrails
- On platform stepladders with a maximum slope of 45°, it may be safe to carry smaller and lighter products with both hands while climbing/ascending the stepladder
- The platform stepladder should be placed appropriately and conveniently close to the task at hand to avoid long reaching distances
- Any wheels on the stepladder should be locked when using the ladder
- People who work from platform stepladders should wear well-fitting, flexible footwear
- There should be room for the platform stepladder and the surface/floor should be level and stable

Considerations prior to procurement

- Where and for what uses do we need a platform stepladder?
- What are our requirements for the design of the platform stepladder, for example with regard to material, height, width, step and platform size and design, handrails, wheels, etc.?
- Check that the platform stepladder you want is labelled with a load chart and is approved under the EN 131 or DS/INSTA 650 standards

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After procurement

- Inspect for deficiencies/defects before use
- Should be maintained as described in the instructions for use
- Employees should be instructed in how and for what tasks the platform stepladder should be used
- Make sure the instructions are followed