

# MEZZALAD - RISK ASSESSMENT

## 1. Design Purpose and Safe Operation.

This product has been designed to provide floor to floor access in a fixed position where it is mounted to a set of locating brackets which are fastened to the floor or wall of the building. Examples are mezzanine floors, loading docks and similar situations. Additionally, with sets of locating brackets installed at multiple positions, the ladder may be relocated from position to position. When relocating the ladder to a new position, care must be taken to **ENSURE THE LADDER IS CORRECTLY ENGAGED WITH THE LOCATING BRACKETS BEFORE USE.** In situations where no wall exists between floor levels, a locating device is also required at the lower floor level. A Safety Gate is provided at the upper floor level to maintain the integrity of the perimeter railing.

## 2. General Instructions for Mezzalad

- WEAR SLIP RESISTANT FOOTWARE
- KEEP STEPS DRY AND CLEAN
- ENSURE THE UNIT IS UNDAMAGED AND HAS NO MISSING PARTS BEFORE USE
- FACE THE LADDER WHEN ASCENDING AND DESCENDING DO NOT ASCEND OR DESCEND WITH YOUR BACK TO THE STEPS
- DO NOT CARRY LARGE OR HEAVY ITEMS UP OR DOWN THE LADDER
- DO NOT USE WHERE ELECTRICAL HAZARD EXISTS
- CHECK FOR OVERHEAD HAZARDS BEFORE USE
- ENSURE THE HEIGHT OF THE PRODUCT IS SUITABLE FOR THE TASK

## DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATED LOAD

(The maximum load includes the weight of the user and all other items including tools, equipment or goods being handled) The load rating is given on a label fixed to the side of the Platform.

## 2b. Operating the ladder

- **To open the ladder** stand in front of it, take hold of the handrails and raise it up so that the feet just clear the floor. Pull the ladder fully towards you and allow the feet to take up a position on the floor. **Ensure the ladder is fully open before use**.
- **To close the ladder** stand in front of it, take hold of the handrails and raise it up so that the feet just clear the floor. Push the ladder fully to the wall or floor mounted location and allow the feet to take up a position on the floor.
- Using the Safety Gate. To open the gate, raise it up to the vertical position and allow it to drop in to the locked open position. To close the gate, pull up on the bar and lower into the locating bracket. The gate must remain closed at all times when persons are present on the upper floor.

#### 3. Labelling

Fixed to the side of the ladder is a label. One of these gives the maximum load rating of the ladder. The other label provides instructions for safe use including a statement about electrical hazards. DO NOT REMOVE THESE LABELS.

## 4. Assembly and Installation

Instructions for assembly and installation are provided in graphic form. These must be followed to ensure correct assembly and safe working of the product. They also provide the simplest method for assembly. If you are unsure of any of the instructions, please consult your dealer. Note: Any defect arising as a result of incorrect assembly will not be covered under your product warranty. A listing of dealers is available separately or may be obtained from the StockMaster website at www.stockmaster.co

## 5. Checking and Testing

On completion of the assembly and BEFORE INITIAL USE, do the following:

- a) Check that there are no loose fastenings. (bolts and nuts)
- b) Check that the locating brackets are firmly fixed to the building structure
- b) Pull the **MEZZALAD** out to the use position. Check that both ladder feet are in ground contact and that the angle of incline of the ladder to the ground is not more than 70 degrees (steps parallel to ground) and not less than 60 degrees (steps with slight (10 degree) tilt foward)

c) Push the **MEZZALAD** back to the store position and check that it remains captive by the locating brackets.

#### 6. Maintenance

When correctly assembled, little maintenance is required. It is however advisable to periodically check that all fastenings in the structure remain tight.

## 7. Model Number and date/s of Manufacture.

This information is to be found on a label fixed in the following location: a) Inside the stile (ladder side member)

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL. It is required for product identification and part replacement.