

## EGA Products Ladders

[Retain for future reference.]

### LADDER MAINTENANCE

Your ladder will give you years of satisfactory service. This service life can be extended indefinitely with proper maintenance. Some suggestions are:

1. Assign the ladder to an individual for his or her exclusive use, giving that person the responsibility and authority to maintain the ladder.
2. Make it easy to maintain. Stock basic parts. A ladder replacement kit for each ladder contains replacement casters, springs, bushings, hardware and instructions.
3. Inspect all ladders regularly. In addition to the inspection instructions on the ladder label, we recommend once a month for regularly used ladders (and before each use for occasionally used ladders) at a minimum to assure the following:
  - a. All moving parts function correctly.
  - b. The ladder has not been damaged – don't use damaged ladders!
  - c. All corners of the ladder must be in firm contact with the floor when standing on the first step.
  - d. All fasteners should be in place and tight. If needed, replace fasteners with factory replacement parts or parts specified by the factory.
  - e. Assure excessive corrosion is not present.
4. Do not remove or paint over instructions on the ladder as received from the manufacturer.

### LADDER USE

Prior to and when using the ladder, follow at least the following suggestions:

1. Inspect that the ladder is still sound and in good working order. (See maintenance inspection above.)
2. Do not use a damaged ladder.
3. Do not use if in poor health or inflicted by age, drugs, or other handicap.
4. Assure the ladder is free of foreign material and that the user has clean, non-heeled shoes that are buckled or tied.
5. Do not put weight on the ladder when transporting. Transport at normal walking speed and avoid subjecting to shocks such as heavy bumps.
6. When using the ladder:
  - a. Do not overload.
  - b. Do not engage in horseplay.
  - c. Do not lean or put body weight out over the perimeter of the ladder.
  - d. Keep your weight on both feet and only on steps or top platform.
  - e. Do not move the ladder while on it.
  - f. Do not use electrical appliances unless grounded, professionally directed, and within manufacturer's specification of electrical equipment.

### LADDER PROCUREMENT

Make sure to specify the construction which will provide a long and safe service life.

1. Assure the product meets OSHA and other regulations and codes of your area.
2. EGA Products Ladders utilize a 10 inch vertical rise between each step which is the maximum OSHA permits. This will minimize steps and cost of ladder, also.
3. Purchase ladders with handrails whenever circumstances permit in order to provide additional protection for users.
4. Assign ladders to individuals wherever possible and attain their responsibility to inspect and maintain in safe condition.
5. Assure the stair treads ordered fit the application. We recommend:
  - RUBBER – office
  - PERFORATED – warehouse, light industrial
  - GRIP STRUT – shop, oily or slippery environment, any outside application (this is the most slip resistant tread)
6. Specify knock-down construction which saves up to 50% freight cost. Assure it is then assembled correctly with all fasteners tightened.
7. Make certain that connecting points are sturdy and will not become loose with use. We believe the pin and sleeve construction used by EGA is the safest and most fool proof. Other alternatives would be triangular gussets or strong cross bracing at any point of connection.



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