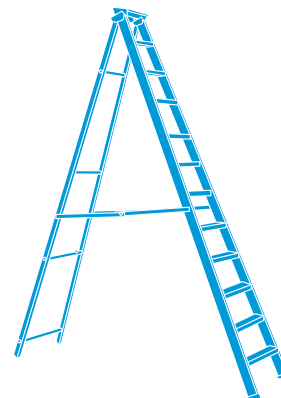


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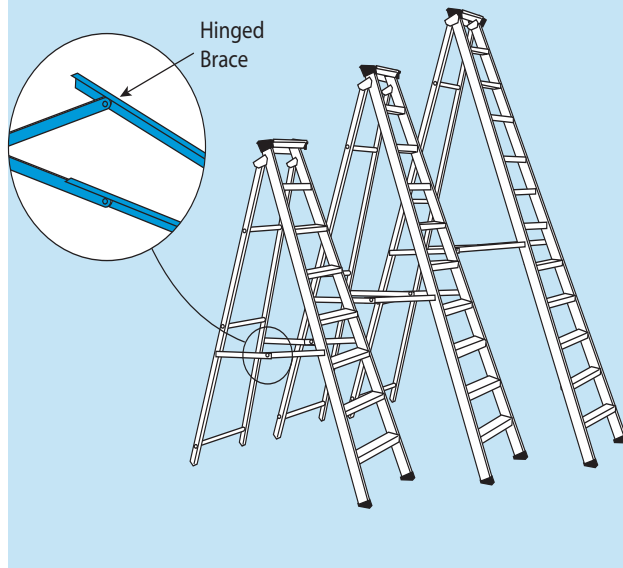
Builders Steps

A selection of alloy steps,
available in 3, 6, 8, & 10 tread.



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Alloy Step Ladders



... have you been trained

The law requires that personnel using this type of equipment in the workplace must be competent and qualified to do so.

Training is available at HSS Training
0845 766 7799

...any comments?

If you have any suggestions to enable us to improve the information within this guide please e-mail your comments or write to the Safety Guide Manager at the address below
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GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.



Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.

Never let more than one person onto the steps at any one time.



Wear sensible clothing and stout, comfortable footwear offering good grip. If necessary, wear goggles and gloves.



A hard hat must be worn by everyone in the work area.

Don't attempt to use access equipment unless you feel comfortable working at heights.

Never use step ladders unless there is someone within ear-shot to summon help, in the event of accident.

Alloy step ladders must not be used for work on electrical installations.

Never carry equipment while climbing unless you can do so leaving your hands free, by carrying the equipment in a shoulder bag. Climb first then haul the equipment up after you on a rope.

Never use access equipment near over-head or wall mounted power cables and similar hazards.

Never use the steps in very windy or blustery conditions.

Note that the steps are designed to provide access for light maintenance work. Never use them as a work platform.

Check the equipment's condition before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear – notably to feet, rungs hinged braces, return it to your local HSS Hire immediately.

Keep your feet in the middle of the steps and climb gripping the side firmly, with both hands.

Always climb on the outer face, never on the underside.

Never lean to far to one side to reach. Move the steps as necessary.

Never do anything that involves applying a lot of force. The steps could topple over.

GETTING STARTED

Always set the steps up on a firm, level, non-slip surface.

On soft ground, stand the steps on boards to stop it sinking in.

Ladder Safety

The maximum safe working load is 130KG, the total weight of the user and tools must not exceed this.

Never use the steps in the closed position acting as a ladder or as a ramp with boards. Never use the steps for work which requires both hands.

Never stand on the top rung, either use a taller set or use an access tower.

When moving to a new site, carry the steps with care.

Make sure they are fully open. Never use them partly open.

Alloy steps have a hinged brace fitted between the two sections (see image) and must be pushed flat before use.

EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you wish with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong equipment for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire for advice.

Keep the equipment clean, you will find it less of a chore if you clean it regularly rather than at the end of the hire period.

When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

FINISHING OFF

Transport the steps in the closed position. If transporting on a roof rack, tie down securely.

Know Your Symbols

HSS have created clear Icons to inform the hirer of their responsibilities towards the safe use of hire equipment.

These are designed to reduce the amount of different safety information labels required for each product for hire.

General use PPE / Warning

Clearly marked minimum PPE will be visible on all equipment,



Correct PPE must be worn



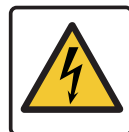
HAV Hand Arm Vibration



Danger Rotating blade



Danger Hot exhaust



Danger Electric shock



Caution Abrasive Wheel



Caution Finger trap

Fuel and Supply Types



Pe
Petrol



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Diesel



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2 - Stroke Petrol



EI
Electric

Safe Procedures

All hirers must understand and respect the safe procedures of all equipment.

It is the responsibility of the hirer to maintain and return the equipment in a clean condition and good working order.



Ro
Read OPS Guide



Ou
Outdoor Use only



HI
Heavy Lifting



Cd
Check Oil daily



Cf
Check Fuel daily



Cw
Check Water daily



Bc
Battery Care



Sh
Safe Height Working



Swl
Refer to Data Plate



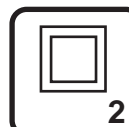
V
Check Power Voltage Data Plate

Electrical Safety

Safe wiring procedures.



Ea
Must be Earthed Class 1



Doi
Double Insulated Class 2



Enl
Earth Live Neutral Wire Coding

Return Responsibility

Charges apply to equipment returned dirty and damaged.



Cc
Cleaning Charge



Rc
Repair Charge