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# STEP LADDER'S USER GUIDE

Model No: GSL2 & GSL3



**READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** 

### BEFORE FIRST USE

Read and follow the instructions in this user manual even if you feel you are familiar with the product, and find a place to keep it handy for future reference.

### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using any electrically powered product, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

### WARNING!: - to reduce the risk of hazard or injury to persons or property:

- Carefully read all instructions before operation and save them for future reference.
- Remove and safely discard any packaging material before using the ladder for the first time.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience or knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
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## BEFORE EACH USE OF THE STEP LADDERS

- a) Ensure that you are fit enough to use a step stool. Certain medical conditions or medication, alcohol or drug abuse could make step stool use unsafe.
- b) When transporting step stools on roof bars or in a truck, ensure they are suitably placed to prevent damage.
- c) Inspect the step stool after delivery and before first use to confirm condition and operation of all parts.
- d) Visually check the step stool is not damaged and is safe to use at the start of each working day when the step stool is to be used.
- e) For professional users regular periodic inspection is required.
- f) Ensure the step stool is suitable for the task.
- g) Do not use a damaged step stool.
- h) Remove any contamination from the ladder, such as wet paint, mud, oil or snow.
- i) Before using a step stool at work, a risk assessment should be carried out respecting the legislation in the country of use.

### POSITIONING AND ERECTING THE STEP LADDERS

- a) Locking devices, if fitted, shall be fully secured before use.
- b) Step stool shall be on a flat even, level and unmoveable base/surface.
- c) Step stool shall never be repositioned from above.
- d) When positioning the step stool, take into account risk of collision with the step stool (e.g. from pedestrians, vehicles or doors). Secure doors (not fire exists) and windows where possible in the work area.
- e) Identify any electrical risks in the work area, such as overhead lines or other exposed electrical equipment.
- f) Step stool shall be stood on its feet, not the rungs or steps.
- g) Step stool shall not be positioned on slippery surfaces (such as ice, shiny surfaces or significantly contaminated solid surfaces) unless additional effective measures are taken to prevent the step stool slipping or ensuring contaminated surfaces are sufficiently clean.

## USING THE STEP LADDERS

- a) Do not exceed the maximum total load (130 kg) for the type of step stool.
- b) Do not over reach; user should keep their belt buckle (navel) inside the stiles and both feet on the same step/rung throughout the task.
- c) Do not use step stool for access to another level.
- d) Step stool should only be used for light work of short duration.
- e) Use non-conductive step stool for unavoidable live electrical work.
- f) Take precautions against children playing on the step stool.
- g) Secure doors (not fire exits) and windows where possible in the work area.
- h) Face the step stool when ascending and descending.
- i) Do not use the step stool as a bridge.
- j) Wear suitable footwear when climbing a step stool.
- k) Avoid excessive side loadings e.g. drilling brick and concrete:
  - a. Do not spend long periods on a step stool without regular breaks (tiredness is a risk).
- I) Equipment carried while using a step stool should be light and easy to handle.
- m) Avoid work that imposes a sideways load on step stools, such as side-on drilling through solid materials (e.g. brick or concrete).

### **REPAIRS**

Repairs shall be carried out by a competent person. Do not use a damaged step stool.

### **CLEANING & MAINTENACE**

a) Cleaning the step stool

The step stool can be cleaned using water with a commercial cleaner added. Paint can be removed with turpentine.

ATTENTION: Cleaning agents must not get into the ground; used cleaning fluids must be disposed of in accordance with applicable environmental legislation.

b) Lubrication of moving parts

Lubricate all moving parts with commercial oil. Use a thin oil in winter.

ATTENTION: Wipe off any excessive oil. The oil must not get on the walking areas danger of slipping. Dispose of oil-soaked cleaning cloths in accordance with valid environmental legislation.

## **STORAGE**

- a) Store step stool in safe and dry place.
- b) Property secure and support step stool while in transit.
- c) Never store materials on the stool.
- d) Keep step stool clean and free all foreign materials.

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