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#### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES**

Check instructions before use. A RISK ASSESSMENT must be carried out before assembly and use of this equipment.

- DO NOT use any Stair access tower which is damaged, which has not been properly assembled, which is not firm and stable and which has any missing or damaged parts.
- 2. **DO NOT** erect a Stair access tower on unstable ground or objects such as loose bricks, boxes or blocks. Only a sound rigid footing must be used.
- ENSURE that the Stair access tower is always level and the adjustable legs nuts are engaged. The tower must be built with base plates and positioned as close to the stair risers as possible.
- 4. **ENSURE** that all frames, braces and platforms are firmly in place and that all locking hooks are functioning correctly. Ensure that all frame locking clips are engaged. Always pass the equipment up and down the tower, Never throw the equipment.
- ENSURE that the Stair access tower is within the maximum platform height stated, and that the appropriate side props or stabilisers are fitted.
- Stair access towers should, wherever possible be secured to the building or other solid structure. It is good practice to tie in all Stair access towers of any height, especially when they are left unattended.

When used, select and install anchors in concrete and masonry must be selected and installed in accordance with BS 8539. This prefabricated tower scaffold has been designed to be properly secured to a suitable adjacent supporting structure capable of withstanding the forces that will be imposed upon it by the attachment of the tower. Devices for securing the tower must be simultaneously rigid in both tension and compression and capable of withstanding and transmitting the loads imposed by the tower to the supporting structure. If ballast is necessary, it must be secured in position and made of rigid materials such as steel or concrete, but excluding liquids or granular materials.

- 7. **DO NOT** lean ladders against the Stair access tower.
- NEVER climb the outside of the Stair access tower or climb on Horizontal or Diagonal braces. Do not gain access or descend from the platforms other than by the trapdoor platform and built in ladder.
- Guardrails must be fitted to ALL platforms. Toe-boards must be fitted to any working platform or platform where materials are stored.
- 10. **NEVER** jump on to or off platforms.
- 11. **DO NOT** exceed the safe working load of the platform or structure by accumulating debris, material or tools on platforms as these can be a significant additional load.
- 12. **NEVER** extend your adjustable legs to achieve extra height, these are for levelling only.

- 13. **NEVER** use a ladder or other objects on the platform to achieve additional height.
- 14. It is not permissible to attach and use hoisting facilities on Stair access towers, unless specifically provided for by the manufacturer.
- 15. It is not permissible to attach bridging sections between a Stair access tower and a building.
- STABILIZERS improve the STABILITY of the Stair access tower. Position the SIDE PROPS symmetrically to obtain MAXIMUM STABILITY.
- 17. **NEVER** move your tower while it is erected. To move your tower you must first dismantle it. The tower should also never be lifted or suspended.
- 18. Platforms must be installed with vertical distances between them not exceeding 2.1 m when assembling and dismantling.

The maximum number of people on a working platform level permitted to simultaneously exert a horizontal load of 30 kg is: 1 person per bay for bays less than 4 m in length and; 2 persons per bay for bays greater than 4 m in length. The weather forecast must be taken into account before use.

#### GENERAL MAINTENANCE RULES

- Ensure that the Stair access tower is kept clean, especially the spigots and sockets. These should fit together with ease and be secured by an interlock clip.
- Check frames and braces, adjustable legs and boards for paint, grit, burrs etc. Remove any foreign substance with a light wire brush. Check no slip hazards exist on the platform.
- 3. Where brace, ladder and platform hooks attach the frames, ensure that the frame rungs are kept clean.
- 4. Ensure that all locking hooks function correctly. If necessary lubricate with light oil.
- 5. The inside diameter of all hooks should be kept clean to ensure they fit to other components without being forced.
- 6. If in any doubt about the proper use and maintenance of the Stair access tower equipment, consult the manufacturer.
- 7. Do not misuse or abuse the Stair access tower with heavy objects, hammers etc.
- 8. Do not throw components in and out of vehicles or to the ground when the tower is being dismantled. Such abuse may reduce the structural integrity of the Stair access tower.
- Under no circumstances use a Stair access tower which is damaged, has not been properly assembled, has any missing parts.

If you would like a copy of the design certificate please contact Access Towers.





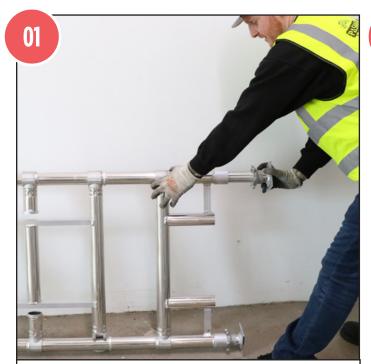
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PLATFORM HEIGHT	2.25m	4.10m	5.96m	7.81m	9.67m
PARTS LIST					
SWAL - Stairwell Adjustable Leg	4	4	4	4	4
PKT4 - 4ft Trapdoor Platform	1	2	3	4	5
SPPF - Stair Portal Plain Frame	1	1	1	1	1
SPLF - Stair Portal Ladder Frame	1	1		1	1
FSL2* - 2 Rung Ladder Frame	1	1		1	1
FKS4 - 4 Rung Plain Frame		1	2	3	4
FSL4 - 4 Rung Ladder Frame		1	2	3	4
SASF - Stair Access Side Frame	2	4	6	8	10
BKH4 - 4ft Horizontal Brace	2	2	2	2	2
BKD4 - 4ft Diagonal Brace	2	3	4	5	6
TKL4/B - 4ft Toe-Board Length Blank	2	2	2	2	2
TKSW/B - 2ft Toe-Board End Blank	2	2	2	2	2
RTBC - Red Toe-Board Clip	4	4	4	4	4
SWSP - Stairwell Side Prop	2	4	6	8	10

<sup>\*</sup> Offset frame will depend on the length of tower and the stairs used



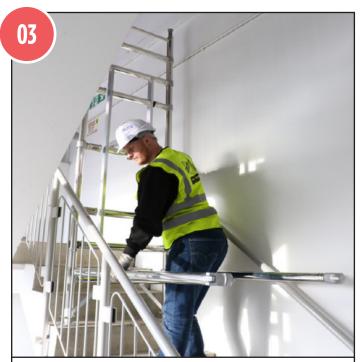


#### 2.25M TOWER BUILD

Insert 2 adjustable legs into each of the portal frames



Fit the offset ladder frame\* on to the ladder portal frame & position the frame down the stairs.

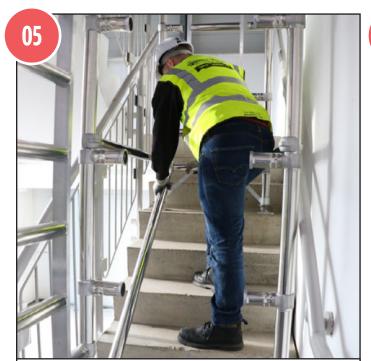


Position the plain portal at the top of your stairs then fit the horizontal braces above the 1st rung.



Position the ladder portal at the bottom of your stairs and connect the horizontal braces above the 3rd rung. Level the tower by adjusting the legs.





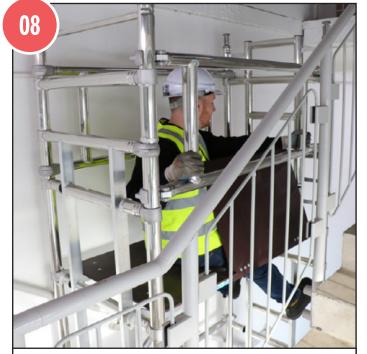
Fit diagonal brace from bottom rung of ladder portal frame to bottom rung of plain portal frame, on the left hand side.



Fit another diagonal from the bottom rung of the plain portal frame to the top rung of ladder portal frame on the right hand side.



Fit a platform to the 3rd rung of the plain portal frame, trapdoor at the ladder frame side.



Sitting through the platform, fit 2 guardrail frames, one either side or 4 Horizontal braces 2 either side with hooks facing out.

Ensure hooks are fully engaged.







Fit a side prop to the top of each frame, one either end of the tower and then fit your Toe-boards to the tower using the clips.

Dismantling is the reverse of assembly



#### **EXTRA HEIGHTS BUILD**

Fit a plain 4 rung frame to the plain portal frame and engage the interlock clips.



Fit a diagonal brace from the 2nd rung above the platform to the second rung of the 4 rung plain frame.



Fit a plain 4 rung frame to the ladder portal frame and engage the interlock clips.





Fit a platform to the 2nd rung of the 4 rung plain frame with the trapdoor on the ladder frame side.



Sitting through the platform, fit 2 guardrail frames, one either side or 4 Horizontal braces 2 either side with hooks facing out. Repeat steps 1 - 5 to build additional heights

Ensure hooks are fully engaged.



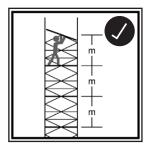


Fit 2 side props every 2m, one either end of the tower. If you cannot fit side props, stabilizers shall be fitted to all 4 corners of the tower. They shall be fitted to create the largest footprint possible. Then fit your toe-boards using the clips.

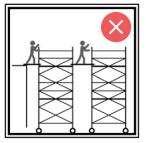
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# DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN WORKING WITH ACCESS TOWERS



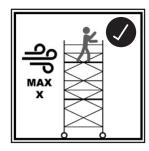
Maximum distance between platforms shall not exceed 2.25m other structures except the distance to the first platform max 3.40m.



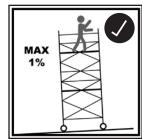
Do not bridge between towers or Please contact Access Towers for information on the correct equipment for Bridging Towers.



Maximum inclination for movement. Note the maximum angle allowed is defined by the manufacturer.



Do not build, dismantle or attempt to work on an access tower if the wind speed exceeds . 17MPH.



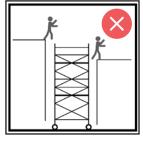
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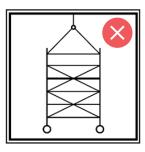
Do not stand on an unguarded platform



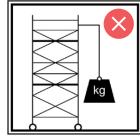
Do not lift the tower with mechanical equipment



Do not use the tower for access and egress to other structures



Do not suspend the tower



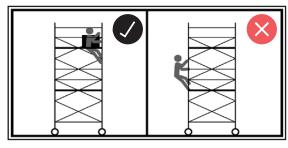
Do not lift heavy objects from the tower



Do not move the tower with people or materials on it



Do not use ladders, boxes or other objects to gain extra height



Do not climb the outside of the tower





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