

LADDER SAFETY CHECK SHEET

(MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND STORAGE)

Important note: Professional users and equipment providers to professional users (e.g. employers) should engage in proper training such as the Ladder Association Ladder Inspection Course. Please see our training section for further details.

SINGLE AND MULTI-SECTION LEANING LADDERS

Maintenance checks before use:

- Check that the stiles (uprights) are not bent, bowed, twisted, dented, cracked, corroded or rotten
- Check that the stiles around the fixing points for other components are in good condition
- Check that fixings (usually rivets, screws or bolts) are not missing, loose, or corroded
- Check that rungs are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged
- Check that the rung hooks are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the rungs
- Check that guide brackets are not missing, damaged, loose or corroded and engage properly on the mating stile
- Check that rubber feet / end caps are not missing, loose, excessively worn, corroded or damaged
- Check that the entire ladder is free from contaminants (e.g. dirt, mud, paint, oil or grease)
- Check that locking catches (if fitted) are not damaged or corroded and function correctly

If any of the above checks cannot be fully satisfied you should NOT use the ladder.

Repairs:

- Replacement rubber feet are available and simple to replace. Visit our online spare parts shop at abru.co.uk
- You should not attempt to repair the ladder unless you are qualified to do so.
- You can seek advice from the manufacturer regarding repair or replacement.

Storage:

- The important considerations when storing a ladder (not in use) should include the following:
- Is the ladder stored away from areas where its condition could deteriorate more rapidly (e.g. dampness, excessive heat, or exposed to the elements)?
- Is the ladder stored in a position which helps it to remain straight (e.g. hung by the stiles on proper ladder brackets or laid on a flat clutter free surface)?
- Is the ladder stored where it cannot be damaged by vehicles, heavy objects, or contaminants?
- Is the ladder stored where it cannot cause a trip hazard or an obstruction?
- Is the ladder stored securely where it cannot be easily used for criminal purposes?
- If the ladder is permanently positioned (e.g. on scaffolding), is it secured against unauthorised climbing (e.g. by children)?