

# ULLRICH - LADDER SAFETY

## SAFETY COMES FIRST

**Don't be fooled by  
cheap imported products  
Buy New Zealand Made**



**Safety at Height** has recently come to the attention of Government Departments such as ACC, DoL and Consumer Affairs. An imported aluminium ladder collapsed causing serious injury to its user. The imported ladder, a 'multipurpose model was advertised as having a safe working load of 150 kilograms. The ladder collapsed in its first use. The aluminium used in the ladder was just 1.2mm in thickness. More sinister is that the seller was unable to provide evidence of a test certificate.

This is an example of how the quality of consumer products has deteriorated in recent years to the point of putting peoples lives at risk.

*No.1 for Safety!*



CS Model Combination Step Ladder



DE S3 Model

Ullrich Aluminium is very concerned that this invasion of unsafe products is continuing unabated and believes that the importation should cease at the earliest possible time.

The introduction of mandatory standards backed up by genuine certification is a good place to start.

**For over  
50 Years  
100% NZ Owned**  
*Quality Never Changes*



## WHY BUY AN ULLRICH LADDER?

**Ullrich Aluminium** have been manufacturing aluminium ladders for over 50 years. The Ullrich EASYLIFT brand is iconic in New Zealand simply because of the quality and reliability of the TRADESMAN QUALITY product.

Ullrich use only 100% primary metal in the manufacture of not just ladders but ALL the products they sell. The use of remelt product is foreign to their beliefs. If the product is to be of the highest quality you have to start at the beginning using the best quality product available.

At Ullrich a rigorous, fully traceable quality control system is in place during the manufacturing process to maintain the standard that they are famous for. This is backed up with testing by an independent testing laboratory who test and certify to the AS/NZS standards.



GRCS Model

GRDE Model

Buying New Zealand made is a simple way to gain peace of mind, and helps the New Zealand economy.

The benefit knowing your supplier and being able to talk to them face to face is in itself a bonus.

Ullrich have 17 branches nationwide in New Zealand and offer a free ladder assessment for repair or replacement. The repair service includes a 'warrant of fitness' or annual inspection service to get your Ullrich ladder back to an operable standard.

Part of the problem for consumers in their choice making is that aluminium ladders look the same, they are not. The easiest way to clarify this is to look for the label that testifies that the product is made to a recognised standard.

Ensure that the product is made to the AS/NZS 1892:1996 standard and that the ladder is clearly identified with a safe load rating and preferably New Zealand made.

### SAFE USE OF A LADDER

Before you buy ask your retailer for a demonstration on the correct use and pay attention to the safety features.

For additional information on any Ullrich product, either contact your Ullrich Sales Consultant, refer to the back of this brochure for your nearest Ullrich Aluminium Sales Centre, or telephone 0800 500 338 for assistance.

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# LADDER SAFETY TIPS

## BEFORE YOU USE

- Read the instructions carefully and practise opening and closing the ladder until you are confident that it is operating correctly and safely.
- If in doubt, do not use your ladder - bring it back or call us for professional advice.
- Check the condition of your ladder - if it is rusty, parts are missing or security bars or clips aren't working properly, do not use it.
- Assembly: Check you have assembled the ladder correctly and read the instructions for use. Make sure all locking clips are secure. A step ladder should have its two stay bars firmly in place.
- Placement: Stand the ladder on a firm, level base. If the ground is uneven, use a suitable block or board to keep the ladder upright and stable.
- Electricity: Keep metal ladders and metal parts well away from live electricity outlets. Have your electricity retailer shut off the power if you need to work close to electric lines. Remember, metal ladders or wooden ladders with metal parts conduct electricity.

## CLIMBING AND DESCENDING

- Face the ladder when climbing and descending.
- Do not use the top two steps of the ladder.
- Have a helper hold the lower part of the ladder whenever possible.
- Keep your body centred between the rails of the ladder at all times or you may lose your balance.
- Move the ladder to continue a task - do not over reach.
- Remember the "one in four" safety rule if you are leaning the ladder: the bottom should be one measure out for every four measures in height.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing up or down - use two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand.

## GENERAL TIPS

- Wear sturdy shoes and do not use a ladder when barefoot.
- Lock any doors you are working around so nobody can open a door into your ladder and tip you over.
- Keep children safe - store your ladder away after use.
- Keep your house safe - do not leave your ladder outside.

## MAINTENANCE

- Keep your ladder clean and dry.
- Tighten any loose bolts.
- If parts are worn or not working properly, repair or replace them.

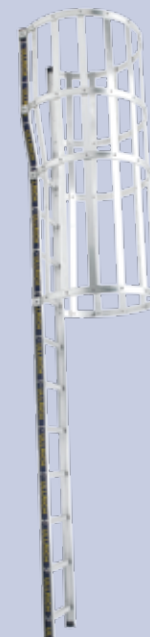
Platform Step Ladder



Mobile Platform



11 Bar Caged Silo Ladder



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