

# PINYON ENGINEERING

## PICKING LADDER SAFETY - SAFE USE AND CARE

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Handle Ladder with care at **ALL** times.
- Follow the warnings and instructions listed on the warning label.
- Observe the area in which you wish to position the ladder and assess for risks (e.g. uneven ground, large tree stumps, rocks etc).
- Where a risk is present, remove the risk, or seek an alternative safe spot to position the ladder.
- Our Ladders are designed and built for a specific use. Read the warning label and never use the ladder for reasons other than what they have been designed for.
- Always inspect the ladder for damage prior to use.
- **NEVER USE A LADDER THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED OR HAS BROKEN OR MISSING PARTS.**
- Ensure the ladder is free from dirt, water and grease prior to use paying particular attention to the treads/rungs.
- Do not leave ladders unattended while they are erected.
- Observe the maximum work load listed on the warning label.
- **EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM WORK LOAD MAY CAUSE THE LADDER TO FAIL.**
- Always wear slip resistant, fully enclosed footwear.
- Avoid using ladders in very wet or windy conditions.
- Never use a ladder if you are impaired by drugs, alcohol or sickness.

### SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURES

- Never drop a ladder as it may damage the ladder and make it unsafe to use.
- Always use safe lifting practices when moving or handling ladders (e.g. bend the knees).
- Always be aware of your surroundings when carrying ladders.
- Always ensure that you have full control of the ladder at all times.
- Be aware of the position of your hands when using ladders to avoid entrapment.

### TRANSPORTING LADDERS

When transporting a ladder on a vehicle ensure that the following points are observed:

- The ladder is supported along its length to prevent sagging.
- The overhang beyond supports is equal and less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the length of the ladder.
- The ladder is securely tied down to prevent road shock and chaffing. Do not over tighten as this may damage the ladder.
- The upper surface of the roof racks or supports should be covered with soft material, such as rubber or pine, to decrease road shock.

### MAINTENANCE

- Regularly inspect ladder for damage and immediately stop use if any is detected.
- Have any damage repaired by a qualified person as soon as possible.
- Clean the ladder regularly making sure it is free of any dirt or grease.
- Return to manufacturer every 2 years for inspection.