

# How to Use Your New...

## Ladder Platform

### About your Ladder Platform

The Ladder Platform PIN 15326 is a convenient tool to facilitate work being performed from a ladder. Craft people have found that it reduces fatigue while working aloft by affording a sturdy perch upon which the worker may sit or stand. It consists of a welded, hinged pipe frame assembly equipped with spring-actuated latches to secure the platform onto the rungs of the ladder. The wooden seat is bolted to the upper frame and finished with a skid-resistant surface to protect against slipping.

### ⚠ IMPORTANT:

The Ladder Platform is suitable for use only on all aluminum or fiberglass rail/aluminum rung ladders with rung diameters from 1 1/4 in. to 1 3/8 in. (32 to 41 mm) inclusive; on either round or "D" cross-section rungs.

### ⚠ CAUTION!

NEVER use the Ladder Platform on any ladder other than those described above. The Ladder Platform may not latch properly, resulting in an increased risk of a fall. For the same reason, you should NEVER attempt to modify the Ladder Platform to fit any ladder other than those described above.

### ⚠ IMPORTANT:

The Ladder Platform is rated for a maximum load of 375 lbs. (170 kgs).

### ⚠ CAUTION!

It is unsafe to exceed the maximum working load of the Ladder Platform.

### ⚠ PRECAUTIONS:

In addition to the precautions contained in your employer's work practices, the following additional precautions should be observed:

Always inspect the platform carefully before each use to determine that it is in satisfactory condition.

Unsatisfactory conditions to look for are:

- ◆ Breaks or cracks in the wooden seat
- ◆ Loose or missing bolts or nuts
- ◆ Defective hardware such as spring latches that do not operate properly
- ◆ Excessive wear such as a damaged or broken weld or bent pipe
- ◆ Need for refinishing of the skid-resistant top surface

If inspection reveals any unsatisfactory condition, tag the unit as "Defective - Do Not Use" and exchange the unit in accordance with your employer's procedures or return it directly to GMP for repair or replacement.

Only one person should be on the ladder or the ladder platform at any time.



*The top surface of the platform is coated with a non-skid finish.*

Before climbing on any ladder, be sure that it is completely stable and positioned well away from all electrical hazards in your workspace.

When working from the platform, a lineman's body belt must be worn and the safety strap shall pass through both "D" rings of the body belt and be snapped to the strand on each side of the craft person.

### Installation

The standard work procedure calls for the E Ladder Support P/N 86350 or 86351 to be used for supporting the upper end of an extension ladder away from the cable and strand. After the ladder support has been fastened to the strand and the ladder placed in position in accordance with the instructions for the ladder support, you should determine the desired working position. For a seated position, the platform will usually be placed with the lower hooks on the fourth rung from the top of the ladder affording a seating position on the third rung from the top. For a standing position, the platform will usually be placed with the lower hooks on the seventh rung from the top affording a standing position on the sixth rung from the top.

Raise the ladder platform in the collapsed position to the desired working position and rest the lower hook frame on top of the ladder rung so that the lower tab of the latch rests against the back of the rung. As you draw the lower hook frame towards you, the tab opens the bottom latch, allowing the hooks to drop down over the rung and the latch automatically springs closed once the hooks are fully seated over the bottom rung. As the top hooks are placed over the next higher rung, the spring-actuated latch on the bottom of the seat automatically encloses that rung and secures the platform on the ladder. To remove the platform, release the top spring-actuated

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*The frame is equipped with hooks and spring-actuated latches which lock the frame to the rungs of the ladder.*

latch and hold it open while lifting the upper hooks until they are dislodged from the rung. Collapse the frame and release the lower spring-actuated latch, holding it open until the platform is removed from the ladder. The platform should always be removed before the extension ladder is lowered or moved.

### Working From the Platform

**Seated Position:** Facing the platform, grasp the side rails of the ladder above the platform with both hands. Place your body weight on one foot and turn the body around slowly until your body weight can be placed on the platform in a sitting position with the front of your body now facing the cable, carefully transfer your hands, one at a time, to the strand and bring the foot around. Immediately fasten the safety strap to the suspension strand.

**Standing Position:** Facing the platform, grasp the side rails of the ladder above the platform with both hands. Place one knee on the platform, then the other, and slowly rise to a standing position on the platform while

maintaining your grasp on the side rails as you elevate. carefully transfer your hands, one at a time, to the suspension strand and turn the body to assume a working position facing the cable. Immediately fasten the safety strap to the suspension strand.

To dismount from the ladder platform, reverse the preceding procedure.

### Superseded Types of Ladder Platforms

The superseded ladder platform, also referred to as a B Ladder Seat P/N 7024, is similar in basic appearance to the current Ladder Platform except that it is equipped with a locking device consisting of a rotating sleeve held in place by a threaded stud and a knurled finger nut. This sleeve must be rotated in the direction which achieves full enclosure of the ladder rung and the finger nut tightened in order to secure the platform to the ladder.

#### CAUTION!

Failure to fully enclose the ladder rung with the sleeve and/or to fully tighten the finger nut could result in the seat dislodging, possibly causing a fall.

Many of the superseded platforms were manufactured at a time previous to the introduction of "D" rung ladders and were therefore designed with curved rung hooks to accommodate only round rung ladders then in popular use.

#### CAUTION!

Do not use the superseded platforms with curved hooks on "D" rung ladders since the incompatible design may not allow for a secure attachment of the platform hooks to the ladder rungs, resulting in an increased risk of a fall.

### Questions?

We want you to be fully satisfied with your new Ladder Platform. If you have a problem or need additional information, we'd like to hear from you. Please call our Technical Support people at 1-800-345-6009 or 1-215-357-5500 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM eastern time on any USA business day.

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