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LADDER SELECTION GUIDE

Selecting the right ladder for the job is critical for both safety and efficiency. This guide will help you choose the appropriate ladder type, material, and duty rating for your specific application.

LADDER TYPES

Step Ladder

Self-supporting A-frame design. Does not require leaning against a surface. Available in various heights.

BEST FOR: **Indoor work, ceilings**

MAX HEIGHT: **Up to 20 ft**

DUTY RATING: **I, IA, IAA**

Extension Ladder

Two-section ladder that extends to reach higher areas. Must lean against a stable surface.

BEST FOR: **Exterior, roofing**

MAX HEIGHT: **Up to 60 ft**

DUTY RATING: **I, IA, IAA**

Platform Ladder

Step ladder with a larger standing platform. Provides more stability for longer tasks.

BEST FOR: **Extended tasks**

MAX HEIGHT: **Up to 16 ft**

DUTY RATING: **IA, IAA**

Multi-Position Ladder

Converts between step ladder, extension ladder, scaffold, and stairway configurations.

BEST FOR: **Versatile jobs**

MAX HEIGHT: **Up to 26 ft**

DUTY RATING: **IA, IAA**

DUTY RATING REFERENCE

Type	Duty Rating	Weight Capacity	Typical Use
IAA	Special Duty	375 lbs	Heavy industrial, multiple workers
IA	Extra Heavy Duty	300 lbs	Industrial, contractors with heavy loads
I	Heavy Duty	250 lbs	Industrial, professional contractors
II	Medium Duty	225 lbs	Commercial, light industrial
III	Light Duty	200 lbs	Household, light commercial

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER