



Level Base Instructions

Working on uneven ground can make ladder set up difficult, time consuming and potentially unsafe.

The Level Base is a simple, yet effective solution designed to help create a stable and level foundation for your ladder. Allowing you to work with greater confidence and efficiency.

NOTICE

**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY GUIDELINES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS**

The level base dramatically increases resistance to outward slip and it also levels and prevents wobbling.

No individual procedure provides absolute safety and it is essential to adopt general good ladder practice

1. To fill the level base, open by pushing the two ends of the neck towards each other. Pour in 3.5 litres of 10mm pea gravel (do not use sharp edged materials such as crushed flint or concrete). Shake the gravel away from the neck and close the two layers of velcro firmly and neatly together to avoid buckling. You can increase slip resistance by putting in somewhat more gravel, but do not overfill so that the bottom of the level base will not lie flat on the ground.

2. Before use, make sure that your ladder is right for the job and that everything is in good condition and free of slippery materials.

3. Erect the ladder just inside the angle of 1 in 4 (1 going 4 rising) and place level base on the ground in front where the ladder ought to be. The apex of level base is off centre and should be downhill on sideways slopes.

4. Tap down the level base firmly with your foot so that it does not wobble.

5. Place both ladder feet on level base, one each side of the apex. Move the ladder to the left or right to get it plumb. Avoid the edges.

5. Before climbing – ALWAYS ensure everything is stable. Beware of anything likely to cause instability e.g. backward slopes, loose ground, ice, moss, oil, polish or other slippery materials. If there is cause for doubt, tie a rope to a rung above the highest working position before erecting. Once erected, stand underneath grasp the dangling rope and without pulling sideways lift yourself an inch or so off the ground.

6. Safety. the product dramatically increases overall safety by improving conditions at the bottom. It is always advisable and in most cases mandatory to secure your ladder at the top whenever practicable.

Legal Compliance

The Work at Height Regulations 2005 apply at all times.

Secure the ladder at the top — use the correct ClimbSafe fitment or a secure tie.

Product & System Condition

Keep your ladder and all ClimbSafe fittings in good working order.

Use only as described — incorrect use compromises safety.

Weather & Location

Wind: Cease work in anything stronger than a light breeze; anticipate sudden gusts.

Carrying: Keep ladders clear; pause at doorways and check all directions before turning.

Positioning: Avoid doorways — especially fire exits — without extra controls.

Ensure visibility to pedestrians and vehicles. Be aware of vulnerable people and children.

Erection & Base

Up-Ending: Close ladder, check overhead cables/obstructions, confirm clear ground. Repeat checks when lowering.

Never place on boxes, loose blocks or free-standing towers.

Angle: Maintain 1 unit out: 4 units up. Do not alter the angle to compensate for poor ground.

Slopes & Surfaces

Shallow Angles: Do not use shallow angles to reach over outbuildings — stakes do not relieve structural stress.

Level: Both feet must sit firmly on level ground. Use ClimbSafe Level Base / Leveliser on slopes. No loose packing.

Slippery Surfaces: Wet level ground is usually fine with rubber feet. Watch for backward slopes, ice, oil, moss and polish. Clean rungs and feet often.

Soft Ground & Footwear

Soft Ground: Place a rigid, slip-resistant board under the base.

Rungs & Boots: Keep free of grease/moisture. Wear supportive footwear with good grip and reinforced toes.

Climbing Rules

Three Points of Contact: One hand always on the ladder. Grip the stile if needed.

Load: One person at a time. Do not exceed rated capacity.

Height: Do not climb within 1 metre of the top.

Reach: Keep both shoulders within the ladder width — do not lean past one side.

Disclaimer

These SAFETY GUIDELINES are not an exhaustive list of precautions.

They should not be taken as a substitute for any additional measures found necessary on site, nor do they guarantee that the use of a ladder is safe without regard to local conditions and are always subject to an employer's risk assessment.