

# SNYDER



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**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

# **SAFETY LADDER SELECTION GUIDE**

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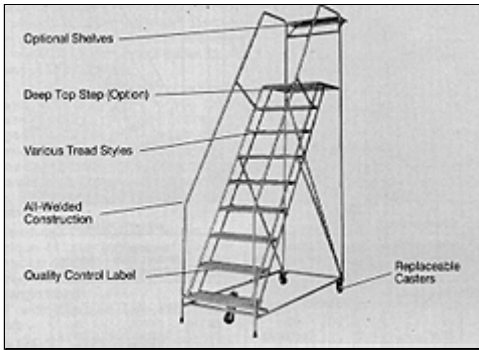
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# STEEL vs. ALUMINUM:

**Weight** is not a reason to choose an aluminum ladder.



Even the largest steel ladders require very little effort to roll across most smooth, hard, level surfaces. Steel ladders are generally more rugged than aluminum ladders.

Aluminum ladders are recommended for applications where:

- ladders require frequent washing
- potentially explosive conditions exist

- corrosive environments

## WORKER SAFETY and COMFORT:

Common sense and good judgment must be used at all times:

- Rolling ladders are designed for **ONE WORKER** and have 300 lbs. load rating...with a 4 to 1 safety factor
- **NEVER ALLOW MORE THAN ONE WORKER TO STAND ON THE SAME LADDER**
- **WORKERS SHOULD NOT LEAN OVER THE SIDES OR REAR OF A LADDER.** They should face the steps when ascending or descending with at least one hand free to hold the handrail. Our standard rolling ladders have a 57° climbing slope. To help protect workers who prefer descending sideways or facing outward, see the more gradual 48° Stairway Slope ladders.
- **TO AVOID ACCIDENTS**, ladders should be used only on flat, level surfaces; worn or missing rubber tips must be replaced; ladder fasteners must be fully tightened; and worn or damaged ladders must be removed from service.
- **METAL LADDERS SHALL NOT BE USED NEAR "LIVE" ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS**

- Current **OSHA/ANSI** codes require handrails on all rolling ladders with top step heights of 48" or higher. If rails interfere with normal work patterns, equivalent protection must be provided by use of chains, gates, etc.
- ***IT IS DANGEROUS TO WALK ON OR OFF THE UPPER STEPS OF ROLLING LADDERS WITH SPRING-LOADED CASTERS***, and extreme care must be used in walking on or off the top step of any rolling ladder

## **LADDER SIZE:**

The recommended working height is 60" above the top step. For stock picking, consider how high the top items are above the top shelf.

***IF HEAVY OR AWKWARD LOADS NEED TO BE LIFTED FROM THE TOP STEP, A DEEPER TOP STEP IS RECOMMENDED.***

## **TREAD STYLES:**

***READ STYLES*** should suit your specific needs. In addition to being slip resistant, expanded metal treads are self-cleaning, an excellent surface for most applications. Solid treads with abrasive mats are available and often recommended for office applications. For extremely troublesome conditions such as snow, ice, grease or mud, heavy-duty serrated grating is recommended.

***AVOID INAPPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR WHEN USING ANY LADDER.***

## **SPECIAL WHEELS AND CASTERS:**

Special wheels, casters and skids are available for rolling over carpets, gratings, or other unusual surfaces. Oversize, semi-pneumatic wheels are recommended for parking lots and similar applications.

## **RAIL MOUNTED SHELVES:**

Convenient for stock picking, holding file boxes, tools and supplies at work sites.

***NEVER LEAVE A HEAVY LOAD ON THE SHELF OF AN UNOCCUPIED LADDER.***

Special ladders are available for rolling loads to job sites.

## **RUGGED CONSTRUCTION:**

- For maximum structural integrity, specify all-welded, one piece construction whenever possible. For maximum value, evaluate all safety and design features, including:
  - rugged casters that are easy to replace if worn or

damaged

- springs for casters matched to specific ladder designs
- rubber-tipped feet with built-in metal disc to prevent ladder legs from punching through
- quality materials which are inspected before and after welding

# **BALLYMORE**

**ROLLING SAFETY LADDERS**