

## **Instructions for the Safe Use of Scaffold Planks and Stages**

### **Proper Selection**

1. Use only planks, platforms, stages, scaffolds or ladders which are manufactured and are erected in accordance with the appropriate ANSI standard.
2. Select plank with proper load rating such that the combined total weight of all persons, tools, and materials does not exceed the rated working load. Planks and stages are designed with rated working loads of 250, 500 and 750 pounds (113, 227, and 340 kg.) Do Not Overload.
3. Select only planks or stages of the proper width and length.

### **Inspection Before Each Use**

1. Inspect upon receipt and before each use. Check all parts for proper function and for damage to component parts. Do not use a damaged or improperly functioning plank or platform.
2. A plank or platform exposed to excessive heat, as in the case of a fire, should be immediately removed from service and destroyed due to the loss of structural strength.
3. Do not use the product if the decking surface is damaged or has deteriorated. Do not paint.

### **Proper Set-Up & Use**

1. Before using, refer to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Do not permit oil, grease, or any slippery material to accumulate on climbing or gripping surfaces.
3. Do not use this product for cantilever applications. Never stand on that portion of the product that extends beyond the supporting point.
4. Planks and stages are designed with rated working loads of 250, 500 and 750 pounds (113, 227, and 340 kg.) The combined total weight of all persons and materials should not exceed the rated working load. Do Not Overload
5. Erect the plank or platform so that the working or standing surface is level.
6. Support plank or platform ends by stirrups, scaffold bearer members, trusses, or other equipment intended for this purpose.
7. Use guard rails, mid rails and toeboards as required by local, state and federal regulations. Their use is recommended in all cases.
8. Do not allow unstable objects, such as barrels, boxes, loose brick, tools or debris to accumulate on the work surface.
9. Do not use a ladder or other device on a plank or platform to gain greater heights.
10. Never climb onto a stage from a ladder unless both the stage and the ladder are secured from movement in all directions.
11. Do not ride on a moving plank or platform. Tools, materials, and equipment should not be stored on planks or platforms that are being moved.
12. Do not apply impact loads to a plank or platform. Never attempt to straighten a deformed side rail, rung or decking member.
13. Do not use acids or other corrosive substances without consulting the plank or platform manufacturer for specific instructions.
14. Do not use a metal plank or platform near electrical circuits.
15. Use only 250, 300 or 375 pound duty-rated ladders when using planks or platforms with ladder jacks.

### **Proper Care & Storage**

1. Support planks and platforms on racks when stored.
2. Never store material on planks or platforms.
3. Properly support planks and platforms in transit.

For Additional Information See ANSI A10.8