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Model: WH2208

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe installation, operation, and maintenance of your Werner WH2208 8' Wooden Attic Ladder. Please read all instructions carefully and completely before attempting to install or use the ladder. Retain this manual for future reference.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

**WARNING:** Failure to follow these safety instructions may result in serious injury or death. Always prioritize safety when working with ladders.

- Read and understand all instructions and warnings before installation and use.
- Inspect the ladder for damage or wear before each use. Do not use if damaged.
- Ensure the ladder is properly installed and securely fastened according to the installation guide.
- Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of 350 lbs (including user and materials).
- Ensure the area below and around the ladder is clear before opening or closing.
- Always face the ladder when ascending or descending. Maintain three points of contact.
- Do not use the ladder if you are fatigued, dizzy, or under the influence of alcohol or medication.
- Wear appropriate footwear with good traction.
- Never allow children to play on or near the attic ladder.

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Werner WH2208 attic ladder is designed for installation into a rough opening measuring 22-1/2 inches by 54 inches. Proper installation is crucial for safe operation.

1. **Prepare the Opening:** Ensure your ceiling opening meets the specified dimensions (22-1/2" x 54"). The surrounding structure must be sound and capable of supporting the ladder's weight and load.
2. **Frame Installation:** Carefully lift the ladder assembly into the attic opening. Secure the ladder frame to the ceiling joists using appropriate fasteners. Ensure the frame is level and square within the

opening.

3. **Spring Bar System:** The ladder features a unique offset spring bar system. This system assists in the smooth opening and closing of the ladder and locks it securely in both the up and down positions. Follow the detailed instructions provided with the product for precise spring tensioning and attachment to ensure correct operation and safety.
4. **Hinge Mechanism:** The high-quality fir plywood door is equipped with a full-width 90-degree wrap-around hinge, designed to minimize heat loss between the attic and living space. Heavy-duty plate hinges bear on each other to prevent wood crushing and ensure a rigid, stable structure.
5. **Final Adjustments:** After installation, check all fasteners for tightness. Operate the ladder several times to ensure smooth movement and proper locking in both positions. Adjust as necessary.



*Image: The Werner WH2208 8' Wooden Attic Ladder shown fully extended from a ceiling opening, illustrating its wooden*

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for safe operation of your attic ladder:

1. **To Open the Ladder:** Use a hook or pole to engage the pull cord or rod attached to the attic door. Gently pull down the door. The offset spring mechanism will assist in lowering the ladder smoothly. Allow the ladder to fully extend and ensure it locks into its open position before climbing.
2. **To Close the Ladder:** Ensure the area below the ladder is completely clear of obstructions. Carefully push the ladder upwards, guiding it back into the attic opening. The spring mechanism will assist in lifting the ladder and closing the door securely. Ensure the door is fully closed and latched to prevent accidental opening and minimize heat loss.

Always ensure the ladder is stable and fully extended before placing any weight on it. Do not jump on the ladder or use it for purposes other than attic access.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will ensure the longevity and safe operation of your Werner WH2208 attic ladder.

- **Periodic Inspection:** Regularly inspect all wooden components for cracks, splinters, or signs of rot. Check all metal parts, including hinges, springs, and fasteners, for corrosion, bending, or looseness.
- **Tighten Fasteners:** Periodically check and tighten all screws, bolts, and nuts. Loose fasteners can compromise the ladder's stability.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a light lubricant to the hinge points and spring mechanisms as needed to ensure smooth operation and prevent squeaking. Avoid over-lubrication, which can attract dust.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the ladder clean and free of dirt, dust, and debris. Wipe down wooden surfaces with a damp cloth. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage the wood finish.
- **Storage:** When not in use, ensure the ladder is fully closed and latched in the attic opening. This protects it from environmental factors and keeps the access point sealed.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Ladder is difficult to open or close:** Check the spring tension. It may need adjustment according to the installation instructions. Ensure hinges are lubricated and free of debris.
- **Ladder does not lock securely:** Verify that the spring mechanism is correctly installed and adjusted. Inspect the locking points for wear or damage.
- **Squeaking noises during operation:** Lubricate all pivot points and hinges with a suitable lubricant.
- **Door does not close flush:** Check if the frame is square and level. Adjust the frame or hinges as necessary. Ensure no obstructions are preventing the door from closing completely.

If you encounter issues not listed here or cannot resolve a problem, contact Werner customer support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
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Model Number	WH2208
Material	Wood
Duty Rating	350 lbs
Rough Opening Dimensions	22-1/2" x 54"
Maximum Height	8 Feet (96 Inches)
Number of Steps	5
Overall Product Weight	62 lbs
Special Feature	Heavy Duty
Color	Light Brown
Product Dimensions (folded)	16.8"W x 14.5"H

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

For specific warranty details regarding your Werner WH2208 8' Wooden Attic Ladder, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase. You may also visit the official Werner website or contact their customer service for the most current warranty information.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Should you require assistance with installation, operation, maintenance, or troubleshooting that is not covered in this manual, please contact Werner customer support. Refer to the contact information provided with your product packaging or visit the official Werner website for support options.