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## Workzone 8578

# Workzone 2-Step Folding Ladder

Model: 8578

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Workzone 2-Step Folding Ladder. This manual provides important information regarding the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new step ladder. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

This folding step ladder is designed for household and workshop use, offering a stable and secure platform for tasks requiring elevated access. It features a robust steel frame, non-slip steps, and a safety lock mechanism.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always prioritize safety when using any ladder. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage.

- **Maximum Load Capacity:** Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of 150 kg (330 lbs). This includes the user and any tools or materials.
- **Stable Surface:** Always place the ladder on a firm, level, and non-slippery surface. Ensure all four feet are in full contact with the ground.
- **Inspect Before Use:** Before each use, inspect the ladder for any damage, loose parts, or wear. Do not use a damaged ladder.
- **Secure Locking Mechanism:** Ensure the safety lock is fully engaged before stepping onto the ladder.
- **Maintain Balance:** Always face the ladder when ascending or descending. Maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand) at all times.
- **Do Not Overreach:** Avoid overreaching to the sides. Reposition the ladder closer to your work area instead.
- **Top Step:** Do not stand on the very top step unless it is explicitly designed as a standing platform. This ladder has two steps; the top step is the highest safe standing platform.
- **Footwear:** Wear appropriate, non-slip footwear when using the ladder.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep children and pets away from the ladder during use and storage.
- **Electrical Safety:** Do not use the ladder near live electrical wires or equipment.

## SETUP AND UNFOLDING

Follow these steps to safely unfold and prepare your Workzone 2-Step Folding Ladder for use.

1. Place the folded ladder on a flat, stable surface.
2. Grasp the top handle or the upper frame of the ladder.
3. Gently pull the front and rear sections of the ladder apart until they are fully extended.
4. Ensure the safety lock mechanism, located underneath the top step, is fully engaged. This lock prevents accidental folding during use. You should hear or feel a click as it locks into place.
5. Verify that all four feet of the ladder are firmly on the ground and the ladder is stable before stepping on it.



Figure 1: Close-up view of the safety lock mechanism, ensuring the ladder is securely open for use.



Figure 2: Side view of the unfolded ladder, showing its dimensions (82 cm height, 59 cm depth).

## OPERATION AND USAGE

Using your Workzone 2-Step Folding Ladder correctly ensures safety and efficiency.

- Ensure the ladder is fully unfolded and the safety lock is engaged before use.
- Step onto the ladder one step at a time, maintaining a firm grip on the handle.
- The steps feature a non-slip coating for enhanced grip.
- Use the comfortable carry handle for stability while working.
- When descending, face the ladder and step down carefully, one step at a time.



Figure 3: Example of safe usage, showing a person standing on the ladder while performing a task.



Figure 4: Detail of the non-slip coating on the ladder steps, designed for secure footing.



Figure 5: Close-up of the comfortable, padded handle for improved grip and stability.

## FOLDING AND STORAGE

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The Workzone 2-Step Folding Ladder is designed for compact storage.

1. Ensure no one is on the ladder.
2. Disengage the safety lock mechanism by lifting or pushing the locking bar (refer to Figure 1).
3. Gently push the front and rear sections of the ladder together until it is fully folded.
4. Use the integrated carry handle for easy transport.
5. Store the folded ladder in a dry, secure location, away from children and pets.



Figure 6: Underside view illustrating the folding mechanism and structural support.

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your ladder.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the ladder clean with a damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the finish or non-slip surfaces.
- **Inspection:** Regularly check all joints, rivets, and moving parts for tightness and wear. Ensure the non-slip feet are intact and not worn.
- **Lubrication:** If the folding mechanism becomes stiff, apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to the pivot points.
- **Storage:** Store the ladder in a dry place to prevent rust and corrosion.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

• **Ladder feels unstable:**

- Ensure the ladder is placed on a firm, level surface.
- Verify that the safety lock mechanism is fully engaged.
- Check if any of the rubber feet are missing or damaged.

• **Folding mechanism is stiff:**

- Apply a small amount of silicone lubricant to the pivot points of the folding mechanism.
- Ensure no debris is obstructing the mechanism.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model</b>	8578
<b>Number of Steps</b>	2
<b>Material</b>	Alloy Steel
<b>Color</b>	Gray
<b>Load Capacity</b>	150 kg (330 lbs)
<b>Item Weight</b>	4.9 kg (10.8 lbs)
<b>Unfolded Dimensions (W x H)</b>	Approx. 46 cm x 82 cm (18.1 in x 32.3 in)
<b>Folded Dimensions (W x H x D)</b>	Approx. 46 cm x 95 cm x 15 cm (18.1 in x 37.4 in x 5.9 in)
<b>Special Features</b>	Collapsible, Foldable, Large rubberized treads, Low weight, Rubberized feet, TÜV/GS mark, Safety lock, Comfortable carry handle

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or customer support, please refer to the retailer where you purchased this product or visit the official Workzone website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

This product is TÜV Rheinland certified (ID 1419041289), ensuring it meets strict safety and quality standards.