

# Product Health & Data Sheet

## Health & Safety at Work Act

This Data sheet must be brought to the attention of- The Safety Officer and all personnel operating the equipment

All Cupped Feet Safety Steps are built to the highest engineering standards and when used correctly will provide an operative with a reliable means of access.

Great care should be taken by operatives at all times when using Cupped Feet Safety Steps for any purpose.

All equipment is supplied on the assumption that it will operate in normal atmospheric and temperature conditions, as applicable in the United Kingdom.

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Prior to an operative being allowed to use a Cupped Feet Safety Step, they should have received training as per the Working at Height guidelines. Please see leaflet IND455 as per the HSE Website.  
They should be warned generally about the dangers of Working at Height above floor level and provided with appropriate safety equipment - i.e protective headgear, gloves, safety shoes etc.  
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In addition to the general instructions on potential hazards, the following points should be brought to the attention of the operative.

1. Cupped Feet Safety Steps are designed for the use of one person at a time only.

The use of hand tools is not advisable.

The use of large or heavy tool boxes should be discouraged.

If the use of low voltage power tools is necessary, such work should be undertaken only under supervision, and with the permission of the Officer of the Company responsible for the plant and personnel safety.

2. Before ascending higher than 2 treads on the stairway, the operative must ensure that all castors will retract under the person's weight, immobilising the unit.

3. During correct use the top platform is stable. Operatives should be instructed to remain within the

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handrails. Operatives should stand central to the top platform and work within an arm's distance of products or maintenance etc.

4. Cupped Feet Safety Steps may only be moved from place to place without any person or load on board.

5. If Cupped Feet Safety Steps are being used where personnel other than the operatives are likely to be in the near vicinity, it is recommended that a warning sign or barrier tape (or any other means approved by the Safety Officer) should be used in order to:

- a. Prevent accidental knocking of steps.
- b. Prevent any person moving the Cupped Feet Safety Steps with an operative on board.
- c. Ensure that other personnel would not be in danger should anything be dropped by the operative using the unit.

If such methods are impractical, then all personnel must be instructed in the correct use of Cupped Feet Safety Steps and the potential hazards of misuse or accidental use.

6. It is recommended that the Officer of the Company responsible for safety should always be consulted and their approval sought before Cupped Feet Safety Steps are purchased or used. Written working practices should be established by the Company Safety Officer to ensure complete safety of all company personnel when using Cupped Feet Safety Steps, prior to usage.

7. Any damage to Cupped Feet Safety Steps should be reported to the Safety Officer immediately after it occurs and any faulty unit must not be used until necessary repairs have been undertaken.

8. Frequent inspections should be made for signs of unreported damage and as stated previously, operatives should test the castor retraction on every occasion before ascending the stairway.

9. Do not allow untrained staff to handle this equipment.

**If in doubt about any aspects of safety of use, please contact the manufacturer.**

**Extra copies of this data sheet are available on request.**