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# ALUMINIUM FIXED ACCESS LADDERS 72x25 60x25 IN WIND TURBINE GENERATORS AND MACHINE INSTALLATIONS DIN EN ISO 14122-4:2016 Assembly and operating instructions - Original document

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# About This Document



# 1 About This Document

#### Preface

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# This information brochure in other languages

These assembly and operating instructions describe the installation, use, maintenance and testing of the aluminium access ladder system.

(i) NOTE

Please read these instructions in their entirety and observe all safety information before you begin assembly work and use the access ladder. Hailo Wind Systems will not assume any liability caused by failure to observe these instructions and the safety warnings.

These assembly and operating instructions are only valid for access ladder systems of Hailo Wind Systems.

# (i) NOTE

If the climbing system is resold to a buyer in another country, it is necessary for the safety of the user that this manual be made available in the respective national language. Translations can be requested from: documentation@hailo-windsystems.com.

# **ATTENTION!**

Hailo Wind Systems reserves the right to make technical modifications and improvements which do not apply to the tested prototype in regard to safety-relevant criteria. Hailo Wind Systems reserves the right to make changes to the content of the technical documentation.

# **About This Document**

### 1.1 Classification of the warnings

Classification of the warnings

Warnings are introduced by signal words that express the extent of the hazard. A distinction is made between four types of warnings:

# 🚹 DANGER!

DANGER indicates an imminently threatening dangerous situation which could lead to serious injuries or death if not avoided.

# 🔥 WARNING!

WARNING indicates a potentially dangerous situation which could lead to serious injuries or death if not avoided.

# 🔥 CAUTION!

CAUTION indicates a potentially dangerous situation which could lead to minor injuries if not avoided.

# **ATTENTION**

ATTENTION indicates a possible dangerous situation which could lead to property damage if not avoided.

Presentation of important information:

# (i) NOTE

This symbol is used to draw your attention to important, useful or helpful information.

# **General instructions**



# **2** General instructions

### 2.1 Standards and regulations

- OSHA 1910.23
- OSHA 1926.1053
- ANSI 14.3 (Parts)
- AS 1657 certified by MTS
- EN ISO 14122-4:2016 Safety of machinery - Permanent means of access to machinery - Fixed access ladders
- BGV / GUV-V A1 Basic principles of prevention
- DGUV 208-032 Selection and use of access ladders
- DGUV 312-906 Selection, training and certification of experts on personal fall protection equipment
- DIN EN 50308

Wind turbines - Protective measures -Requirements for design, operation and maintenance Fall protection requirements

According to DIN EN ISO 14122-4: 2016, a falling height  $\ge$  3 m requires fall protection.

According to DIN EN ISO 14122-4: 2016, for climbing heights over 10 m and a single strand version of the ladder, only fall protection conforming to DIN EN 353-1: 2018 is permitted.

• Fall protection requirements The fall arrest system must comply with DIN EN 353-1: 2018. The access ladder shall be equipped with a fall arrest system including a fixed guide. Observe national regulations.

### Arrangement for access and exiting with access ladders and fall arresters

The fall arrester and its surroundings must be arranged so that users attach or release themselves from a secured position, for example, through the provision of an attachment point conforming to DIN EN 795 or a trapdoor, which leads to a completely protected platform with self-closing barrier gate according to DIN EN ISO 14122-3:2016, 7.4.

# **General instructions**

### 2.2 Transport and storage

All parts of the system must be secured so that their function is not incurred and all components are in perfect condition in terms of safety.

- Move and load components of the access ladder system with caution.
- To prevent damage, do not turn the ladder components on their sides during transport and storage.
- Do not place additional loads on system components during transport and storage.

### Storage conditions

- The permitted temperature range for use of the access ladder is between -40 °C and +60 °C.
- The permitted storage temperature is between -40 °C and +60 °C.
- During transport and storage, protect components of the access ladder system against wetness, exhaust gases, chemicals or other harmful substances.

# **ATTENTION!**

- Before assembling the access ladder system, check that all components are in perfect condition.
- System components must not have been damaged during transport.
- Damaged parts must be replaced before assembly.



# **3** Safety

### 3.1 Intended use

The fixed access ladder is specially designed for use in wind turbine generators and machine installations. It is used to ensure the safe ascent and descent of service personnel from workplaces at height.

The person using the ladders connects their personal fall protection equipment (PFPE) to the fall arrest system that runs along the entire length of the ladder.

If a person is not secured, for example on the fall arrest system, the ladder may not be used.

The employer or operating company of an installation must provide a plan in which all possible emergencies that can occur when using the access ladder system are taken into account and the necessary rescue measures are explained.

The access ladder may only be used if it is in perfect condition.

These assembly and operating instructions must be observed by all persons who install and use the access ladder. The fixed access ladder may only be installed by trained persons.

The precondition for safe handling as well as faultless assembly and use of the access ladder is compliance with the safety instructions and regulations.

Structural modifications are only possible after receiving approval by Hailo Wind Systems. A copy of the approval must then be added to the technical documentation (manual).

The fixed access ladder may only be used by persons who have been instructed in the use of the access ladder and fall arrest system, and who are familiar with the safety plan in the wind turbine generator or machine installation.

This includes any necessary rescue measures along with their initiation and implementation. The accident prevention regulations applicable to the respective installation site as well as the safety regulations listed here are to be followed.

The operator of the wind turbine generator must ensure that unauthorised persons cannot access the ladder.

### 3.2 Foreseeable misuse

The ladder may only be used for its intended purpose.

Non-intended use is prohibited and may lead to failure of individual components and thus to failure of the entire system.

The ladder may not be used in the following cases:

- Incorrect assembly
- Safety defects or incorrectly performed repairs
- Unauthorised or unapproved modifications to the climbing equipment
- Non-original spare parts
- Insufficiently qualified personnel
- Unfamiliarity with or failure to observe these assembly and operating instructions
- Inadequate maintenance and care or neglect of timely inspection of the access ladder system

# i note

No liability will be assumed for harm to persons or damage to equipment arising from violation of the provisions stipulated here or failure to observe the safety instructions.



# 3.3 Safety instructions



# **ATTENTION!**

### Failure to follow these instructions may result in property damage.

Therefore:

- Read these instructions carefully and keep them in mind before using the access ladder system.
- The access ladder system with fall arrester may only be performed assembled and used by persons who have been instructed and authorised by the manufacturer.
- The operator must ensure that these assembly and operating instructions are kept on site with each access ladder system and are available to personnel.



# ATTENTION!



### Wear personal fall protection equipment!

Protection against falls from above a minimum height.



### Carry along a communication device (mobile phone, radio unit)

When in or on the wind turbine generator, constant voice contact must be ensured between the people involved. Ensure contact between persons using mobile phones or radios.



### Wear a helmet

Head protection against falling objects and impacts from falls or in confined spaces.



### Wear safety footwear

Foot protection against heavy falling objects, slipping, or stepping on sharp-edged parts that are lying around.



### Wear safety gloves

Hand protection against friction, abrasions, stabs and cuts.



# DANGER!

# Disregarding the safety instructions may result in a fall and therefore lead to serious injury or death.

Therefore:

- Before using the ladder, secure your personal fall protection equipment (PFPE) to the fall arrest system provided.
- The personal fall protection equipment must be properly selected, used and checked.
- The access ladder system must not be used in icy conditions.
- In pylon towers, the ladder may not be used in extreme temperature and weather conditions (e.g. hail, strong wind, snow and ice).

Do not use the ladder if you feel unwell or are in poor physical condition.

- Make sure there are no objects or equipment under the ladder that could pose an additional hazard in the event of a fall.
- There must not be any oil, grease or other lubricants on surfaces for walking or climbing on.
- Do not exceed the maximum permitted payload of 150 kg in a ladder section between two wall brackets.
- If there are doubts about the safe condition of the system or any parts of it, they must be immediately taken out of use.



# DANGER!

Risk of injury from electric shock!

Improper operation may cause serious injury or death.

Therefore:

The ladder must be earthed along its entire length (equipotential bonding)!

The ladder must not come into contact with electrical cables or components that are damaged or not suitably insulated.





Improper operation may cause serious injury or property damage.

Therefore:

- The ladder may only be used by trained personnel.
- Damaged components may only be replaced by specialist personnel (authorised by the manufacturer) using genuine parts. A change or extension of the access ladder system may not be undertaken without the explicit prior written approval of the manufacturer. A copy of the approval must then be added to the technical documentation (manual). Any necessary repairs must be carried out in accordance with the procedures specified by the manufacturer.
- Never disable the safety equipment.
- Keep everything clean and tidy! Loosely stacked or scattered objects such as tools, cables and components are sources of accidents.



# WARNING!

Property damage possible due to non-compliance with safety instructions

Observe the safety regulations for wind turbines as well as the instructions issued by the turbine manufacturer.



# ATTENTION!

### Inspection and maintenance intervals

- Observe the prescribed intervals for regular inspections/maintenance!
- The proper condition of the ladder and the attachment points must be checked at least once a year by a competent and qualified person.
- The checklist for the inspection can be found in the appendix to these instructions.



# ) NOTE

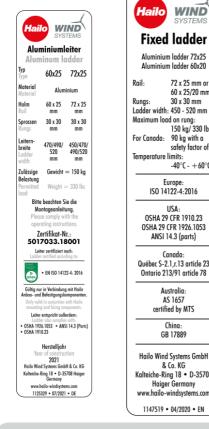
### Language of the manual

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documentation@hailo-windsystems.com



#### Markings and information 3.4





Aluminium ladder 60x20

72 x 25 mm or 60 x 25/20 mm 30 x 30 mm Ladder width: 450 - 520 mm Maximum load on rung: 150 kg/ 330 lbs For Canada: 90 kg with a safety factor of 4 -40°C - +60°C ISO 14122-4:2016 OSHA 29 CFR 1910.23 OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1053 ANSI 14.3 (parts) Canada. Québec S-2.1,r.13 article 23 Ontario 213/91 article 78 Australia: certified by MTS

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### Access ladder nameplate

- Manufacturer, type designation
- Material and dimension specifications
- Instructions on access ladder loads

#### **i**) NOTE

#### Labels on the fixed access ladder

Pay particular attention to all labels or stickers with safety instructions.

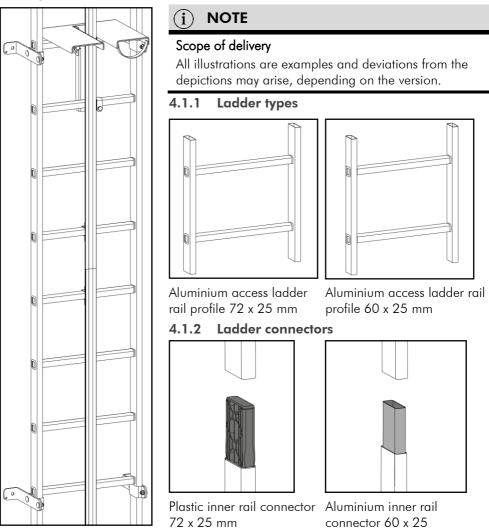
### Ladder identification plate

- Notes on the fall arrest system
- Inspection stickers for the yearly inspection by an expert
- Instructions on access ladder loads

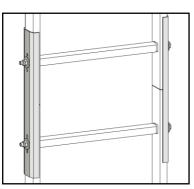
# System overview

# 4 System overview

4.1 Ladder with fall protection rail (DIN EN 353-1:2018) and rest platform

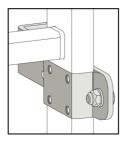


# System overview



External rail connector

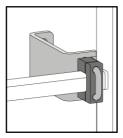
# 4.1.3 Ladder fastenings



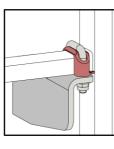
Ladder fastening with rail clamp



Ladder fastening on wall bracket with U-bolt



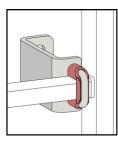
Ladder fastening with rung adapter



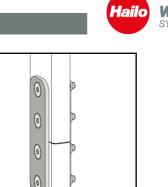
Ladder fastening with rung adapter



Ladder fastening with threaded rod through rung



Ladder fastening with rung adapter

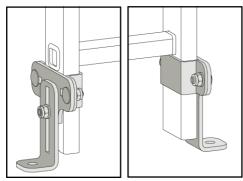


External rail section connector

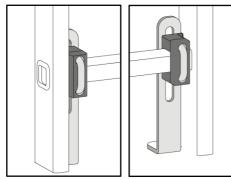


# System overview

### 4.1.4 Base anchor

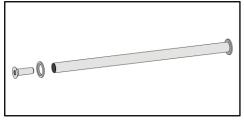


Base anchors with rail clamp



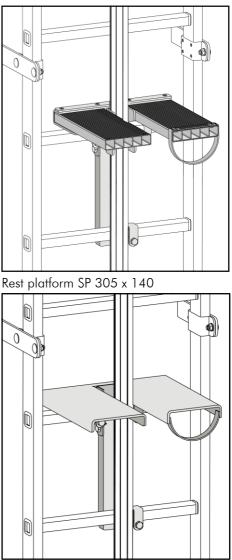
Base fastening on ladder rung

### 4.1.6 Rung repair kit



Rung repair kit

4.1.5 Rest platform



Rest platform with divided treading surface (hinged)



### 5.1 General assembly instructions

Proof of load-bearing capacity

Assembly personnel

Safety of the assembly personnel

Before commencing assembly, ensure that the expected loads can be borne by the supporting structure. If no relevant information or documentation is available for this, a structural certification must be produced, which takes the required load-bearing capacity into account. If the necessary certifications of safe absorption of forces on the supporting structure are not kept, Hailo Wind Systems shall assume no liability for cases of damage.

The personnel handling the assembly of the access ladder system must be qualified, competent and have received the respective training.

More detailed information on service trainings can be found under www.hailo-windsystems.com/sara.

# 📐 DANGER!

### Danger of falling.

When performing assembly work at height, falling can lead to injuries.

Therefore:

- Always use your complete PFPE!
- Use an approved fall protection system during assembly.
- Use an approved attachment point as specified in DIN EN 795 or CEN/TS 16415.
- The assembly personnel may not be secured to the system to be installed.

Assembly and start up	Use only clean and undamaged system parts. Damaged parts must be replaced with new original parts. This may only be carried out by specialist personnel (authorised by the manufacturer).	
	Any necessary repairs must be carried out in accordance with the procedures specified by the manufacturer. The access ladder system may not be modified or extended without the explicit prior written consent of the manufacturer. A copy of the approval by Hailo Wind Systems must then be added to the technical documentation (manual).	
the assembly log	The assembly of the access ladder system must be fully documented by the assembly manager of the assembly company.	
	To do this, fill in the assembly log in the last section of these instructions completely.	
Assembly specifications	The design and version of the ladder must conform to the standard DIN EN ISO 14122-4:2016.	
Specification of tightening torques	Example tightening torque specification $\begin{array}{c c} 1 & 2 \\ \hline & \\ \hline \\ \hline$	

1 Thread dimension

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- 2 ST: Steel
- 3 VA: Stainless steel
- 4 Tightening torque

# Compatibility with service lifts

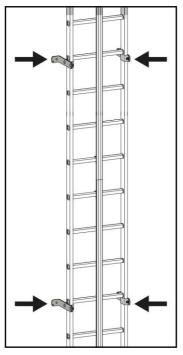
All standard service lifts from Hailo Wind Systems can be used on the ladders.



### 5.2 Technical specifications

#### 5.2.1 Fastener

Spacing of anchoring points for wall brackets



Loads to be transferred

The expected loads must be distributed safely on the supporting structure over at least 4 anchoring points per ladder, or at least 2 per side rail. The anchoring points must be arranged in pairs at a single level. When setting the anchoring points, Hailo Wind Systems recommends that a vertical distance of 2000 mm not be exceeded. For a rung spacing of 280 mm, a distance of 1960 mm is suitable.

Larger distances are to be agreed in advance with Hailo Wind Systems.

# IMPORTANT!

#### Specifications for use of a fall arrest system

- When using a fall arrest system according to DIN EN 353-1: 2018, static loads of 15 kN must be taken into account.
- When using a fall arrest system, the national regulatory requirements must also be observed.

The anchoring points and their connections (brackets, fixing devices) must be capable of bearing the respective loads.

The loads of 15 kN per wall bracket spacing (7.5 kN per side rail) must be taken into account. This corresponds to a load of up to 3.75 kN per anchoring point.

Other factors to consider include: weight of the access ladder installation, maximum number of persons on the ladder, load in the event of a fall.

#### First wall bracket

The fit of the first wall bracket pair depends on the type of ladder fastenings.

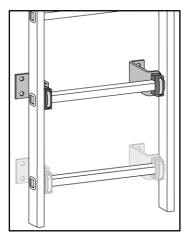
The specifications can be waived if the ladder is fixedly bolted to the ground with a base anchor.

#### Ladder fastening with rail clamps



The first wall bracket is attached under the first rung, between the first and second or between the second and third rung.

Ladder fastening with rung adapter and fastening with threaded rod through the rung



The first wall bracket is attached on the first or second rung.



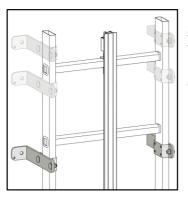
#### Last wall bracket

The fit of the last wall bracket pair depends on the type of fall arrest system used and the type of ladder fastenings.

Larger distances between the last wall bracket pair and the end of the ladder must be agreed with Hailo Wind Systems.

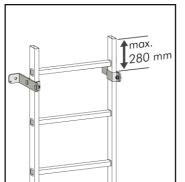
The ladder can extend even further beyond the top fastening of the arrester system as long as the attachment specifications are still met.

#### Ladder fastening with rail clamps



# Fall protection with rail or ladder without arrester system:

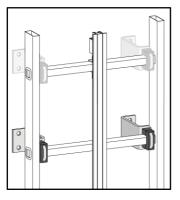
The last wall bracket is attached above the first rung, between the first and second or between the second and third rung from the top.



#### Fall arrester rope with rope guide:

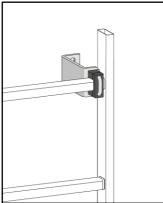
The last wall bracket may lie maximally 280 mm under the end of the rail.

Ladder fastening with rung adapter and fastening with threaded rod through the rung



# Fall protection with rail or ladder without arrester system:

The last wall bracket is attached on the first or second rung from the top.



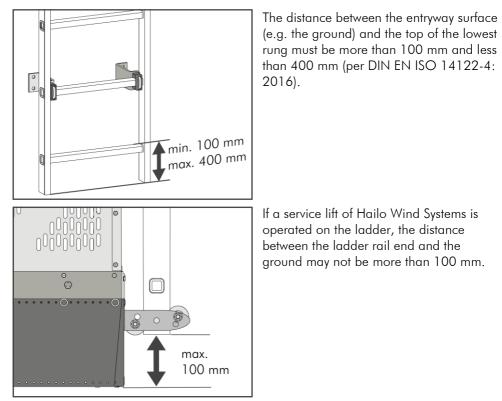
#### Fall arrester rope with rope guide:

The last wall bracket is attached on the first rung from the top.



### 5.2.2 Ladder entry dimension and ladder exit dimension

#### Ladder entry dimension



Ladder exiting dimension

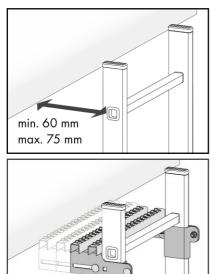
The upper edge of the top rung must be at the same height as the stepping area of the exit surface.

IMPORTANT!

#### Specifications for wall clearance at ladder exit According to DIN EN ISO 14122-4:2016

The distance between rung and stepping area at the ladder exit may be maximally 75 mm.

#### Wall clearance at ladder exit



If necessary, an exit extension should be attached. This is bolted with a rail clamp underneath the last rung. Deviating versions/sizes are possible.

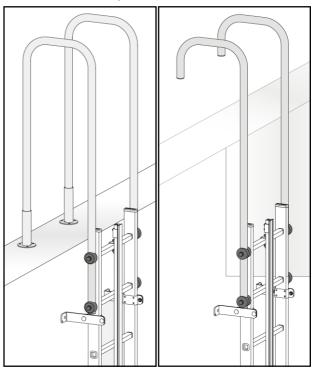
Wall bracket clearance	Number of rungs of the exit extensions
165-215 mm	2
215-290 mm	3
290-365 mm	4
364-440 mm	5



### 5.2.3 Entry and exit elements

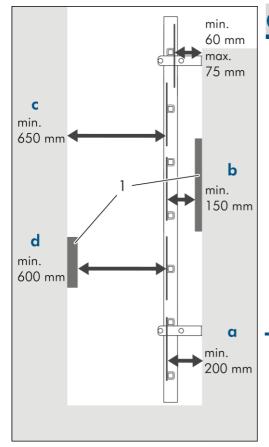
As a safety element for crossing over at the upper end of the climbing route, entry and exit elements can be used. At the ladder crossing point, an additional attachment point must be provided.

If additional components such as entry and exit elements, guard rails, barrier gates, trapdoors or platforms are used, these must correspond to the standards (DIN EN ISO 14122-3: 2016 and DIN EN ISO 14122-2: 2016).



Long exit rail, material: Short exit rail, material: stainless steel or galvanised stainless steel or galvanised steel steel

### 5.2.4 Minimum tread depth and wall clearances



# ATTENTION!

#### Observe the minimum tread depth

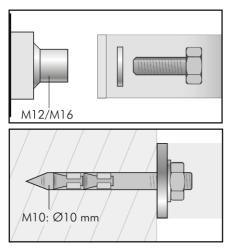
- a. The distance from the rung front edge to the fixing surface must be at least 200 mm.
- b. If there are obstacles [1]
   (e.g. tower flange) behind the access ladder, the distance from the front of the rung to the fixing surface must be at least 150 mm.
- c. The distance from the front of the rung to the surface in front of the access ladder (e.g. tower wall) must be at least 650 mm.
- d. If there are obstacles [1] in front of the access ladder, the clearance from the front of the rung must be at least 600 mm.



Specifications for fixing onto the supporting structure

The surface under the anchoring points on the supporting structure must be capable of bearing the loads listed above. Only approved anchor fittings may be used. This also applies to concrete supporting structures and masonry. In the case of undefined substrata, the fixing system must be implemented in consultation with the structural engineer.

#### Suitable types of attachment systems



M12/M16 threaded bushes in steel structures

Anchor plug fastenings on concrete supporting structures with a concrete quality of at least C 20/25.

# (i) NOTE

- Coordinate the fastening with the structural engineer.
- Observe the safety instructions of the anchor plug manufacturer.

### 5.2.5 General screw tightening torques (unless otherwise specified)

Steel screws	Screw sizes	<b>Tightening torque</b>
Strength class 8.8	M8	17.9 Nm
	M10	36.0 Nm
	M12	61.0 Nm
	M16	147.0 Nm
	M20	297.0 Nm

Steel screws Strength class 10.9

Screw sizes	Tightening torque
M8	26.2 Nm
M10	53.0 Nm
M12	90.0 Nm
M16	216.0 Nm
M20	423.0 Nm

Max. tightening torques MA (Nm) with a total friction coefficient of  $\mu$ =0.08 ( $\mu$ =0.08 applies to a zinc-plated, non-oiled, dry surface).

Stainless steel	screws A2 and	
A4		
Strength class	70	

Screw sizes	Tightening torque
M8	14.5 Nm
M10	30.0 Nm
M12	50.0 Nm
M16	121.0 Nm
M20	244.0 Nm

Max. tightening torques MA (Nm) with a total friction coefficient of  $\mu$ =0.10 ( $\mu$ =0.10 applies to a non-oiled, dry surface).

Strength class 70 corresponds to cold-pressed treatment up to nominal lengths 8 x d and a yield strength utilisation of Rp 0.2 = 90%.



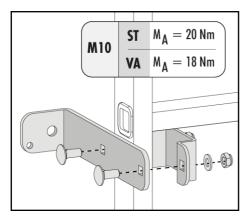
### 5.3 Wall brackets

# (i) NOTE

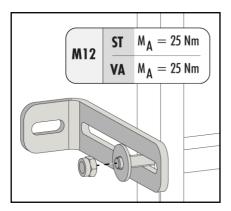
#### Sequence of assembly steps

The sequence of the assembly steps may vary, depending on the specifications of the WTG manufacturer.

#### Wall bracket with rail clamp

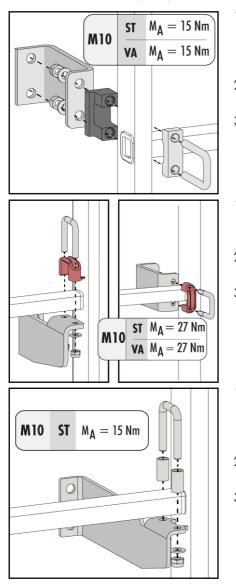


Wall bracket with U-bolt



- Bolt the wall brackets onto the supporting structure. As you do this, ensure that the rail clamps for the ladder mounting are pointed inward.
- When all wall brackets are fastened, insert the access ladder between them.
- Attach the rail clamps to the ladder and screw the ladder onto the wall brackets. Pay attention to the correct torques while doing so.
- Bolt the wall brackets onto the supporting structure. Make sure the lugs of the wall bracket face inward.
- When all wall brackets are fastened, insert the access ladder.
- 3. ► Guide the U-bolt through the sleeves and enclose the ladder rung with it. Tighten the screws on the lugs of the wall bracket to 15 Nm.

#### Wall brackets with rung adapter

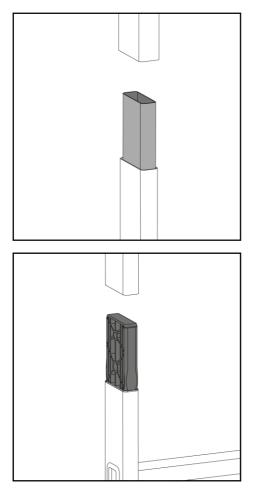


- Bolt the wall brackets onto the supporting structure. When doing so, ensure that the shackles of the wall bracket are pointed outward.
- When all wall brackets are fastened, insert the access ladder.
- Place the rung adapter around the ladder rung and fix it to the wall bracket with the U-bolt. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.
- Bolt the wall brackets onto the supporting structure. Make sure the lugs of the wall bracket are face outward.
- When all wall brackets are fastened, put in the access ladder.
- 3. ► Place the one-piece rung adapter horizontally or vertically around the rung and fix it to the wall bracket with the U-bolt. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.
- Bolt the wall brackets onto the supporting structure. When doing so, ensure that the shackles of the wall bracket are pointed outward.
- When all wall brackets are fastened, insert the access ladder.
- 3. ► Guide the threaded rod through the rung and the elongated hole of the wall bracket. Insert a washer and screw the threaded rod tight. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.



### 5.4 Ladder connectors

#### Aluminium inner rail connectors



Can be used in 60 x 25 mm rail profiles. The installation depth of the connector is limited by the ladder rung. The rails are guided exactly over the surfaces of the inner rail connector.

- Insert internal rail connectors up to the ladder rung in the ladder end.
- Insert the ladder piece to be used until it reaches the stop on the inner rail connectors.

Can be used in 72 x 25 mm rail profiles. The ladder rails are guided exactly over the surfaces of the inner rail connector.

- 1. ► Insert internal rail connectors to the stop into the ladder end.
- Fit the ladder section to be installed onto the inner rail connectors.

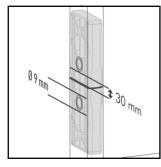


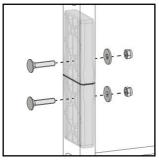
### **IMPORTANT!**

#### Specifications for internal rail connectors

- An inner rail connector is to be used exclusively for guiding the ladder rail. After installation, a length of 30 mm should be visible, providing the rung spacing has been correctly observed.
- A rung spacing tolerance of ±15 mm is only in permitted in wind turbine generators (EN 50308). Hailo Wind Systems recommends a deviation in rung spacing of no more than ±2 mm.
- The internal connectors must not be cut off!
- When using a ladder-guided service lift, a gap of up to 10 mm is permissible between the ends of the rails. However, the larger the gap, the more the lift guide rollers are subject to wear.
- HWS recommends a maximum rail gap of 5 mm to allow the service lift to run smoothly.

#### Additional screw connection for installation in pylon towers





# IMPORTANT!

When installing in pylon towers, the inner rail connectors must be screwed to the ladder in order to additionally secure it.

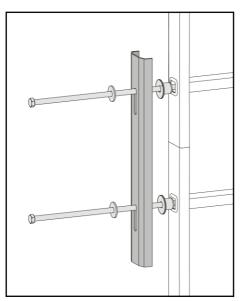
Required screw components (not included in delivery):

- 4 round-head screws M8 x 40 DIN 603
- 4 washers M8 ISO 7090
- 4 self-locking nuts M8 ISO 7040
- Mark the drilling position and drill through the ladder rung completely (Ø 9 mm).
- Screw both ladder parts together at the ladder end.

⇒ After tightening the self-locking nut, the inner surface of the round-head screw should lie flush against the ladder rung.



#### Aluminium outer rail connector



Threaded rod material: Stainless steel or aalvanised steel

C-connector material: Aluminium

Available for rail profile 60 x 25 mm and 72 x 25 mm.

- 1. ► Insert threaded rods into the ladder rung and centre with centring sleeves at both ends.
- 2. ► Place the C-profiles on both rails and screw them tight. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.

#### $\mathbf{T}$ **IMPORTANT!**

#### Distance between ladder rails

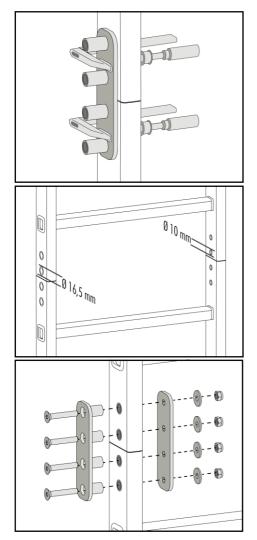
- There may be a distance of 30 mm between the ladder pieces, providing the specified rung spacing is observed.
- A rung spacing tolerance of  $\pm 15$  mm is only in permitted in wind turbine generators (EN 50308). Hailo Wind Systems recommends a deviation in rung spacing of no more than  $\pm 2$  mm.

# **CAUTION!**

#### Danger of cuts from sharp edges

- Always wear protective gloves!
- Properly deburr the cut edges (e.g. at the rail ends).

#### External rail section connector



Material: Stainless steel

Can be used for rail profile 60 x 20 mm and 72 x 25 mm.

The external rail section connector allows an intermediate ladder section to be installed or replaced at a later date, for example on a fixed ladder with ladderguided service lift.

- Place the ladder ends flush with each other at the rails.
- Position the plate with screw sleeves vertically and horizontally centrally to the ladder rails and fix it with 2 screw clamps.
- Using a 10 mm bit, drill 4 holes through the sleeves and the ladder rail. Then release the screw clamps and remove the plate.
- Drill out the holes on the outside of the ladder rail to Ø 16.5 mm.
- Mount the external rail section connector. Insert the plate with screw sleeves from the outside into the holes on the ladder rail. Place the second plate on the inside of the ladder rail and screw the rail connector tight.

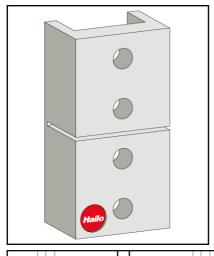
### i) NOTE

#### Risk of damage!

• Always observe the dimensional specifications for installing an intermediate ladder section!



#### Assembly aid



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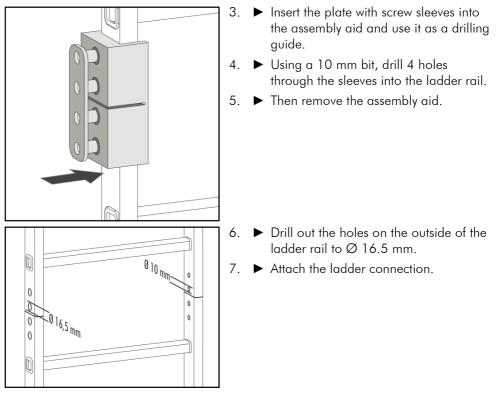
Material: Aluminium Available for 60 x 20 mm rail profiles.

# (i) NOTE

Hailo Wind Systems recommends using the assembly aid when assembling the ladder. It makes it easier to accurately cut and drill the components.

The assembly aid can be ordered at service@hailo-windsystems.com.

- Place the assembly aid for cutting the ladder on the rail and fix it in place (with a screw clamp if necessary).
- Saw a straight cut (90°) through the ladder on the saw guide.
  - ► Repeat this 3 times (see drawing).
- Remove the sawn ladder piece and insert a newly cut ladder piece.
- Place the assembly aid on the rail and fix it in place (with a screw clamp if necessary).



Temperature-dependent assembly

### (i) NOTE

When assembling in high ambient temperatures or in regions with strongly fluctuating temperatures, HWS recommends keeping the rail gap as small as possible during installation so that it remains within the permissible range if temperatures drop sharply. When assembling in very low ambient temperatures, the rail gap should be bigger so that the ends of the rails do not push into each other if temperatures rise sharply, distorting the ladder. This recommendation may have to implemented in a much restricted way when installing a rail-guided fall arrest system, due to the narrower tolerances for the gap dimensions.



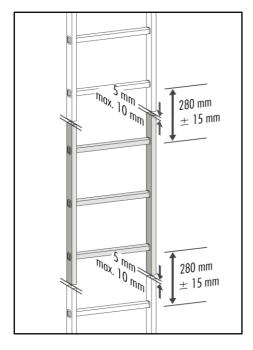
#### Putting in an intermediate ladder piece

NOTE

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The intermediate ladder piece is used to connect ladder segments during ladder repairs or in the flange transition area of a wind turbine generator.

#### Assembly situation: Intermediate ladder piece in the flange transition



IMPORTANT!

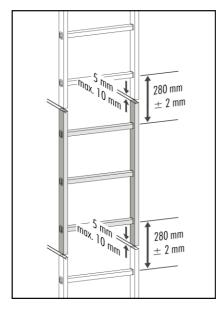
#### Specifications for the flange transition

When installing an intermediate ladder piece in the flange transition area of a wind turbine generator, a rung spacing tolerance of  $\pm$  15 mm is allowed.

Preparation of the intermediate ladder piece for assembly on an existing access ladder in the flange transition area of a wind turbine generator.

- Determine the spacing dimension of the ladder.
- Saw the delivered intermediate ladder piece to the right size with a gap of no more than 10 mm at the top and bottom. Saw a cut at 90° to the ladder rail and then properly deburr the cut surfaces.
- Using the external rail section connector or the external rail connector, mount the intermediate ladder piece on the access ladder.
  - ⇒ If possible, internal rail connectors, can also be used to connect the ladder elements together.

#### Assembly situation: Repair of a climbing route section



Preparation of the intermediate ladder piece for repair of an access ladder in the area of the climbing route.

A damaged section of the access ladder is replaced by a intermediate ladder piece.

- Measure the damaged ladder section and saw it out with the cuts as close as possible to the mid-point between the ladder rungs. Perform the saw cut at a 90° angle to the ladder rail and afterwards deburr the cut surfaces.
- With the aid of the external rail section connector or external rail connector, mount the intermediate ladder piece onto the access ladder.
  - ⇒ If possible, internal rail connectors, can also be used to connect the ladder elements together.

# IMPORTANT!

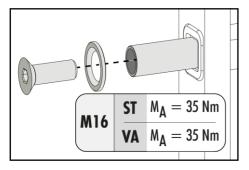
#### Specifications for the intermediate ladder piece

- When installing a intermediate ladder piece in a wind turbine generator, a rung spacing tolerance of ±15 mm is allowed. Hailo Wind Systems recommends a deviation in rung spacing of no more than ±2 mm.
- The length of the intermediate ladder piece is variable, but is at least two rung lengths. Please observe the maximum deviation between rails. This differs when using internal or external rail connectors.
- When using a ladder-guided service lift, a gap of up to 10 mm is permissible between the ends of the rails. However, the larger the gap, the more the lift guide rollers are subject to wear.
- HWS recommends a maximum rail gap of 5 mm to allow the service lift to run smoothly.

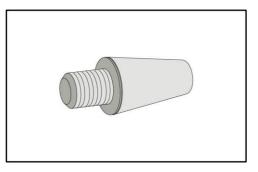


### 5.5 Rung repair kit

Rung repair kit



Assembly aid for rung repair kit

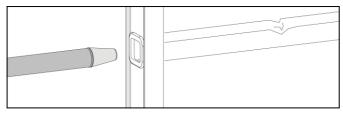


Material of insertion tube: Aluminium Screw material: Galvanised steel Use in the case of a repair.

- 1. ► Insert the insertion tube into the ladder rung.
- 2. ► Insert a washer on other ladder rails and screw on.

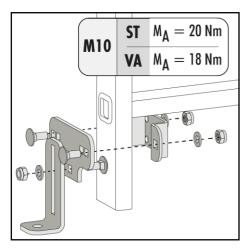
Use in the case of a repair where rungs are deformed.

- ► Screw the assembly aid onto the insertion tube.
- Fasten insertion tube on opposite side with screw.
- Drive the insertion tube through the damaged rung with the assembly aid.
- 4. ► Unscrew the assembly aid.

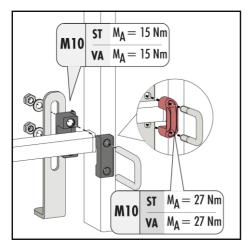


### 5.6 Base anchor

#### Base anchors with rail clamp



#### Base anchors on ladder rung



Material: Stainless steel or galvanised steel

Can be used in 60 x 20 rail profiles.

- Place the rail clamp around the ladder rail and screw to the screw tab. Do this for both ladder rails.
- Set the tab with the elongated hole on the floor and screw to the tab with the rail clamp.
- 3. ► Screw the tab with the elongated hole to the ground.

Material: Stainless steel or galvanised steel

For use with ladder-guided service lifts.

- Place the rung adapter around the ladder rung and screw together on the tab with the elongated hole with the U-bolt.
- Screw the tab with the elongated hole to the ground.
  - ⇒ Similarly, a one-piece rung adapter can be used.



### 5.7 Rest platforms

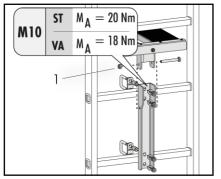
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**IMPORTANT!** 

#### Specifications for rest platforms

- In wind turbine generators there must be a rest platform every 9 m along the entire ladder as per DIN EN 50308.
- As per DIN EN ISO 14122-4: 2016, a rest platform must be installed every 12 m along the entire ladder length.

# Rest platform on access ladder without fall protection rail

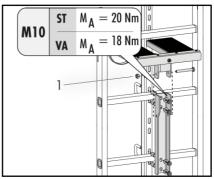


 Mount the retaining rail centred on the rungs with 2 U-bolts.

> ⇒ The rung is encircled by the Ubolt.

Screw the treading surface to the retaining rail of the rest platform.

Rest platform on access ladder with a fall protection rail with drilled holes



- Mount the retaining rail centred on the rungs with 2 U-bolts.
- Screw the spacer sleeves tight between the fall protection rail and retaining rail.

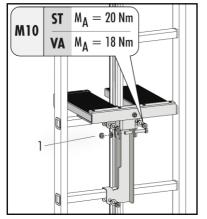
⇒ The rung is encircled by the Ubolt.

3. ► Screw the treading surface to the retaining rail of the rest platform.

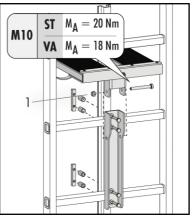
# (i) NOTE

• Tighten the M10 [1] hex nut only as far that the rest platform can still be swivelled smoothly.

Rest platform on access ladders with a fall protection rail without drilled holes



- Place the retaining rail over the two rungs and fix in place with 3 screws.
- 2. ► Screw the treading surface to the retaining rail of the rest platform.



- Lay the mounting block with thread in the groove of the fall protection rail.
- Screw the screws through the spacer sleeves in the mounting block.
- 3. ► Screw the treading surface to the retaining rail of the rest platform.

# (i) NOTE

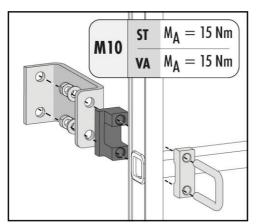
- Tighten the M10 [1] hex nut only as far that the rest platform can still be swivelled smoothly.
- This version of the rest platform can be used for various types of fall protection rails. For more information go to info@hailo-windsystems.com.
- Both types of rest platforms are mounted according to the same principle, as shown. However, the fastening components are not interchangeable.



### 5.8 Potential equalisation

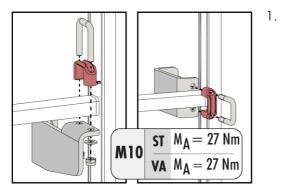
Make sure the ladder is earthed along its entire length (equipotential bonding).

#### Equipotential bonding using special conductive rung adapters



- Screw the wall bracket to the screw tab. When doing so, ensure that the shackles of the wall bracket are pointed outward.
- Place the rung adapter around the ladder rung and fix it to the wall bracket with the U-bolt. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.
  - ⇒ The aluminium adapter part [1] ensures equipotential bonding.

#### Equipotential bonding using one-piece rung adapter



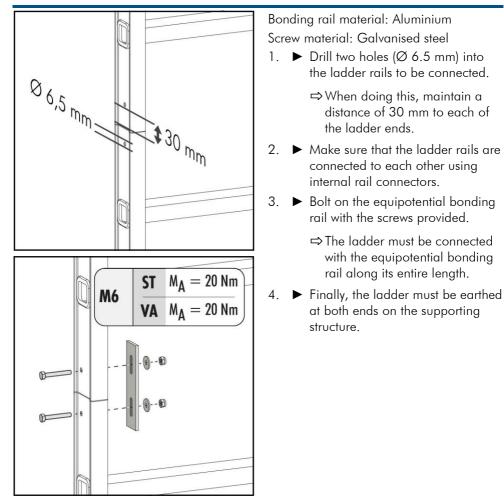
- Place the one-piece rung adapter horizontally or vertically around the rung and fix it to the wall bracket with the U-bolt. Pay attention to the correct torque while doing so.
  - ⇒ An additional component for equipotential bonding is not required when using the onepiece rung adapter.
  - ⇒ The one-piece rung adapter ensures equipotential bonding.

Equipotential bonding with bonding rail

# IMPORTANT!

#### Avoid ladder buckling

Only insert connecting tabs together with internal rail connectors, as otherwise the ladder can buckle.





### Usage

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# 6 Usage

### 6.1 Daily inspection

Carry out a daily check before using the system.

# DANGER!

# A damaged or poorly maintained system can lead to a fall, resulting in serious injury or death.

Therefore:

- The access ladder system must be regularly inspected.
- Checked for any damage before and during use.
- If there are doubts about the safe condition of the system or any parts of it, they must be immediately taken out of use.
- This must be carried out by the manufacturer or another qualified person.
- In the event of a fall, the system must be inspected immediately by an authorised expert.

Fall protection	Users are personally responsible for their own safety.				
	The personal fall protection equipment (PFPE) must be checked every working day to ensure that it is in perfect and safe condition.				
	Before and during use, the fall arrest system must be checked for any damage.				
	In addition to these installation instructions, the specifications in the arrester manufacturer's installation instructions be observed.				
Permitted number of persons on the access ladder	The number of persons permitted on each ladder may not exceed 10 persons. A minimum distance of 6 m must be maintained between each climbing person.				
	The minimum distance between persons must also be maintained in the event of an emergency or rescue.				

	In addition, the specifications of the fall arrest system manufacturer must be observed, because the number of persons allowed may be less.
Use of fold-up rest platforms	When using ladder-guided service lifts, make sure that the rest platforms are folded back in after use. Otherwise there is the danger of collision!
	Check that the rest platforms can be folded easily.
Unauthorised access	The ladder must be protected from entry by unauthorised persons.



# Disregarding the safety instructions may result in a fall and therefore lead to serious injury or death.

Therefore:

- Always use your complete PFPE!
- Only connect to or release from the fall arrest system when in a secured position.
- Never transfer on or off unless secured to a suitable attachment point (see specifications of the WTG manufacturer). Connecting to the ladder rungs is prohibited!
- Only exiting the fall arrest system once secured to a suitable attachment point.
- When ascending or descending, you must be able to grasp the ladder firmly with both hands. This means that you may not be holding any heavy loads.
- When ascending or descending, do not touch or activate the fall arrester, which is also moving. This could impair or prevent the functioning of the brakes.



# 7 Inspection and maintenance

## 7.1 Yearly inspection

At least once a year, the access ladder system must be checked for proper condition and functionality. This must be done by a knowledgeable and qualified person.

The check list for the yearly inspection of the access ladder system can be found in the appendix to these instructions.

The respective national regulations for operation and testing must be complied with.

# 7.2 Maintenance and repairs

- All non-moving parts are maintenance-free.
- Rest platforms are easy to lubricate and check for ease of movement as required.
- Damaged surfaces must to be sealed with a suitable corrosion protection agent.
- Clean any dirt with a gentle cleaning agent.
- Do not use acids or alkalis.



# ATTENTION!

#### Observe all scheduled inspections and maintenance

- It is the operating company's responsibility to ensure that scheduled inspections and maintenance are carried out.
- Proof of regular inspection is required for warranty claims.

# 8 Assembly log

#### Assembly log for fixed access ladders DIN EN ISO 14122-4 / DIN EN 50308

General information		
Date of installation		
Location		
WTG no.		
Material	Aluminium	
Type of ladder		Length in metres
Ladder with fall arrest sy	stem as per DIN EN 353-1:2018	
Ladder without fall arres	st system as per DIN EN 353-1:2018	

Ladder with rear protection

Ladder start	OK	Not OK	Comment
Correct entry dimension			DIN EN ISO 14122-4:100-400 mm

Wall brackets	OK	Not OK	Comment
Attachment to tower wall (dimension)			At least M12
Secure fit of screw connections (torque)		Nm	See manual or design drawing of WTG manufacturer
Threadlock used	YES	NO N	
Distance to wall (see p. 28)			DIN EN ISO 141222-4 >200 mm from front of rung to wall behind ladder >650 mm from front of rung to wall in front of ladder

# Assembly log



Wall brackets	OK	OK Not OK Comment				
Distance to tower flange (see p. 28)			DIN EN ISO 141222-4 >150 mm from front of rung to behind ladder >600 mm from front of rung to in front of ladder			, ,
Vertical distance	2m □	>2m □	Manufacturer YES Napproval available			
Correct installation according to specifications					. = 0	NO 🗆
Ladder fastenings	OK	Not OK		Comm	nent	
Correct installation			According			
Secure fit of screw connections (torque)		Nm	specifications (see installation instructions or design drawing of WTG manufacturer)			
Rungs						
Rungs		OK	Not OK		Commer	nt
Rungs Rung spacing 280 ± 2 mr ± 15 mm (flange)	n;		Not OK	For ladd exchang	er ends ,	
Rung spacing 280 ± 2 mr	n;	ОК  ОК		For ladd exchang	er ends ,	/
Rung spacing 280 ± 2 mr ± 15 mm (flange)				For ladd exchang	er ends , e pieces	/
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Rung spacing 280 ± 2 mr ± 15 mm (flange) Ladder connectors External rail section conne	ctor	OK YES	Not OK	For ladd exchange	er ends , e pieces Commer	/
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# Assembly log

Ladder connectors	OK	Not OK	Comment
Gap between rail ends (max. 30 mm; max. 10 mm for ladder- guided service lifts)			

Rest platforms	OK	Not OK	Comment
Correct installation according to specifications			According to manufacturer
Secure fit of screw connections (torque)	Nm		specifications (see installation instructions or design drawing of WTG
Distance between rest platforms		m	manufacturer)

Marking	OK	Not OK	Comment
Nameplate attached			
Inspection tag attached			
Maintenance date entered			

Condition of the climbing path	YES	NO	Comment
Initial assembly			
Repair			
Usability			

Next inspection	Month:	Year:
Company performing services:		
Name of fitter (please print):		
Certificate number:		
Signature:		

Corrosion

fitted

Screw connection securely

Condition of fastening



# 9 Test report

#### Recurrent inspection of fixed access ladders DIN EN/ISO 14122-4 / DIN EN 50308

General information							
Date of installation							
Location							
WTG no.							
Material				Al	uminium		
Type of inspection	Recurre	ent inspec	tion		Non-sche inspectio		
Type of ladder						Length in met	res
Ladder with fall arrest sy	/stem as	per DIN	EN 35	53-1:2	2018		
Ladder without fall arres	st system	as per D	NIN EN	353	-1:2018		
Ladder with rear protect	ion						
Marking		OK	Not	OK		Comment	
Present and legible				]			
Wall brackets		OK	Not	ОК		Comment	
Screw connection secur fitted	ely			]			
Deformation / damage				]			
Corrosion				]			
Ladder fastenings		OK	Not	ОК		Comment	
Correct installation				]			

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# Test report

Rungs	OK	Not OK	Comment	
Check rung fit (wiggle, shake, twist)			According to manufacturer's specifications	
Rung bulge (outside rail)			When using a service lift on ladder	
Deformation	>1.5 mm	>1.5 mm		
Non-slip surface				
Corrosion				
Cracks / ridges				
Rung spacing 280 ± 2 mm; ± 15 mm (flange)			For ladder ends / exchange pieces	
Secure fit of screw connections (repair kit)			If rung attached with repair kit	

Rails	OK	Not OK	Comment
Deformation	>1.5 mm	>1.5 mm	
Cracks			
Ridges			
Corrosion			

Ladder connectors	OK	Not OK	Comment
External rail section connector	YES 🗆	NO 🗆	
Rail offset	<1 mm	>1mm □	
Screw connection securely fitted			
Gap at rail ends (max. 10 mm)			
External rail connector	YES 🗆	NO 🗆	

# Test report



Ladder connectors		OK		N	Not OK		Comment		
Screw connection securely fitted									
Gap at rail ends (max. 30 mm)									
Internal rail connector		YES 🗆		Ν	NO 🗆				
Bolted joint (required for pylon)									
Gap between rail ends (max. 30 mm; max. 10 mm for ladder- guided service lifts)									
Rest platforms	(	ЭK	No	ot OK		С	Comment		
Fastener									
Function									
Corrosion									
Damage									
Result of inspection		ЭK	DK Not OK			С	omment		
Condition of the ladder									
Usability									
Repair/replacement	YE	S □	NO 🗆						
Use not permitted	YE	S □	NO 🗆						
Further testing necessary	YE:	S □	NO 🗆						
Next inspection		Mont	n:		Year:				
Company performing services:									
Name of fitter (please print):									
Certificate number:									
Signature:									

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