





# **SAF RATE** FIBERGLASS LADDER AND CAGE SYSTEM



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This fiberglass ladder and cage provide worker access to a maintenance platform at a Ciba Geigy plant in the northeastern United States.



NSF Strongwell ladder and cage systems can be manufactured using NSF-61 certified materials. Contact Strongwell for details.

#### American Bureau of Shipping

Approved for use on a variety of ABS Class ships.





Fiberglass access ladders are used throughout the service areas of Sea World in Orlando, FL, and resist saltwater corrosion and reduce maintenance costs. SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> fiberglass ladders and ladder cages mounted on the sides of tanks and buildings are a common sight in a wide range of industries. Fiberglass ladder and ladder cage systems have been in use since the 1950's in chemical plants and other corrosive environments. Even in complete immersion applications, fiberglass has outlasted aluminum and steel and required little or no maintenance.

#### **Sizes & Availability**

SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> ladders are fabricated in a standard 18" (457mm) rung width configuration with 12" (305mm) rung spacings. Various ladder lengths can be produced as practical. Standard SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> ladder and ladder cage systems are designed and fabricated to meet the requirements of OSHA 1910.23 and 1926.1053. Custom colors and custom designed ladders and access cages can be fabricated upon request. Ladders can be shipped pre-assembled for installation in the field.

#### **Materials of Construction**

SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> ladders and ladder cage systems are produced using a premium grade polyester resin system with flame retardant and ultraviolet (UV) inhibitor additives. A vinyl ester resin system is available upon request for additional corrosion resistance. Standard side rails and cages are pigmented OSHA safety yellow. The rungs are a pultruded fiberglass polyester tube with a fluted, non-skid surface.

\*Strongwell recommends a coating to reduce color fade for outdoor applications. If a coating is not applied, color will fade.

## **HOW TO SPECIFY**

SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> fiberglass ladder systems shall be fabricated from pultruded fiberglass components as produced by Strongwell. Cage hoops shall be produced by the open molded hand lay-up method.

The pultruded parts shall be made with a fire retardant polyester resin which meets the ASTM E-84 test for flame spread of 25 or less and contains a UV inhibitor. The color shall be OSHA safety yellow.

#### SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> Ladders and Ladder Cages

SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) ladder and cage systems shall meet the requirements set forth in OSHA 1910.23 and 1926.1053.

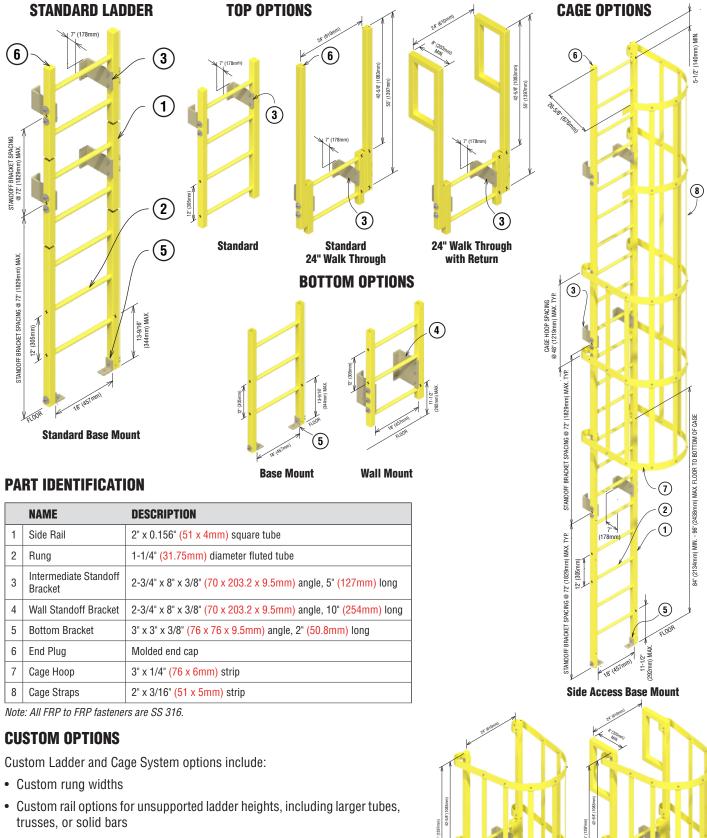
Ladders shall be shop assembled and may be pre-drilled and prepared for field attachment of standoff clips.

#### **Materials**

The side rails, rungs, and cage straps shall be pultruded fiberglass reinforced components. The side rails shall be  $2" \times 2" \times 0.156" (51 \times 51 \times 4mm)$  or 2-3/8" x 2-3/8" x 3/16" (60 x 60 x 4.76mm) square tube. The rungs shall be pultruded 1-1/4" (31.75mm) diameter FRP fluted tube.

Cage hoops shall be manufactured by the open mold hand lay-up process with a width of 3" (76mm) and thickness of 1/4" (6mm) minimum. The cage shall be interconnected with 2" x 3/16" ( $51 \times 5mm$ ) pultruded straps spaced 9" (230mm) on center around the hoop.

### **STANDARD LADDER SYSTEMS**



- Custom 1" (25.4mm) gritted solid rungs: round, square, diamond
- · Larger stand-off brackets to avoid obstructions
- End returns and safety gates
- · Cages available fully assembled or unassembled for field assembly

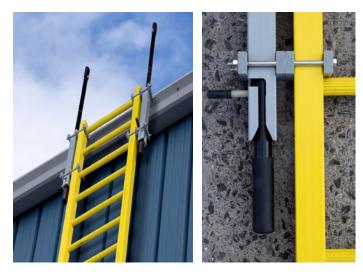
Standard 24" Walk Through

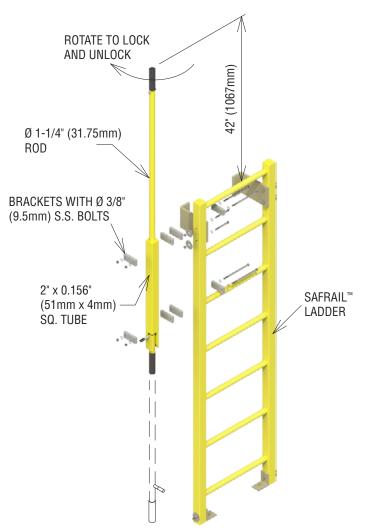
24" Walk Through with Return

# ACCESSORIES

#### **Extendable Ladder Rail:**

- Provides stability at the top of the ladder when a walk through ladder is not an option
- All FRP components attached to 2" (51mm) square ladder rail with metallic fasteners
- · Left- or right-side installation
- Withstands 200 lb (90.7 kg) horizontal load at top handle in fully extended position
- Bolt-action, locking mechanism
- Available for ladders 7' (2.13m) and taller
- · Can be manufactured using NSF-61 certified materials





### **HOW TO ORDER**

**RESIN SYSTEM:** The standard resin system is a polyester with flame retardant. A vinyl ester resin system is available upon request.

**LADDER CAGE:** Note if a ladder cage is required. Determine the exit method at the top of the ladder cage. Strongwell will choose the starting height if none is given. The starting height will be between 7' and 8' as required by OSHA. Note if the cage is to be assembled or if it is to be shipped with the ladder as a kit. The ladder cage is made using a polyester resin system with a flame retardant. A vinyl ester resin system is available upon request.

NOTE: To assist our customers in submitting the necessary data for quotation, fabrication worksheets are available at www.strongwell.com.

**COLOR:** Standard SAFRAIL<sup>™</sup> ladders feature yellow side rails and rungs. Custom colors are available upon request.

**PAINTING:** Strongwell recommends a coating to reduce color fade for outdoor applications. If a coating is not applied, color will fade.

**ORDERING:** Choose one of the four standard ladder types. Add optional return if required. Determine the dimensions required per the type of ladder chosen.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:** If none of the standard ladder types meet the customer's requirements, a drawing or a sketch must be submitted for pricing purposes.



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