



## SAFETY BULLETIN: MIXER TRUCK LADDER SAFETY

### INSPECTING A MIXER TRUCK LADDER

Before using the mixer truck ladder, perform regular ladder inspections and assess these hazards:

- Loose, worn and damaged rungs and side rails.
- Watch for debris, oil and chemicals that could cause a slipping hazard.
- Check for corroded bolts, handrails and steps.
- Remove clutter obstructing the use of the ladder.
- Test that the ladder opens and closes properly.
- Loose, worn and damaged rungs, side rails or ladder stop tabs.
- Ensure the locking mechanism will secure the ladder properly.



### GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Here are some tips to help minimize the risk of slipping or falling when climbing the mixer truck ladder:

- Use the steps and ladder provided - do not improvise.
- Always face the truck when climbing up and down.
- Never climb on a piece of equipment while in motion.
- Watch your footing each time.
- Support your weight until your feet are firmly on the ground.
- Ensure that the ladder gets flipped open prior to climbing on the truck - do not attempt to climb on the back on the truck in lieu of the ladder.
- If the site set up at the pump is tight, have the spotter open the ladder before backing up. Ideally, communicate if more room is needed when possible.
- Do not jump off of the ladder - even part way. Doing this can easily cause injury.
- Workers who are not ready mix drivers or authorized workers employed by the ready mix company are not to be on the ladder at any given time.



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### PROCEDURE

Improper ladder climbing techniques or even a slight distraction can result in falls, serious injury or death. Here are the recommended steps to follow when using a mixer truck ladder:

1. Pull down the ladder - standing to the side to avoid being hit.
2. Pre-inspect your ladder using the attached criteria.
3. Clear all ice, mud or build up from ladder steps prior to climbing up ladder.
4. In the winter watch for ice build up from water use - clear this away before using a ladder.
5. Before climbing ladder, clean and rinse your footwear.
6. Use 3 points of contact when climbing the ladder - ensuring to use the grab handles provided.
7. Never carry anything up or down the ladder.
8. Always face the ladder when climbing up or down.
9. When cleaning the hopper or fins, both feet must be kept on the platform of the ladder and one hand on the handhold. This will help to eliminate the possibility of slipping into the drum when it's mixing.
10. Make sure your position is secure when working on the mixer deck.
11. Keep all parts of body and loose clothing away from rotating parts.
12. Avoid the drum rollers and be careful of the clearance between the drum and frame, and other moving parts.
13. Climb down the ladder using 3 points of contact. Support your weight until you touch the ground.
14. Fold up the ladder, stand to the side and complete visual check.

#### ➤ PPE

- Hard Hat
- Safety Glasses
- Hearing Protection
- Sleeved Shirt
- Steel Toed Boots
- High Visibility Vests/Coveralls
- Gloves

#### ➤ HAZARDS

- Pinch Points
- Head Clearance
- Pedestrian Traffic
- Slips, Trips & Falls
- Improper Body Position

#### ➤ CONTROLS

- Daily Hazard Assessment
- 3-Point Contact
- Housekeeping
- Equipment Inspection & Maintenance
- Training