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# Connectable Aluminum Planks Operating Instructions

Metal conducts electricity do not use where contact may be made with live electrical circuits. Failure to read and follow instructions on the use of this product could result in serious personal injury or death.

#### PROPER SELECTION

- 1. Planks shall be furnished and erected in accordance with appropriate ANSI standards.
- 2. Select plank of proper duty to support combined weight of user and materials. 250 lbs for 1 man units, 500lbs for 2 man units, and 750 lbs for 3 man units. Do not overload. No more than rated number of men permitted on plank
- 3. Use proper size plank. Do not use temporary supports or extensions

#### INSPECTION BEFORE AND AFTER EACH USE

- 1. Inspect for missing or damaged components and loose fasteners. Damaged or weakened planks should immediately be removed from service and shall not be used until repairs have been made. Never attempt to straighten a deformed side rail or decking member.
- 2. Clean plank of any foreign material (wet paint, mud, snow, grease, oil, etc.)
- 3. Destroy if exposed to fire or chemicals
- 4. Metal ladders conduct electricity. Keep away from electrical circuits. Planks and tools shall not be allowed to contact unprotected, energized electrical

lines or equipment. Maintain a minimum safe distance of at least 10 ft. Consult the power company to shut off the power or insulate/relocate the line if

working closer than 10 ft. DANGER! To avoid contact and shock hazard, plank and tools shall not be used in the vicinity of energized power lines or electrical lines.

- 5. Use plank only as outlined in instructions.
- 6. Acids and other corrosive substances may severely affect the strength of this product. Consult the manufacturer for use in chemical and other corrosive

environments.

- 7. Overhead protection must be provided whenever an overhead hazard exists.
- 8. Do not use in high winds or during a storm.
- 9. Do not use if in poor health, if taking drugs, alcoholic beverages, or if physically handicapped
- 10. Keep shoes clean, leather soles should not be worn.
- 11. Never leave plank set-up and unattended.
- 12. Pay close attention to what you are doing.
- 13. Use this product at your own risk.

### **PROPER SET-UP AND USE**

- 1. Only trained personal shall erect and use plank
- 2. Set up level on supports providing a minimum of 12" a Maximum 18" overhang at each end. Make sure the working area is leveled.
- 3. Use guardrails, mid-rails, toe boards, or safety net system appropriate to the configuration the plank is being used when plank is:
  - a) 6' or higher for construction applications
  - b) 10' or higher for other applications
  - c) Guardrails a minimum 32" and maximum 42" high include the mid rail. Guardrail shall be supported on 10' maximum intervals and extend the full plank length.
- 4. Use safety screening of 19ga US. Standard wire ½" mesh or equivalent on open sides and ends when over work or walk area.
- 5. Make sure ladders and plank a restrained from movement when accessing the plank.
- 6. Casters should be locked when the work stand is in use.
- 7. Do not allow unstable or loose objects to accumulate on work surface.
- 8. This product is not intended for cantilever application.
- 9. Use only 250 or 300 lbs, duty rated ladders when using plank or platforms with ladder jacks.
- 10. Do not ride on a moving plank or platform. Tools, material and equipment should not be stored on plank or platforms that are being moved.
- 11. Each end of the platform unit shall extend over its support centerline not less than 6" not more than 18". Users shall not stand on the cantilevered portion of the platform.
- 12. Do not use ladder or other device to gain greater height on planks

## PROPER CARE AND STORAGE

- 1. Hang on racks designed to support plank.
- 2. Do not store material on the plank.
- 3. Never drop or apply impact load to any parts of the plank.
- 4. Securely support plank in transit.