

## TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT 307

July 2003 <sup>1,2</sup>

### Am-Boss Access Ladder

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#### PURPOSE

Pull down ladder for access to ceiling/roof spaces and plant/equipment areas in buildings.

#### APPLICANT

Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959),  
11-13 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020  
(Manufacturer).



## TECHNICAL OPINION

In the opinion of CSIRO Appraisals, the Am-Boss Access Ladder is suitable for providing access to ceiling/roof spaces and plant/equipment areas in buildings provided that:

1. The ladder is manufactured in compliance with the specifications provided by Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd and installed in accordance with the installation instructions (10<sup>th</sup> August 1990).

**Note:** This is available from Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd, 11-13 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020, (Phone 03 9310 8788).

2. The cutting of building elements, to form the opening in the ceiling, is to be in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards, building legislation requirements and the relevant Am-Boss Access Ladder installation details.

## BUILDING CODE of AUSTRALIA

In the opinion of CSIRO Appraisals, the Am-Boss Access Ladder described in this Technical Assessment and installed under the conditions listed in this Technical Assessment will satisfy the Performance Requirements of clauses DP1 and DP2 (Volume 1 - Class 2 to Class 9 buildings) and P2.5.1 (Volume 2 – Class 1 and 10 buildings) of the Building Code of Australia (2008).

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## RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd 'Main Specification' (5<sup>th</sup> April 2002)

Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd 'Guide to Installation' (10<sup>th</sup> August 1990)

Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd 'Maintenance Procedure' (12<sup>th</sup> October 2001)

Standards Australia, Australian Standard 1657:1992 – 'Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders - Design, construction and installation'

## APPROVED ASSESSMENT EXTRACT

The Am-Boss Access Ladder as supplied by Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), North Sunshine, Victoria is suitable for providing ladder access to ceiling/roof spaces and plant/equipment areas in buildings when the conditions listed in CSIRO Technical Assessment 307 are fulfilled.

## APPRAISAL

### DESCRIPTION

This description is based on information supplied by the applicant.

#### **General:**

The Am-Boss Access Ladder is manufactured from welded aluminium and New Zealand pine and is a counter balanced pull-down three section folding access ladder. It is a complete unit fully assembled with concealed hinges, draft seal, counter balancing and metal architrave. The ladder is manufactured to be installed in ceilings/roof spaces where trusses are spaced at least 600 mm centres.

#### **Installation:**

**General.** Installation is in accordance with Am-Boss Access ladders Pty Ltd Guide to Installation (10<sup>th</sup> August 1990). These include details for preparation, installation and fitting.

**Ceiling preparation.** Easy access above and below the space for the ladder is essential. A hole of the appropriate dimensions is to be cut and boxed out to take the ladder unit.

**Fixing:** The ladder unit is pushed into the opening made in the ceiling and screw fixed to the boxed frame.

**Maintenance:**

The Am-boss Access Ladder has all moving parts pre-lubricated in the factory. If operation of the unit occurs more than 3-5 times a day then all moving parts are to be lubricated once every two months. The entire unit should be inspected and lubricated once every 12 months.

## DESIGN INFORMATION

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**General:**

Based on information from the applicant, the Am-Boss Access Ladder is designed for use in areas of low frequency use such as ceiling/roof spaces and plant/equipment areas in buildings.

**Durability:**

In the opinion of CSIRO Appraisals the life expectancy of the Am-Boss Access Ladder would be not less than the service life of the ceiling provided that it is installed in accordance with the requirements of this appraisal.

## BASIS OF APPRAISAL

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CSIRO Appraisals has assessed the following aspects in undertaking this appraisal:

- (a) the applicant's installation instructions.
- (b) the physical properties of the material.
- (c) the load capacity of the unit.

The following documents and inspections were used in carrying out the appraisal.

**Manufacturer's Information:**

1. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Main Specification (Document PR5) (5<sup>th</sup> April 2002)
2. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Guide to Installation (10<sup>th</sup> August 1990)
3. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Maintenance Procedure (Document MA1) (12<sup>th</sup> October 2001)
4. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Australian standards on Pull Down Access Ladders (Document AS3) (16<sup>th</sup> April 2002)

5. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Document PR4 (12<sup>th</sup> December 2002)
6. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Document PR1 00 (12<sup>th</sup> December 2002)
7. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Heavy Duty Version (Modifications if Required) (17<sup>th</sup> June 2002)
8. **Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd (ACN 007 214 959), 23 Maida Avenue, North Sunshine, VIC 3020 (Manufacturer):**  
Drawings –
  - (i) AMBOSS-LAD/SPEC.DWG (Rev 0) (21<sup>st</sup> April 1995)
  - (ii) AMBOSS-LAD/SPEC.DWG (Rev 1) (21<sup>st</sup> April 1995)
  - (iii) Ladder (Attic Rung) (23<sup>rd</sup> March 1998).
  - (iv) AM/AL – AP01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (v) AM/AL – AR01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (vi) AM/AL – AR01 – D1.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (vii) AM/AL – AR01 – D2.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (viii) AM/AL – CH01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (ix) AM/AL – FC01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (x) AM/AL – HR01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xi) AM/AL – HR01 – D1.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xii) AM/AL – HR01 – D2.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xiii) AM/AL – LA01.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xiv) AM/AL – LA01 – D1.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xv) AM/AL – LA01 – D2.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xvi) AM/AL – LA01 – D3.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xvii) AM/AL – LA01 – D4.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)
  - (xviii) AM/AL – LA01 – D5.DWG (Rev 0) (10<sup>th</sup> October 1995)

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| (xix)     | AM/AL – LA01 – D6.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) | (xli)    | AM/AL – PS01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |
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| (xxiv)    | AM/AL – LH01 – D1.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) | (xlvi)   | AM/AL – SP01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |
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| (xxviii)  | AM/AL – LK01 – D2.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) |          |  |
| (xxix)    | AM/AL – LL01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxx)     | AM/AL – LL01 – D1.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) |          |  |
| (xxx1)    | AM/AL – LL01 – D2.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) |          |  |
| (xxxii)   | AM/AL – LL01 – D3.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) |          |  |
| (xxxiii)  | AM/AL – LL01 – D4.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995) |          |  |
| (xxxiv)   | AM/AL – LR01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxxv)    | AM/AL – LS01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxxvi)   | AM/AL – MB01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxxvii)  | AM/AL – PH01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxxviii) | AM/AL – PL01.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)      |          |  |
| (xxxix)   | AM/AL – PL01 –D1.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)  |          |  |
| (xl)      | AM/AL – PL01 –D2.DWG (Rev 0)<br>(10 <sup>th</sup> October 1995)  |          |  |

**Test Reports:**

- METLABS 294 Arden St, North Melbourne, Correlation/Report No. 960707/1 (7<sup>th</sup> August 1996):**  
This report provides results of load testing the Am-Boss Access Ladder. The results show that it has a maximum load rating of 150 kg.

**Inspections:**

CSIRO Appraisals have inspected an installation of the system and found it to be satisfactory. In CSIRO's opinion the system is capable of being installed in accordance with the specifications contained in Am-Boss Access Ladders Pty Ltd 'Guide to Installation' (10<sup>th</sup> August 1990).



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