

Prefabricated accessories for roofing — Permanently fixed roof ladders — Product specification and test methods

The European Standard EN 12951:2004 has the status of a British Standard

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National foreword

This British Standard is the official English language version of EN 12951:2004.

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This British Standard is one of several standards covering permanent fittings to give access to high structures including high buildings, chimneys, and plant. Other related standards include:

BS 3572, *Specification for access fittings for chimneys and other high structures in concrete or brickwork*.

BS 3678, *Specification for access hooks for chimneys and other high structures in steel*.

BS 4211, *Specification for permanently fixed ladders*.

BS 5395-3, *Stairs, ladders and walkways — Part 3: Code of practice for the design of industrial type stairs, permanent ladders and walkways*.

BS EN ISO 14122, *Safety of machinery — Permanent means of access to machinery*, particularly *Part 4: Fixed ladders* (to be published in 2005).

For portable ladders in aluminium and timber, attention is drawn to BS 2037 and BS 1129 respectively.

Attention is also drawn to the requirements of the Building Regulations for England and Wales, The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) and The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations.

Cross-references

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