

EN131 CHANGES

A Brief Guide

WHAT CHANGES ARE COMING?

In January 2019 the rules governing Ladder Standards is changing. From December 31st 2018 onwards the old standards, **BS 1129 Class 1 / BS 2037 Class 1** and **BS 1129 Class 3 / BS 2037 Class 3** together with the 'old' version of **EN131** will be withdrawn replaced by the new **EN131 Professional** or **EN131 Non-Professional**.

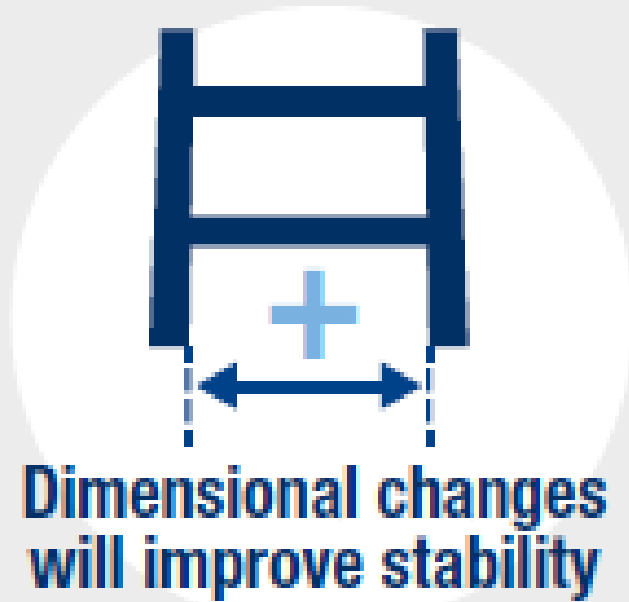


HOW THESE CHANGES AFFECT YOU

The new standards are designed to make it easier to select the appropriate ladder for your needs. You can still use ladders that are in good condition, but when these are replaced you need to look out for **EN131 Professional** ladders that are to be used in the workplace.

BETTER TESTING

EN 131 has new requirements that will improve the safety of ladders:



The new EN131 standard will improve the quality and safety of ladders and steps. The biggest change is for all ladders 3m or extend to over 3m high will have a splayed base or make use of a ladder stabiliser. This makes the ladder much more stable and users are less likely to slip sideways.

There are changes to the manufacturing process make the ladders stronger and pass much tougher tests including much greater testing cycles.

Professional Ladders & steps

50,000
test cycles

Domestic Ladders & steps

10,000
test cycles

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