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How to choose a Skylark Electric Foldaway Attic Stairs

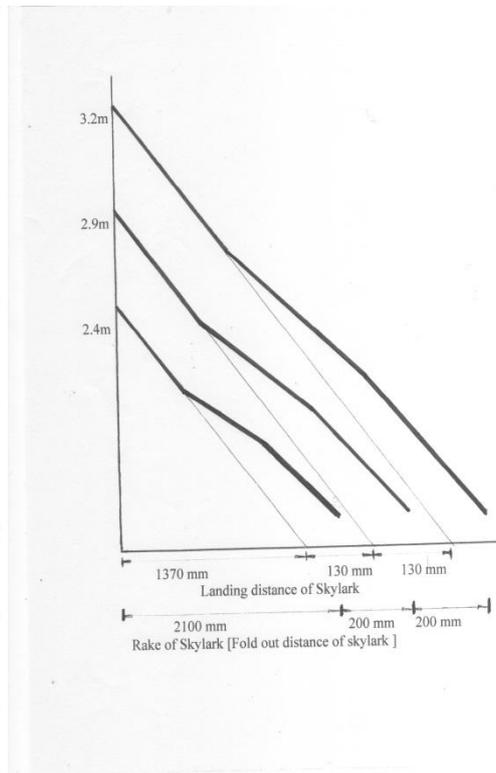
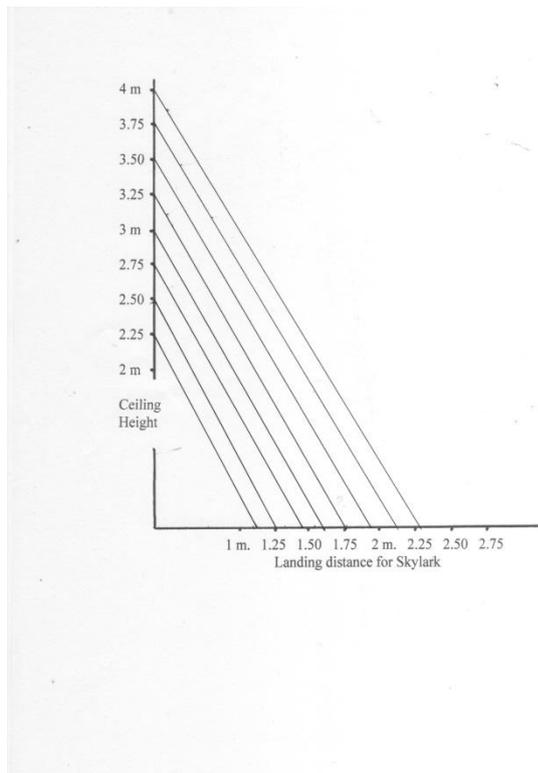
Thank you for purchasing a Skylark Electric Attic Stairs. After you have taken delivery of your Skylark, check that there is no visible damage; if so please contact your supplier.

Deciding where the Skylark is to be fitted:

Generally most attic ladders are fitted in the existing trapdoor it may mean altering or trimming the opening to fit the new stairs.

However consideration needs to be taken in these following steps:

- Where the loft ladder will come to rest on the floor.
- Is it a safe distance from the stairwell or doorways or from fixed furniture.
- Will there be enough room for the stairs to unfold bearing in mind the arc or rake of the ladder as it unfolds, check graph, rake & arc for your ceiling height.
- Will there be adequate headroom on the floor space when you climb into your attic.
- All these factors may prompt you into putting in a new opening in a more suitable position.



Measuring for a Skylark:

1. Ceiling Height

This is the most important measurement and it is the vertical distance from floor to ceiling (not floor to floor).

When ordering a Skylark the ceiling height must be given precisely as your Skylark will be made to fit JUST that ceiling height.

2. Width

The frame width is the outer dimensions of the attic stairs frame. It is this frame that is fixed to the joists in the ceiling, so it is important to ensure the frame fits between the frame and the joists. The ideal gap between the frame and the joists is between 5 and 10 mm. This space is necessary for squaring the frame when fitting commences. However if the gap is bigger the space can always be trimmed with pieces of wood or packer pieces.

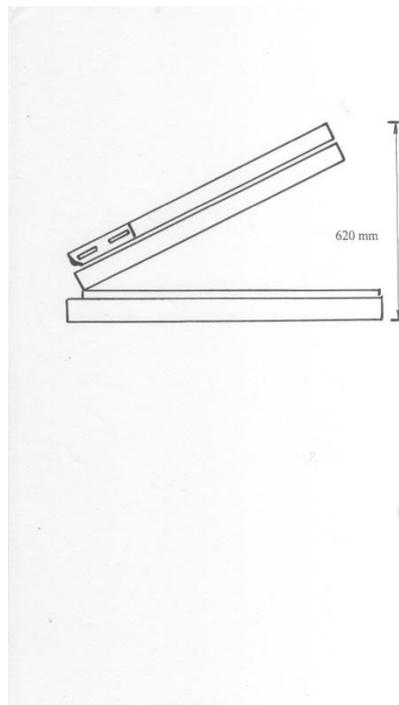
3. Length

The frame length is the overall length of the frame. If you are fitting the Skylark in an existing trapdoor the likelihood is that you will have to lengthen the trapdoor to facilitate the new frame and attic stairs. Extending the opening is quite easily done as you will be cutting a hoist that has already been cut so no new joist is cut in the process.

NOTE:

One thing you do have to do however is make sure you have the room to extend. Check in the direction you intend to extend the opening to ensure there are no wires, pipes, walls, joists or beams in the way. If inhibited by any such constraints you may need to seek professional assistance.

Skylark is a self-contained unit that fits within its own frame when in a closed position. The total height of the ladder from ceiling into attic is less than 62cm.



Unit Sizes for Skylark Electric Foldaway Attic Stairs

650 /700 /750 /800mm x 1200mm

for ceilings up to 2.6m

650 /700 /750 /800mm x 1350mm

for ceilings between 2.7 & 2.9m

650 /700 /750/800mm x 1500mm

for ceilings between 3m & 3.2m