

USE OF EXTENSION PLANKS WITH SAWHORSE PRODUCT

We only sell our sawhorse and extension plank as a ladder-type scaffold as per the attached operating instructions. In ANSI 10.8, Clause 17.2.8 states: “Width of planks or platforms shall comply with specific codes applicable to each jurisdiction.” We have taken the position that ladder-type scaffold should be viewed similar to ladder jack scaffold. ANSI 10.8 Clause 17.3.2 discusses plank width used for ladder jack scaffold. It states: “The minimum width of the platform of a ladder jack scaffold shall be 18 inches when wood plank is being used and 12 inches when fabricated platform is being used.” OSHA and ANSI rationale for using a 12 inch plank for ladder jack scaffold is that it could prove problematic to use a heavier plank as the ladder jack scaffold must be moved many times. We take the same view with ladder-type scaffold. The possibility of ergonomic injury when moving a large 18 – 20 inch wide plank could result in a significant increase in injury over the lighter 12 inch wide plank.

That is our position, but Quebec and Ontario (where ladder jacks are not allowed to be used) may have a different opinion.

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