

Know Your Dimensions



1. Opening Size

Measure the rough opening in your ceiling, both the width and length. Standard openings are 22.5" x 54", but some homes have wider openings. Conversely, some homes have smaller openings (or hatches). It's important to understand the opening size you have or will create to ensure you select the correct attic ladder product for your home.

Standard- Measure from finished ceiling

Compact- Measure from attic floor

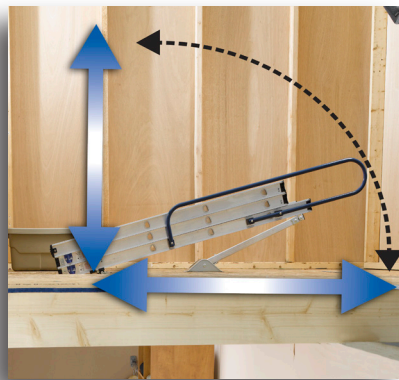


2. Floor to Ceiling Height

Measure and verify the ceiling height, which is the distance from the finished floor to the finished ceiling. Most attic ladders cover a range of ceiling heights, so it's important to know the exact measurement you're working with. For smaller attic ladder openings with a minimum measurement of 18" x 24" you will need to measure from the finished floor to the attic floor.



Standard



Compact

3. Swing Clearance

Measure and verify the amount of space available to swing out the stair sections of your ladder (this extends beyond your attic opening). For smaller attic openings with a minimum measurement of 18" x 24" you will need to measure the swing clearance inside the attic space. The compact attic ladder requires a minimum height of 28" and minimum depth of 44" inside the attic, above and behind the opening.

4. Landing Space

Having the correct amount of landing space is key to being able to properly extend the stairs for safe climbing. Measure the space available where the ladder will land, from the back of the opening towards the front.

