

# LADDER ATTACHMENT

**Important: Before you assemble the Ladder Attachment, it is important that you read the safety notice below, and then read and follow these instructions carefully. If you have any problems, queries or concerns, please telephone our Customer Services Department on 0990 352 352.**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Position the Ladder Attachment on a soft, level surface such as grass – NEVER on a hard surface. The Ladder Attachment is not designed for adults, or for children weighing more than 5½ stone (35kg). Allow no more than two children at a time on the Ladder Attachment.

Always supervise children while they are playing on the Ladder Attachment. Make sure they do not wear anything that can catch or snag on the equipment (e.g. jackets with hoods or cords, clothes with baggy pockets, jewellery). Make sure they do not carry bags or other items onto the equipment. Children should not wear cycle helmets on our play equipment.

Check nuts and bolts regularly and tighten them if necessary. If not checked regularly, bolts can loosen and components may become detached and cause injuries.

## BEFORE YOU START

The Early Learning Centre Ladder Attachment has been carefully developed as a safe and durable addition to the Early Learning Centre Climbing Frame. The Ladder Attachment should be added to the Climbing Frame in its Giant form.

The Ladder Attachment should be assembled by an adult, perhaps with another adult to help. **Taking time over the assembly helps to ensure safety. You should allow about an hour to complete the job.**

We recommend that you check all the parts against the Parts List before starting. Do this by laying out all the parts on a flat surface – but not on grass.

Note that if the Climbing Frame is already assembled, you will have to make some alterations to its structure. To do this use the spanners provided. You can also use an adjustable spanner, but do not use pliers, as these can cause damage.

## QUALITY

The Ladder Attachment is made from strong steel tubes, galvanised to combat rusting from the inside and coated with tough polyester paint. All other metal parts (e.g. nuts and bolts) have been specially plated. The product has been fully tested for paint toxicity and for mechanical and physical properties. Certificates have been granted for British Standard BS 5665 and European Standard EN71.

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Activities like climbing, swinging, bouncing, sliding and balancing are all part of the fun of learning whilst growing up. Successfully meeting these challenges builds children's confidence as well as helping muscular development and coordination. Confidence depends on success, so it's important to let children go at their own pace, giving them a helping hand as long as they need it.

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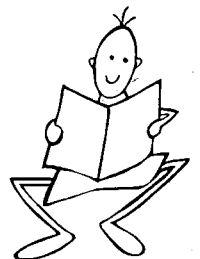
**Note that the 10 year guarantee against rust perforation does not cover rust due to chipped paintwork.** Check the paintwork regularly and if necessary touch up using a non-toxic enamel or car type paint (available from good DIY stores). We regret we cannot supply paint as the type we use is suitable only for machine application.

## IMPORTANT

Have you read the safety notice above? Remember to always supervise children while they are playing on the Ladder Attachment.



Toys that make learning fun!





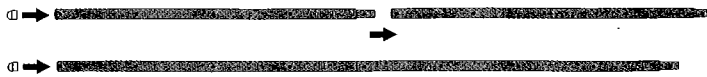
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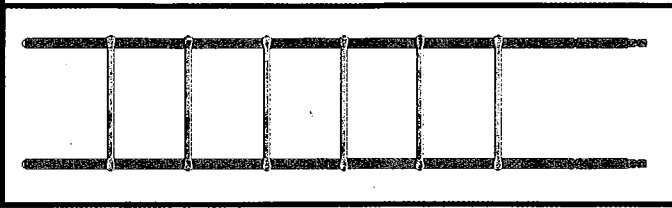
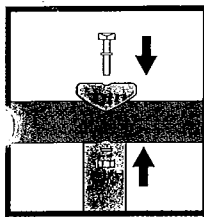
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**IMPORTANT:** The leg sections are slightly longer than the handrails and have holes at intervals along their length. Be careful not to confuse them.

Insert foot bungs in the ends of 2 leg sections.



Insert the tapered ends into 2 further leg sections. **Do not bolt together yet.**

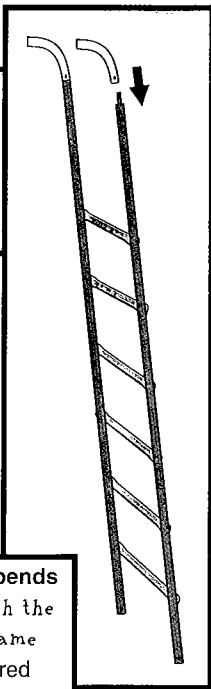
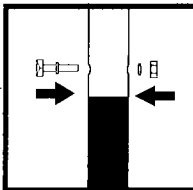


Starting from the ends where the bungs are, ignore the first hole, and then fix 6 ladder rungs to the leg sections using standard bolts, washers and nuts.

Fix the fourth rung at the join between the leg sections. The bolts are designed to be fairly short - there should only be just enough room to attach the nut.

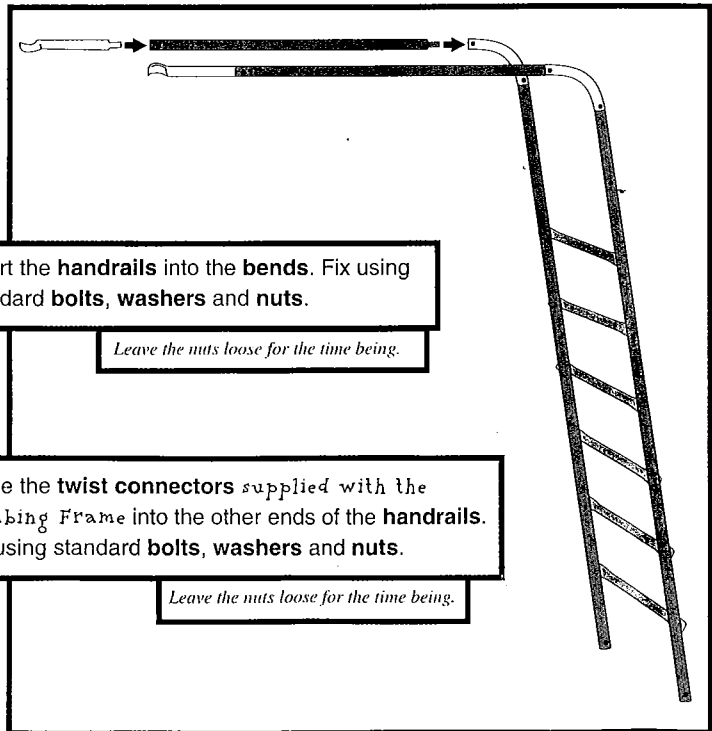
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Place the 2 bends supplied with the Climbing Frame over the tapered ends of the ladder as shown. Fix using standard bolts, washers and nuts.

Make sure that the bends point away from the ladder rungs. Leave the nuts loose for the time being.



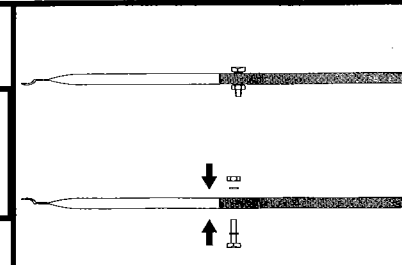
Insert the handrails into the bends. Fix using standard bolts, washers and nuts.

Leave the nuts loose for the time being.

Place the twist connectors supplied with the Climbing Frame into the other ends of the handrails. Fix using standard bolts, washers and nuts.

Leave the nuts loose for the time being.

Make sure the left and right twist connectors are the correct way round, with the hooked ends facing outwards. If they are the wrong way round the bolts won't pass through the holes.



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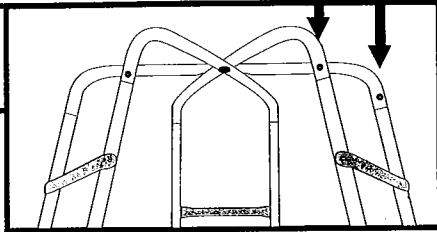


## COMPLETE THE ASSEMBLY

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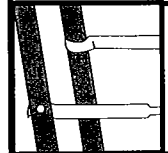
Remove the 2 **plastic nuts and bolts** above one set of **ladder rungs** on the Climbing Frame.

Leave the **third plastic nut and bolt** in place.



The **hooked ends of the twist connectors** should fit snugly on the **inside of the climbing frame tubes**.

Attach the **twist connectors** to the Climbing Frame using **standard bolts, washers and nuts**.



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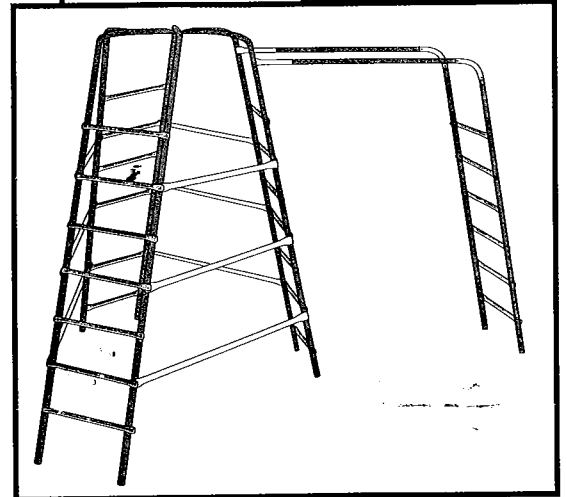
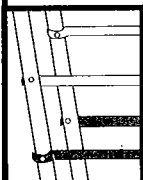
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The **hooked ends of the catwalk bars** should fit snugly on the **outside** when the tube is **horizontal**.

Leave the **nuts loose** for the time being.

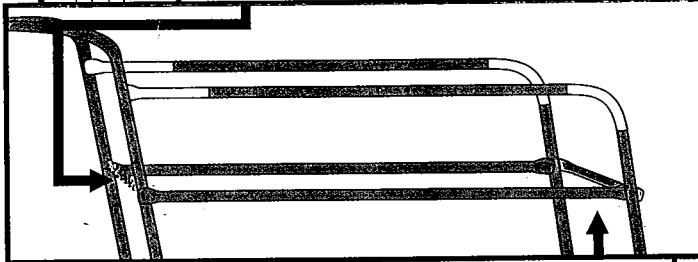
Remove the top **ladder rung** below the **twist connectors**. Fix the **catwalk section** in its place using **standard bolts, washers and nuts**.



Leave the **nuts loose** for the time being.

The **bolt** is designed to be just long enough to **attach the nut**.

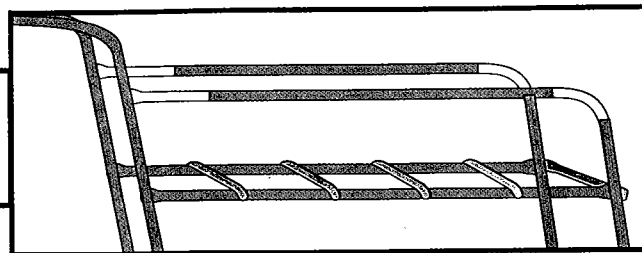
Fix the other ends of the **catwalk sections** and a **ladder rung** to the ladder using **standard bolts, washers and nuts**.



Make sure that the ladder attachment is in its final position and **tighten all the nuts** with the **spanners** until at least **three threads** are exposed.

*Some nuts will have to be tightened hard. Do not worry if there is some slight distortion of the tubes.*

Fix the last 4 **ladder rungs** to the top of the **catwalk section** using **standard bolts, washers and nuts**.



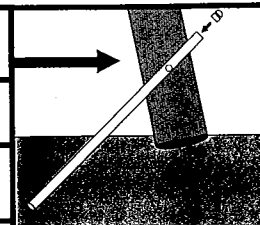
Add a **dome nut** to each **bolt** and tighten again using the **spanners**.

For extra stability, or if the ground is very soft, the **fixing pegs** can be set in **concrete**. To do this, dig holes for the concrete at least **30cm deep, 30cm wide and 30cm long**.

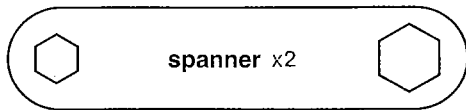
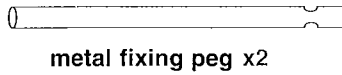
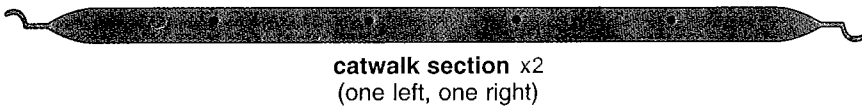
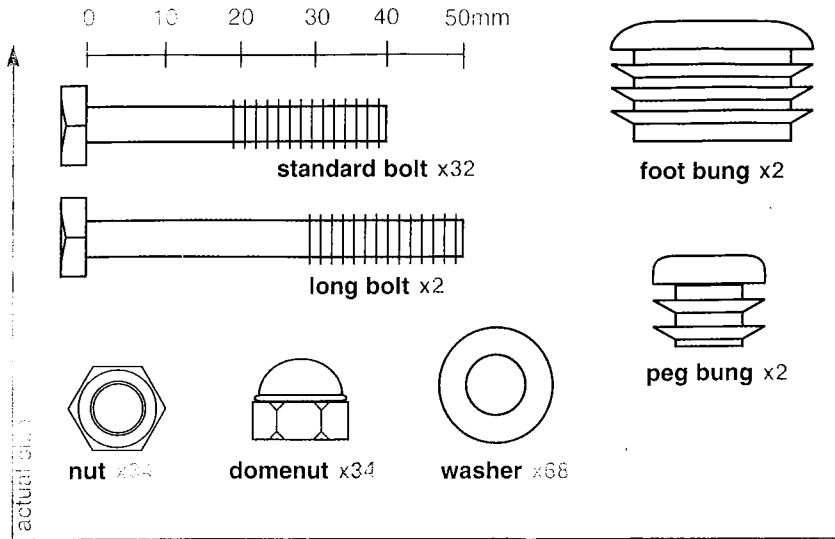
Insert a **peg bung** into the end of each **fixing peg**.

Drive 2 **fixing pegs** into the ground at an angle of about **45°** next to the legs of the ladder attachment.

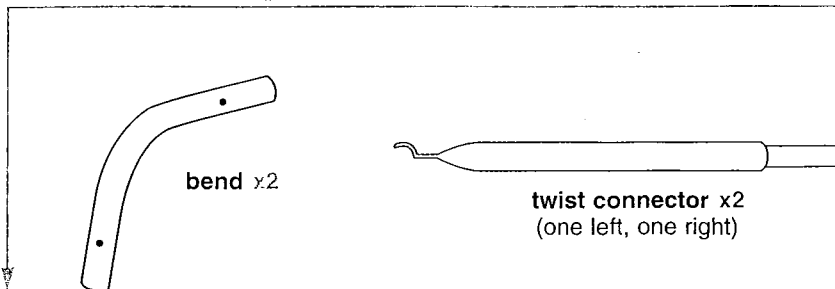
Attach the legs to the **fixing pegs** using **long bolts, standard washers, nuts and dome nuts**.



# PARTS LIST



supplied with Climbing Frame



## GUARANTEE

The metal framework of the equipment detailed within is guaranteed by the Early Learning Centre, A division of John Menzies (UK) Limited, for a period of 10 years from the date of purchase against rust perforation.

Rust perforation is defined as rusting-through of metal tubes due to rust corrosion 'from the inside out'.

Any defective part or parts will (as we see fit) either be exchanged or repaired free of charge.

This guarantee is subject to the product having been used for the purpose for which it is designed, and in accordance with the instruction leaflet and our maintenance guidelines.

The guarantee does not cover any damage caused by storms, fire or floods, or by neglect or misuse. Any repairs or alterations carried out, other than by Early Learning Centre personnel, could also invalidate this guarantee.

Please retain this guarantee and staple your receipt (your proof of purchase) to these instructions for future reference.

This guarantee does not affect or prejudice any statutory right you may have. Please contact your local Early Learning Centre or our Customer Services Department regarding any query or claim on this guarantee. Any claim under this guarantee must be notified to your Early Learning Centre or our Customer Services Department within 30 days of discovery of the defect and not later than 10 years from the date of purchase.

ELC product ref. 43401

Description **Ladder Attachment**

Customer's name

Address

Postcode

Tel. no.

Date of purchase

Mail order no.

ELC shop where purchased

Replacement parts can be ordered at ELC stores



Conforms to British Standard BS 5665