

## Timber or Metal? The choice is yours

Breezway is very excited to offer more variety to homeowners when it comes to installing an access ladder in their roof with the launch of the new Fakro Metal Access Ladder; to be nationally released on 1st February 2008.

After two years of enthusiasm from homeowners who have installed a Timber Fakro Access Ladder in their home, the Metal Access Ladder provides an alternative design to suit individual preferences when climbing in or out of their manhole.



Fakro Access Ladders are the ideal solution for providing safe, easy access to the roof void for the storage of light weight seasonal household goods, maintenance in the roof or to access a converted attic living area.

Many of the Metal Access Ladders features remain similar to the Timber Access Ladder, for example the ladders' unique thermally insulated trapdoor and plastic feet, which reduce scratching on floor surfaces. The Metal Access Ladder also has a special seal around the perimeter to prevent dust and insects entering the home.

Features that differentiate between the two ladders include; a robust metal construction that has double joints and durable hinges to allow for an outstanding rated load capacity of 200kgs, where the Timber Access Ladder has a load rating of 160kgs. This is still a very high rating for timber access ladders on the market at the present time. In addition to this, the modern shape of the Metal Access Ladder also enables the user to comfortably grip and climb the unit without the need for handrails to hold onto, although these are still available if the homeowner wishes to attach them to the ladder.

Breezway's Area Account Manager for Skylights and Access Ladders Mr Steven Soud said the sleek look of the Metal Access Ladder can be considered a trendy alternative to contemporary building designs that many homeowners and designers will be thrilled to know about.

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"Whilst the Timber Access Ladder has shown to be very popular among homeowners, we believe the Metal Access Ladders' strong, sturdy appearance will also be well-liked and accepted among many industrial designers for commercial projects they are working on," he said.



The Metal Access Ladder has been tested to open and close 2,500 times which gives the user peace of mind that this ladder will operate once a week for close to 50 years. Currently the Metal Access Ladder comes in two standard sizes, with a maximum ceiling height of 2700mm, however more sizes will be available in 2008.

In conjunction with the new Metal Access Ladder offer, Breezway has released a Bannister Kit to make climbing in and out of the roof a comfortable and effortless task. The Bannister Kit is mounted to the ladder casing and has metal flat-bars which are attached on either side of the entrance to enhance and strengthen the construction.

The Bannister Kit comes in one size 700 x 1300mm and is 950mm high so it can be adjusted to fit any Timber or Metal Fakro Access Ladder on the market.

Installing a Fakro Access Ladder by Breezway is very straightforward for an experienced Do-It-Yourself handyman, however it is recommended that a qualified builder is consulted for advice on ceiling load bearing capability. Furthermore, it is important to check with local authorities with regards to permits and approvals. If required, Breezway offer a qualified installation service for those that prefer to leave it up to the professionals to get their hands dirty.

For more information on the new Fakro Metal Access Ladder, visit [www.breezway.com.au](http://www.breezway.com.au) or call 1800 777 758.

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