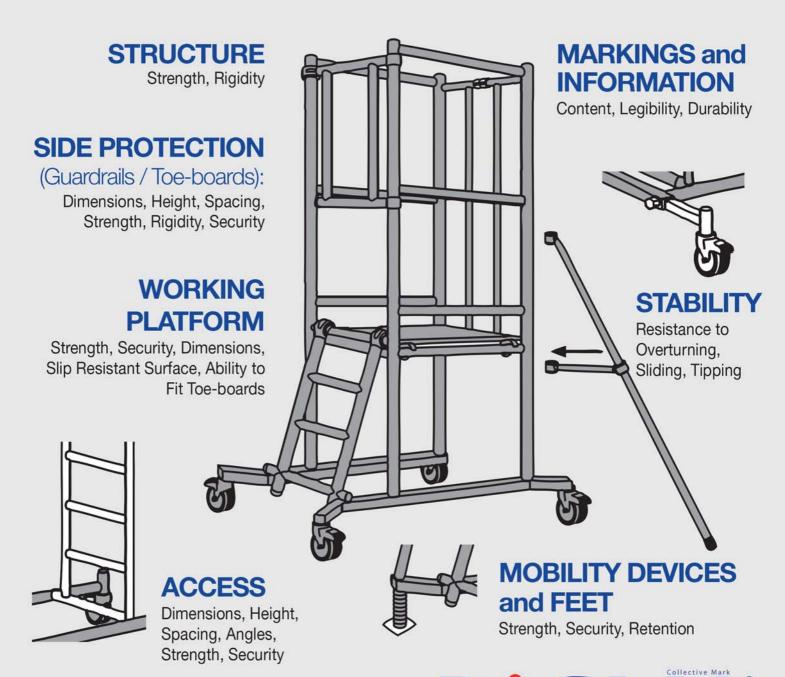
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PAS 250 is a Publicly Available Specification for a low-level work platform with one working platform with side protection for use by one person with a maximum working platform height of less than 2.5 m.

Designs for this type of low level work platform (LLWP) have previously been developed in the absence of a formal standard. Whilst the majority of LLWPs provide a safe solution to low level access, there are aspects of some products that could be improved by adherence to relevant and specific design criteria. Therefore PASMA, the Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association, has sponsored the development of this PAS to provide minimum safety and performance criteria for these products.

Its development was facilitated by BSI Standards Limited and published under licence from the British Standards Institution (BSI). The steering group which developed the final draft comprised of representatives from the Association of British Certification Bodies (ABCB), the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), Hire Association Europe (HAE), the UK Contractors Group (UKCG), the Ladder Association and PASMA.

Low Level Work Platforms (LLWPs or Podiums) designed in accordance with PAS 250 apply current best practice. Requirements include material specifications, design requirements for the working platform, side protection (guardrails), toe-boards, access, mobility, feet and adjustable legs, and the content of markings (labels) and user guides. Tests in PAS 250 verify strength, rigidity, and stability.

PASMA recommends that if you have responsibility for the purchase or use of this type of equipment then you consider specifying PAS 250 compliant products.

PASMA LOW LEVEL TRAINING

PASMA provides a specific training course for Low Level Access (prefabricated units less than 2.5m in height) which includes the low level work platforms specified in PAS 250. The ½ day course involves both a theory and practical session and includes safety critical information for the assembly, use, movement and dismantling of this type of equipment.

In addition, PASMA also offers an educational DVD, 'Accidents Can Happen Even at Low Level'. This DVD covers the safe use of low level access units, giving guidance on best practice to ensure low level access units are safe to use, how to assemble, move and dismantle them, as well as illustrating unsafe practices that should be avoided. The DVD is available to order through the PASMA website.



