



**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:** Read all instructions carefully & completely to become familiar with parts, assembly, safety and proper use of this product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious personal injury.

**TOOLS REQUIRED:** 7/16" socket or nut driver, measuring tape, Phillips (star) screwdriver (you may need a 5/16" drill bit & drill)

**SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS & PROPER USE**

- This pool step-ladder system has a 300 lb load capacity - one person - when proper installed
- This entry system is designed and intended for use with an above ground pool only - flat bottom pool
- Your above ground pool has shallow water - absolutely NO DIVING or NO JUMPING into the pool
- This product conform to the latest revisions of the ANSI/NSPI-4 recommended standards for above ground/on ground swimming pool ladders
- For entry & exit of the pool, face step-ladder at all times
- This system is designed for use by one person at all times
- Ensure the bottom of the side stringers are free of debris & any possible sharp edges as not to damage the pool liner. Use of a ladder or step pad (sold separately) is recommended for extra protection
- Locate entry system on a solid base within the pool
- Secure entry system to deck for stability and safety
- Keep handrails and treads free from obstructions to avoid possible injury. Do not secure any items to the entry system. Such objects (eg. thermometers, play toys, ropes) may create a potential for tripping or entrapment
- NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO SWIM UNATTENDED - Nothing replaces parental supervision
- Assemble and install this pool entry system as per the manufacturer's instructions. Do not deviate from these instructions - PLEASE ALWAYS SWIM SAFELY!

**ASSEMBLY & INSTALLATION**



Stringers - 1 Left & 1 Right



Tread-Riser - 3 pcs



Top Tread - 1 pc  
Bottom Riser - 1 pc



Lower Handrails  
1-Right & 1-Left



Upper Handrails  
2-Right & 2-Left

**Step 1  
Identify  
Parts**



Deck Flanges - 2 pcs

PLUS  
Hardware Pack

Make certain to familiarize yourself with all parts before starting assembly of your entry system. If you notice any parts damaged or missing, please contact our customer service staff for assistance.  
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**Step 2  
Fit Treads,  
Risers &  
Stringers**

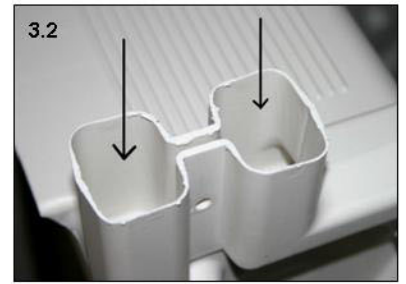


Lay stringer on flat surface with indentations to accept treads/risers facing up (as shown above in "Parts"). Fit single bottom riser, with warning signs facing forward, into bottom indentation (2.1) and snap into place making certain the button lock tab of the riser passes through hole in stringer. Fit top tread, with anti-skid surface facing upwards, into top indentation (2.2) and snap into place. Fold tread-riser and fit into indentations above single riser (2.3). Make certain when folding that the anti-skid surface is facing upwards (2.6). Repeat for remaining two tread-risers (2.4) making certain all button lock tabs protrude and lock in place (2.7). Place opposite stringer on top of treads-risers (2.5)aligning indentations in stringer and button lock tabs with holes in stringer. Snap stringer in place locking all tabs.

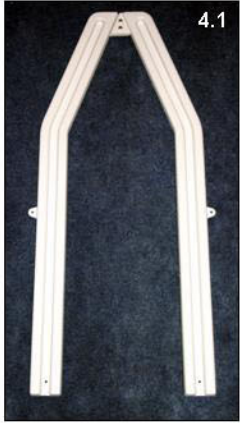


### Step 3 - Add Weight to Stringers

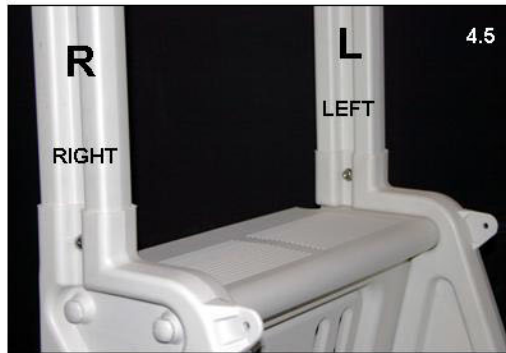
This pool entry requires additional weight for ballast & to prevent the unit from floating. The top portion of the stringers are open, exposing the inside cavity (3.1 & 3.2). This cavity is sealed and is designed to hold material for weight. Put approximately ten pounds (10 lbs) of coarse sand or gravel into both the left & right stringer of the entry. This will give your fully assembled system the required stability within the pool water. Additional weight can be added if desired or if you find the system requires more weight for stability.



### Step 4 - Attach Upper Handrails

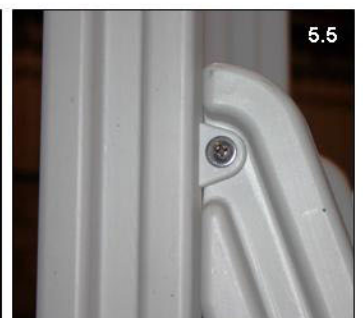
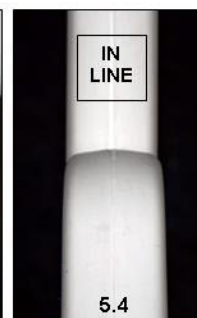


Identify the upper RIGHT (R) & LEFT (L) handrails (small stamp in part - as shown in 4.2 above). Fit handrail pair together as shown in 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 above, align holes and secure using 1" bolts, washers both sides & nut. Tighten all hardware. Repeat for both sets of upper handrails. Fit assembled handrail pairs into top opening of assembled entry as shown in 4.4 and 4.5. Make certain the correct handrail fits into the appropriate hole in the step assembly as it is important for the next step. Fit the ends of the upper handrails into the opening at the top of each stringer/tread set as shown in 4.4, 4.5 & 4.6 below. Align holes & secure using 3/4" bolt, double washer & nut. Repeat for both sides. Tighten all hardware.



### Step 5 Attach Lower Handrails

Identify & separate the RIGHT (R) & LEFT (L) lower handrails (see 5.1). Facing step system as to climb, align RIGHT (R) handrail to right side of step (see 5.2). Make certain handrail is on the inside of three tabs of stringer and inside of tab on upper handrail (see 5.3). When on the inside of tab on upper handrail, the upper & lower handrails will be perfectly in line (see 5.4). Align holes and fasten using a 3/4" bolt, double washer and nut at all four locations. Tighten hardware. Similarly, align left handrail on the inside of tabs on left side of stringer and upper handrail (see 5.5). Align holes and fasten using a 3/4" bolt, double washer and nut for all four locations. Tighten hardware.



### Step 6 - Place & Secure within Pool

Measure depth of pool (inside pool) to the height of the pool deck (see 6.1 & 6.3). Transfer this measurement to the upper handrails to connect to deck surface (see 6.2). Cut excess upper handrails if required. Slide flanges onto handrails and position step system into the pool. Make certain the step entry rests firmly on floor of pool and is pulled tight against the pool deck or pool top rail to minimize the gap between entry and pool wall (see 6.4). Secure flanges to deck surface using the #10 x 1" screws provided. Drill through the center of each flange and handrail and secure using a 3/4" bolt, double washer and nut. Repeat for both flanges. Remove for winter storage. Swim safely and never leave children unattended.

