

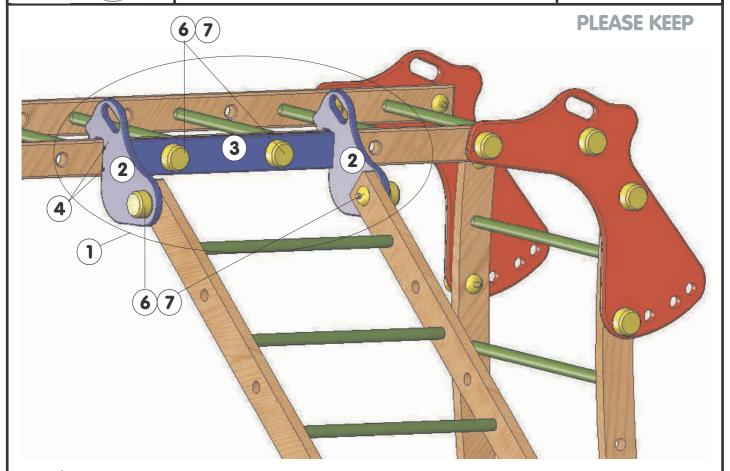
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

NM214C

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LATERAL CONNECTING PART FOR ÉDUC'GYM M'2005 LADDERS

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Warning:

Only qualified personnel may install this equipment.

Constant supervision by qualified personnel is required when using this equipment.

Do not use this equipment other than for its initial purpose.

Conformity:

This equipment is in accordance with the French norm NF S 54-300 "Educational equipment for motor skills – General safety requirements and test methods".

Recommendations:

The French standard NFS 52-400 advises:

- to keep this document for further reference (inspection, maintenance, etc.).
- to periodically perform preventive maintenance.
- to carry out an inspection once a year or more according to use.

Package:

- 1 Package of Lateral Connecting Part (1) (Ref.: 0115/40) in a kit consisting of:
 - * 1 Pair of "Animal" flanges (2)
 - * 1 reinforcement plate (3)
 - * 4 screws (4) + 1 Tightening key (5)
- 1 Package of Tightening Parts (Ref.: 0115/50) consisting of:
 - * 4 yellow plastic knobs **(6)** (Ref.: 0118/10)
 - * 4 yellow plastic nuts **(7)** (Ref.: 087/20)

I. General rules imperative to be respected for any configuration with lateral connecting part:

- Before every use, check that the tightening wheels (6) are properly tightened.

Slightly tighten each tightening wheel (6) as soon as it touches the connecting part (1); stop when it becomes stiff. If you over-tighten the wheel, the plastic parts (6) and (7) will become deformed and will no longer completely fulfil their function of locking the connecting part (1) of "éduc'gym" pedagogical structures.

- Connecting part (1) must be assembled using 4 fastening sets (tightening wheel (6) + nut (7)) to ensure the ladders' configurations remain in position and maintain their stability, as shown in **figure 1**.

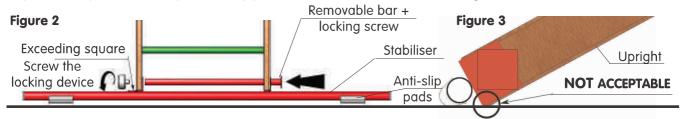
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II. Assembly advice for Educ'Gym structures:

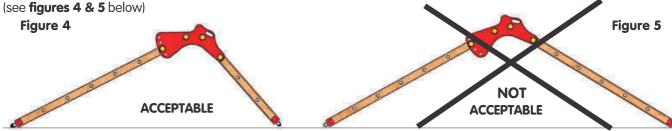
In order that the assembly and the use of the equipment meet the safety and stability required by the standard NF **5 54 300**, it is strongly recommended that the following general rules are adhered to:

1) For all structures, the bottom of the ladder must have a stabiliser on the floor (assembled according to **figure 2**; <u>Caution</u>: only the metallic removable bar + the locking screw should be used with the stabiliser.

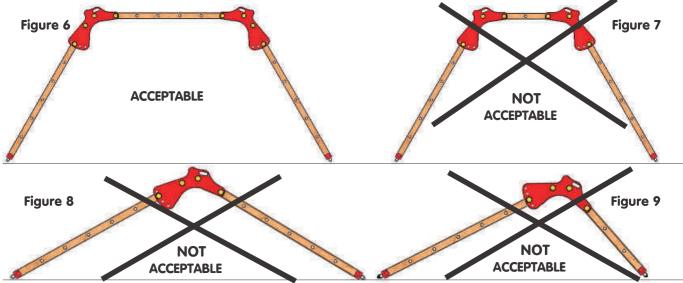
2) Systematically check that only the anti-slip pads are in contact with the floor (see figure 3)



3) For kids from 3 to 6 years old: assemble structures with at least 2 elements, whose height is one of the mini-ladders (see figures 4 & 5 below)

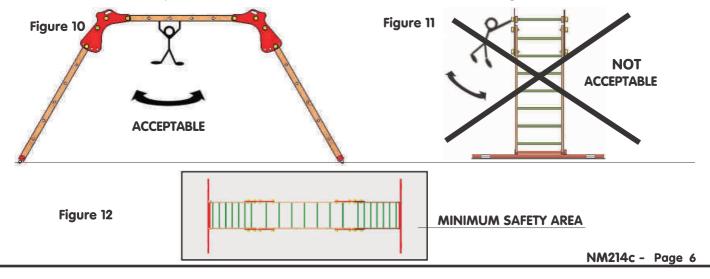


4) For kids from 6 to 12 years old: assemble structures with at least 3 elements, whose height is one of the large ladders (see figures 6,7,8,9). Moreover, it's forbidden to install a mini-ladder horizontally on this kind of high structures.



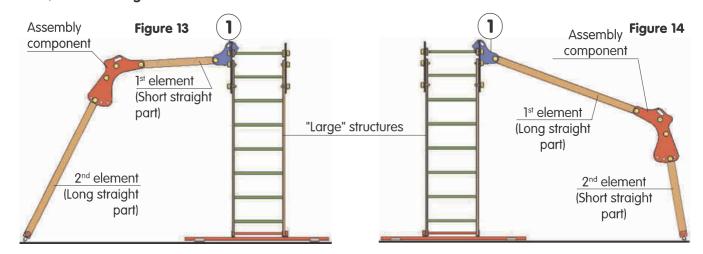
5) Generally, the more complicated the structure (composed of many elements) the more stable it is. However, whatever the assembly, sideways swinging of users should not be allowed. (see figure 10 & 11)

6/ It is strongly recommended that a safe landing area is used (composed with landing mats and /or educational mats) with dimensions at least equal to the area under the structure (stabilisers included) see Figure 12.

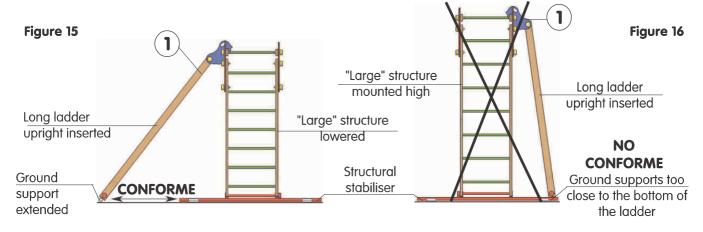


III. Principle for assembling lateral structures:

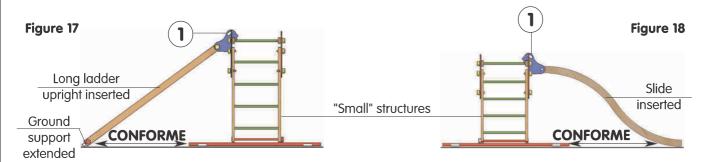
1/ On existing structures, it is strongly recommended to add lateral connections using at least 2 elements (indirect ground return) as shown in **figures 13** and **14**.



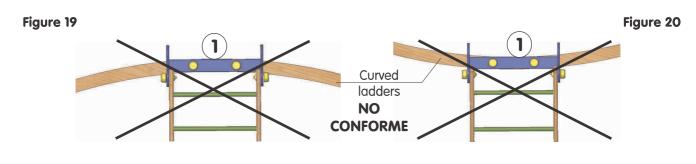
- 2/ If a direct return is required (see Figs. 15 and 16), to ensure structural stability, it is essential to:
- Make sure that when extended laterally, the ladder's ground support overlaps the end of the structural stabiliser.
- Otherwise, extend the angles between existing ladders to lower the structure (using assembly components).



3/ The rules for assembly are identical for small structures consisting of small ladders (see Fig. 17 and 18):

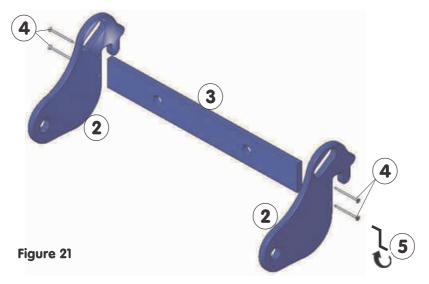


4/ It is forbidden to produce a lateral connection from a curved horizontal ladder, because the connecting part (1) cannot be mounted correctly using the 4 mounting points (knobs (6) + nuts (7)) (see Fig. 19 and 20):



IV. Assembling the connecting part (1):

Position, then screw the 2 flanges (2) to the reinforcement plate (3) using 4 screws (4) and the key (5) supplied, as shown in figure 2.



V. Mounting éduc'gym structures:

This part (1) is used to add éduc'gym elements laterally (ladders, climbing panels, slide, ...) to existing structures (see **figure 21**).

1/ Determine the position of the lateral point of the existing structure, where the connecting part (1) can be fixed to a horizontal ladder upright.

2/ Fasten it with 2 plastic knobs (6) and 2 nuts (7), through the reinforcement plate (3).

3/ Fit an extra element at the ends of the connecting part (1) flanges (2), using the 2 remaining knobs (6) and 2 nuts (7). Important: it is essential to mount this connecting part (1) at its 4 mounting points (6) + (7).

