

ADJUST-A-GRATE®

A grate solution that covers the hole problem



- ✓ Easy to assemble
- ✓ Installs in minutes
- ✓ Blends with metal well
- ✓ All aluminum
- ✓ No paint - No rust

FAQ: WINDOW WELL LADDERS

What is the difference between the WWL and WWL-W Models?

The Model WWL is designed with aluminum hooks to hang over the lip of a metal well. The hooks require 1" of the metal well to be above ground in order to properly hook over the well. Once in position, the hook ensures the top rung of the ladder is 18 inches from the top of the well.

The Model WWL-W on the other hand is designed for use with brick, concrete, or wood window wells where the grate must be mounted, as the hook can not accommodate a thicker well wall. This model requires that the installer of the ladder be able to properly mount the ladder into one of the sides of the well with the proper anchors or screws (not included) and in the proper location so as to meet municipal building codes.

Does this ladder meet code?

Both the WWL and WWL-W models are designed to meet the IRC Code when installed properly. Some municipalities will add additional requirements above and beyond the IRC code so check your local codes to determine if this solution is appropriate for you.

It is also important to note that window wells that exceed 60" (5 ft) of depth will require ladder extension kit(s) to be compliant with the IRC.

The current International Residential Code reads:

R310.2.1 Ladder and steps. Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 44 inches (1118 mm) shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position. Ladders or steps required by this section shall not be required to comply with Sections R311.5 and R311.6. Ladders or rungs shall have an inside width of at least 12 inches (305 mm), shall project at least 3 inches (76 mm) from the wall and shall be spaced not more than 18 inches (457 mm) on center vertically for the full height of the window well.

What if my well is deeper than 5 feet?

Adjust-A-Grate offers the Model WWL-X as a 1-foot extensions that can be added to either the WWL or WWL-W models. The extensions are assembled in the same manner as the existing steps in the current ladder and then ends (as described in the instructions) are moved to the bottom of the after all extension segments have been added.

Are the ladders permanently affixed to the well?

Model WWL include two sheet metal screws and instructions to permanently mount the ladder to the well as described in the directions to be compliant with IR Code. Mounting the ladder does require the ability to drill through the ladder.

Model WWL-W do not include mounting hardware but do need to be permanently affixed to the well in the appropriate manner for your window well material to be compliant with IR Code.