

ABSTRACT

A Ladder

A ladder (1) for use with an aircraft comprises a base (2) which carries a set of steps (5). The ladder (1) is supported by first wheel arrangements (9, 10) and braking elements (11, 12). The braking elements (11, 12) contact the ground and provide a frictional engagement which resists or prevents movement of the ladder (1) along the ground. The ladder (1) further comprises second wheel arrangements (13, 15) which are configured to be moved by activation mechanisms (14, 16) which are activated by activation levers. A user moves the activation levers to activate the activation mechanisms (14, 16) which move the wheels (13, 15) into contact with the ground and lift part of the ladder (1) so that the braking elements (11, 12) do not contact the ground. The ladder (1) can then be moved along the ground on the wheels (9, 10 and 13, 15). The ladder (1) automatically returns to the locked configuration when the user releases the activation levers.

Figure 1