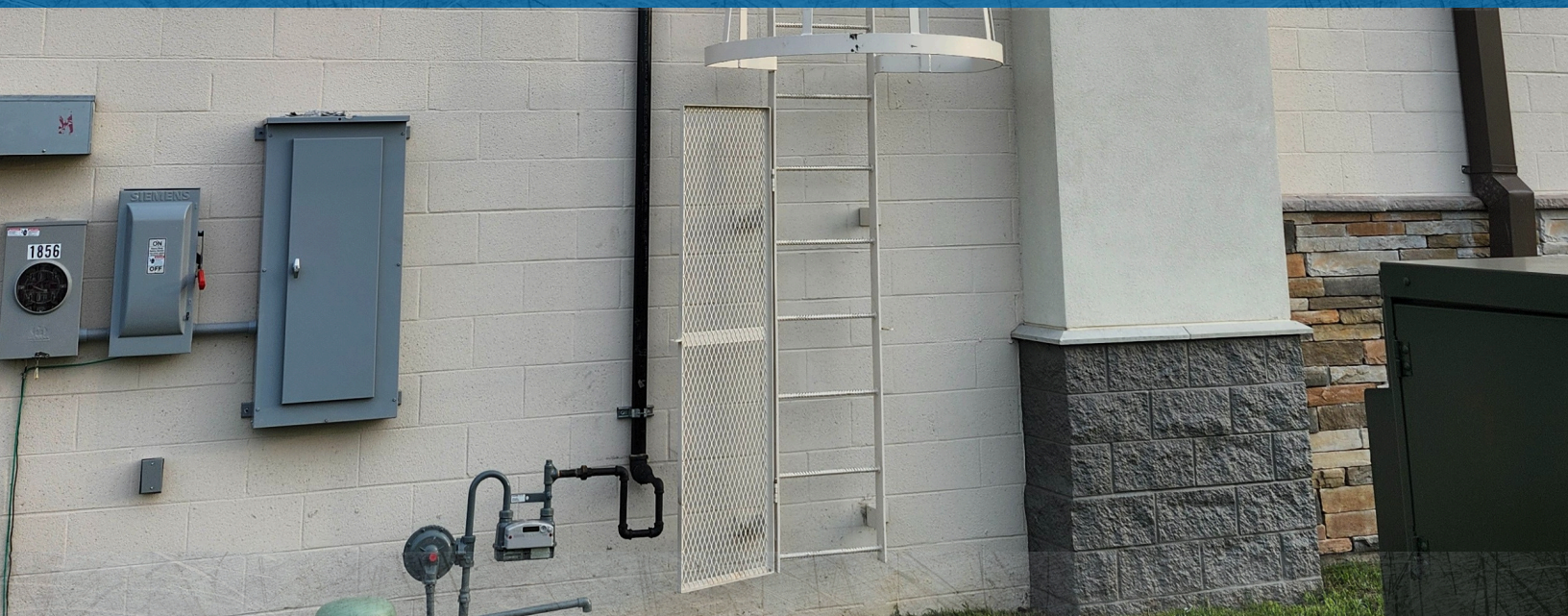


# Rethinking Roof Access: Why It's Time to Think Beyond Gated and Caged Ladders



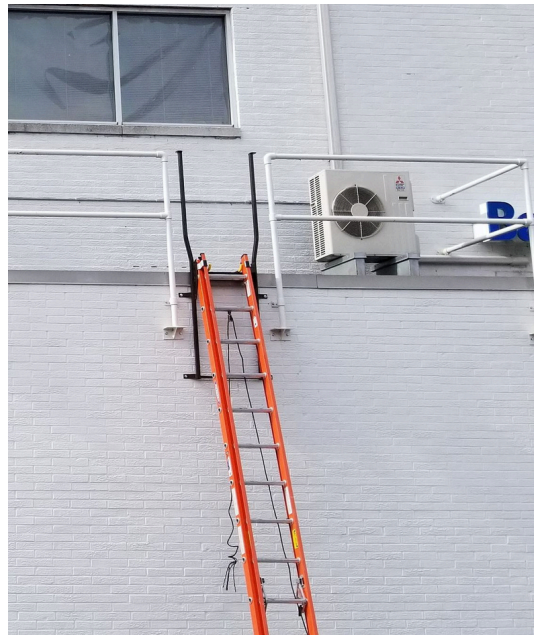
## INTRODUCTION: THE SPECS ARE STUCK

Architects are designing smarter, safer buildings—but many specs still default to outdated roof access solutions like caged ladders or permanent mount gated ladders. These approaches may seem code-compliant, yet often fail to deliver true safety, ease of use, or long-term reliability.

This guide challenges old assumptions and offers a smarter approach to vertical access—showing how better details lead to better outcomes.

### THE CASE AGAINST CAGED AND GATED LADDERS

1. **False Sense of Safety:** Cages have limitations—they make climbing more difficult, especially when carrying tools or equipment.
2. **Operational Issues:** Gates are often left unlocked, removed by vandals, or locked without access—leaving contractors without safe roof access.
3. **Design Conflicts:** They often interfere with clean lines and clash with other roof equipment placements.



### SMARTER ALTERNATIVES: SPEC IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

#### Ladderport Receiver

- A permanently mounted receiver that holds an extension ladder securely in place—offering a safe, OSHA compliant alternative to fixed vertical ladders, cages, or gates.
- Designed to provide users a safe, OSHA compliant alternative to fixed vertical ladders, cages, or gated ladders.

#### Roof Hatch Grab Bars

- Provides stable handholds when entering/exiting hatches.
- Allows hatch to be closed while working on roof, per OSHA regulations.

#### Cranky Portable Winch & Post

- A compact, portable OSHA-compliant lifting solution for safely hoisting up to 300 lb. of equipment.
- Works with fixed or portable posts and helps prevent back injuries by eliminating manual lifting.

### FINISH STRONG: SAFER, CLEANER, CODE-AWARE

- Compliance is the baseline. Real safety comes from thoughtful, well-integrated solutions. Ladderport products simplify specs while increasing usability and reducing risk.
- Choose components that anticipate real-world use and simplify long-term maintenance—not ones that check a box.



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Business with Safer Roof Access?

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