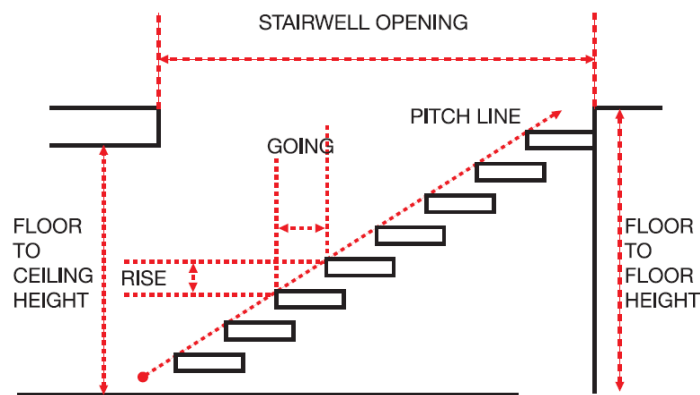
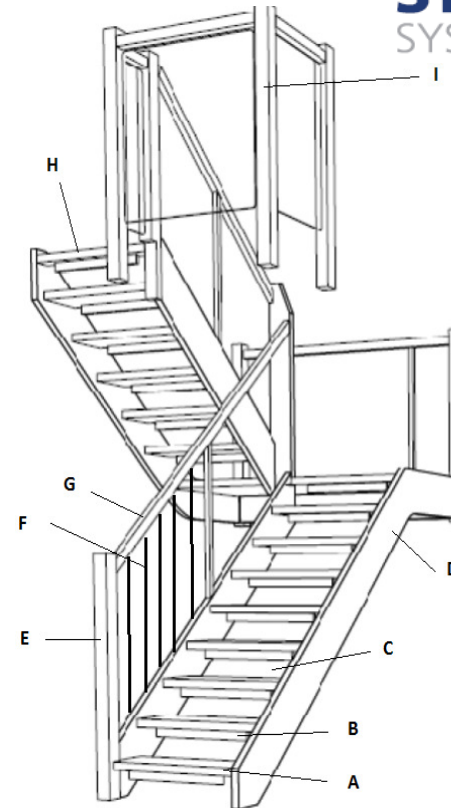


Staircase Terminology

A staircase is generally a once in a life time purchase. Some of the terms used to describe various elements of a staircase will no doubt be a little confusing, so we have prepared this little fact sheet to help.

Tread (A)	The step you walk on
Riser Infill (B)	timber half riser to reduce the gap between the steps
Riser /Rise (C)	Vertical Height from tread to tread
String / Stringer (D)	Side of the stair supporting the treads
Newel Post (E)	Vertical timber post at the bottom / top of the staircase
Spindle / In-fill (F)	In fill between the stringer and the handrail to prevent falling.
Handrail (G)	Providing support whilst ascending
Nosing / Mini top step (H)	small top step level with the floor level
Landing Balustrade (I)	horizontal balustrade along a landing level
Stairwell	The opening in the floor in which the stair will be situated
Mid Landing / Half Landing	square / rectangular platform mid flight
Going	Looking from plan view – the depth of the tread
Pitch-Line	Measurement taken from the front of each step calculating how steep the stair is.
Floor to Floor Height	Vertical height from the lower floor to the upper floor



Straight Flight



Quarter Turn



Half Turn