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Let b represent the distance of the base of the ladder from the wall in feet.

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\begin{aligned}
& b=25(\cos 75) \\
& b \approx 6.5
\end{aligned}
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The base of the ladder is approximately 6 ft .6 in . from the wall.
b. How high on the wall does the ladder make contact?

Let $h$ represent the height on the wall where the ladder makes contact in feet.

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\begin{aligned}
& h=25(\sin 75) \\
& h \approx 24.1
\end{aligned}
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The ladder contacts the wall just over 24 ft . above the ground.

