

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF CHAIN SLINGS

Always

- Only suitably trained persons should carry out lifting operations.
- Read and understand the user manual.
- Use personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Plan a lift ensuring that the weight of the load is known, and that the capacity of the sling is sufficient, and that the mode factor has been taken into account.
- Ensure that the slings are within their inspection period.
- Inspect chain slings and accessories before use.
- Fit chain slings carefully and securely, protect them from sharp edges, and position the hooks to face outward from the load.
- Use the shortening device provided to ensure that the load is properly balanced, and will not tilt or fall.
- Ensure that the load is free to be lifted, and make a trial lift and lower.
- Keep fingers, toes etc, clear when tensioning slings and when landing loads.
- Take the load steadily avoiding shock loads.
- Store chain slings in a clean and dry environment, and inspect for damage after use.
- Where appropriate, use tag lines to control longer loads.
- Use an established code of signals to instruct the crane driver.
- Make a trial set down of the load to ensure that the sling cannot become trapped and that load cannot tip when the lifting equipment is removed.

Never

- Use damaged chain slings or accessories.
- Twist, knot or tie chain slings.
- Attempt to shorten a chain leg other than by means of an integral-shortening device, provided for that purpose.
- Use the shortening device to form a basket loop, unless the sling has been designed for that purpose.
- Force, hammer or wedge chain slings or their fittings into position.
- Lift on the point of the hook.
- Expose chains to chemicals, particularly acids or acid fumes, without consulting the supplier.
- Use chain slings at temperatures above 200°C (Winner 200) or 380°C (G8 and Winner 400) or below -40 °C, without consulting the supplier.
- Overload a chain sling due to the weight of the load, or the mode of use.
- Shock load a chain sling.
- Trap a chain sling when landing a load, or attempt to free a trapped chain from under a load.
- Allow personnel to ride on loads.
- Alter, modify or repair a chain sling, but refer such matters to a competent person.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON
USE AND MAINTENANCE OF CHAIN SLINGS
REFER TO THE TECHNICAL BROCHURE**



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