

Operating instructions offshore chain slings acc. DNV 2.7-1 and DNV 2.7-3 NORM 8 (grade 8) and ENORM 10 (grade 10)

General principles regarding the utilisation of lifting accessories and their components:

The operating instructions are to be stored together with the certificate and the EC declaration of conformity.

The falling of loads, caused by the failure and / or incorrect utilisation and handling of lifting equipment or its individual parts constitutes a direct risk to the life or health of the people who are present in the danger zone of lifting processes.

These operating instructions contain information with regard to the safe utilisation and handling of the lifting accessories and their components. Before using the lifting equipment, the assigned persons are to be briefed with regard to handling and utilisation by a qualified person.

- The following principles apply:
- The Working Load Limit (WLL) (see label) of the lifting equipment must correspond to the load. The lifting equipment may not be used if the label is missing or is illegible. No danger areas (e.g. crushing points, cutting points, trapping or impact points) may occur that may hinder or endanger the person carrying out the slinging process and / or the transport.
- The base material and the constructive design of the load must be able to hold the applied forces without deformation.
- Stress that leads to a non-uniform load distribution, e.g. which is caused as a result of an off-centre introduction of force must be taken into account when selecting the lifting accessories and their components.
- In the event that extreme stress or strong dynamic strain (shock influences) may occur, this must be taken into account when selecting the lifting equipment and the working Load Limit (WLL).
- The lifting equipment may not be used for the transportation of persons. No persons are ever permitted to remain present in the danger area of a suspended load.
- The lifting equipment may not come into contact with acids and other aggressive agents. Attention must also be paid to the fact that acid fumes may occur in certain production processes.
- Never make unauthorised amendments to the lifting equipment (e.g. grinding, welding, bending, and attachment of parts)!
- The lifting equipment may not be exposed to any forbidden manipulation of temperature.
- Only original replacement parts may be used.
- The relevant additional regulations must be observed when transporting hazardous substances.
- Lifting accessories and their components must be stored in such a manner that they are protected against being damaged and do not cause any danger.
- If damaged, the lifting equipment must be immediately taken out of circulation and must undergo maintenance work.
- When ready to be discarded, lifting accessories and their components are to be correctly disposed of. Attention: Any substances present that are hazardous to the

environment (e.g. greases and oils) are to be disposed of separately. Attention: In the event of violation, the operating permission will become void.

Temperature use 1.

In each individual case special attention has to be paid to the maximum temperature which the components for slings are exposed to. The influence of higher temperatures on the working load limit (WLL) of various grades of lifting equipment is stated in Table 1. After cooling down to a temperature beneath 200°C, one can again work with WLL of 100 % for both grade 8 and grade 10 chain slings. If NORM 8 or ENORM 10 slings are exposed to temperatures above 400 °C, slings must be discarded. It is not permitted to use these slings again.

Table 1

Temperature range in °C	WLL NORM 8 (grade 8) in %	WLL ENORM 10 (grade 10) in %
Design temperature - plus 200°C	100	100
plus 200°C - plus 300°C	90	90
plus 300°C - plus 400°C	75	75

Notice: grade 8 and 10 lifting equipment may not be used at temperatures above 400°C.

Utilisation of the sling chains

The regulations of DNV 2.7-1 / respective country-specific directives are to be observed when sling chains are used.

- Bringing into service before the first time use
- Before the lifting equipment is used for the first time, it has to be ensured that:
- The lifting equipment exactly corresponds to the order;
- The testing certificates are present (acceptance test certificate, declaration of conformity, etc.);
- The labeling and working load limit (WLL) details on the lifting equipment correspond to the details on the test certificates (see Tables 1 and 2).

2.2 Handling of the load

Before each use, the lifting equipment has to be inspected for evident defects or characteristics of wear. Proceed according to the maintenance guidelines in the event that damage is observed (see Point 5).

- The weight of the load must be known.
- The centre of gravity of the load must be known.
- Chain slings are always to be deployed with a straight leg. They are not permitted to be twisted and must not display kinks or knots.

Storage of lifting equipment

Lifting equipment not in use should be stored on a frame that is intended for this purpose. After usage, the equipment should not be left lying on the floor as it can be damaged there.

The lifting equipment is to be protected against corrosion in the event that it is not expected to be used in the near future.

Inspection and maintenance 4

On a regular basis before being used, lifting equipment is to be closely inspected with regard to correct utilisation and faultless condition (e.g. absence of strong corrosion and deformation, etc.), for example by the person carrying out the slinging process. Defective lifting equipment may not be used. Cleaned slings has to be tested at least once a year by a qualified person whilst taking the relevant standards (EN 818-6) and trade association regulations (e.g. DNV 2.7-1) into account.

At intervals not exceeding 48 months cleaned chain sling must be tested by a qualified person using a proper testing device in order to check that the product is free of cracks. JDT recommends a magnetic particle Inspection.

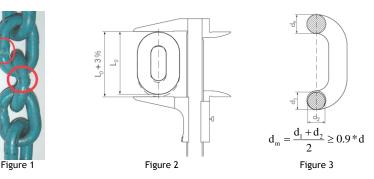
The user must observe the results of the risk assessment in accordance with the occupational safety directives. The re-testing period is shortened in the event that the products are exposed to critical operating conditions. Inspection records are to be kept. The testing coefficient (EC-Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC Point 4.4.1) is defined according to the standards DIN EN 818 ff. / PAS 1061 and / or DIN EN 1677 ff.

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In the event that the following defects occur, the lifting equipment is to be taken out of circulation immediately and sent for maintenance:

- Labelling concerning working load limit or proof of identity of the lifting equipment is illegible or is missing.
- Deformation of master links, chain or components for slings (Figure 1).
- Inadmissible wear or elongation of individual chain links is present for example, in the event that the nominal dimension of the inner length has been exceeded by 5 %, which meet an outside elongation of 3 % (Figure 2).
- Reduction of the mean chain link thickness at any point of >10 % (Figure 3).
- Clear length differences in the chain legs when dealing with multi-leg chain slings.
- Damage such as: cuts, indents, grooves, linear cracks, excessive corrosion, discolouration caused by the impact of heat, bent or twisted chain links or other faults.



5. Maintenance

The maintenance must be carried out by an expert. Chains and components that are ready to be discarded must be replaced. The entire chain leg is to be replaced even if only one chain link das to be discarded. The maintenance of welded sling chains may only be carried out by the manufacturer. In the event that bolts have to be replace, only new original bolts and safety elements may be used.

6. Documentation

Records of regular testing (Point 5) and maintenance (Point 6) are to be documented. JDT offers professional support with this work as well as the >SERVICE< PC program that electronically captures and manages the lifting equipment.

7. Conformity Declaration

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