## PRODUCT SAFETY BULLETIN FOR CHAIN SLINGS

THIS BULLETIN CONTAINS IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND DANGERS.



## INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This Safety Bulletin has been developed to provide the user of this Chain Product with important safety information related to the proper and safe use of the device. It should be completely read and understood by any person using or involved in using, selecting or maintaining of this or any Pewag chain sling or chain related product. Further this document should be retained as a part of the permanent safety and engineering records for this chain device.

The operation, care and maintenance of chain slings are important factors in the long-term, safe usage of the devices. Operation, care and maintenance of a chain sling or sling component (including hooks and connecting links of all types) is governed by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. In particular, Section 1910.184 governs the operation and usage of alloy steel chain slings and sling components. A chain sling or chain product must always be operated in strict accordance with federal OSHA regulations. Any user or operator of a chain sling device should be completely familiar with these OSHA requirements for proper training and usage of steel chain sling devices. This information is readily available at the OSHA Website which can be found at www.osha.gov.

Remember, lifting or applying loads in any direction is

highly dangerous work. Failure of any single component or link in the chain can result in catastrophic failure and dropping of a heavy load resulting in massive damage to equipment and facilities, as well as severe crushing injury and death to workers and personnel. Always use an extremely high level of care when using any chain sling or chain sling product. Do not use or specify a chain product unless you are fully qualified, by both formal training and industry experience, to do such.

The working angles of a chain sling are critical factors in the chains ability to carry load and are not always easily understood. Seek the advice of a qualified engineer or lifting technical specialist for any slinging application that does not meet the most very basic and simple lift applications and sling configurations. As well as properly sizing and considering the strength aspects of the chain, do not forget to check the strength of attachment points, lugs and lift eyes.

Always be safe in any lifting efforts. Follow all safety warnings in this booklet.

Call the Pewag Sling Safety Hotline with any safety or loading related questions:

1-800-526-3924

Also visit the Pewag Chain Safety Website at:

www.pewagchain.com



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