

Instructions for use

Select the correct type and WLL of the shackle for the particular application. If extreme circumstances or shock loading may occur, this must be taken into account when selecting the correct shackle. Please note that commercial shackles are not to be used for lifting applications.

Shackles should be inspected before use to ensure that:

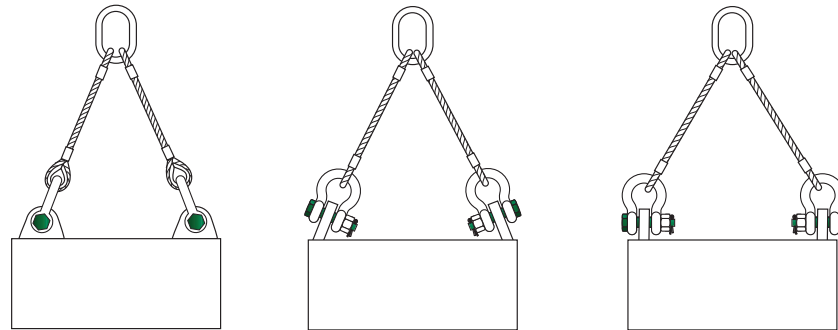
- all markings are legible;
- the body and pin are both of the same brand and type;
- the body and pin are both of the correct size;
- never use a safety bolt type shackle without using a securing pin;
- the pin, nut, cotter pin, or any other locking system cannot vibrate out of position;
- the threads of the pin and the body are undamaged;
- the body and the pin are not distorted or unduly worn;
- the body and pin are free from nicks, gouges, cracks and corrosion;
- shackles may not be heat treated as this may affect their WLL;
- never modify, repair or reshape a shackle by machining, welding, heating or bending as this will affect the WLL.

Assembly

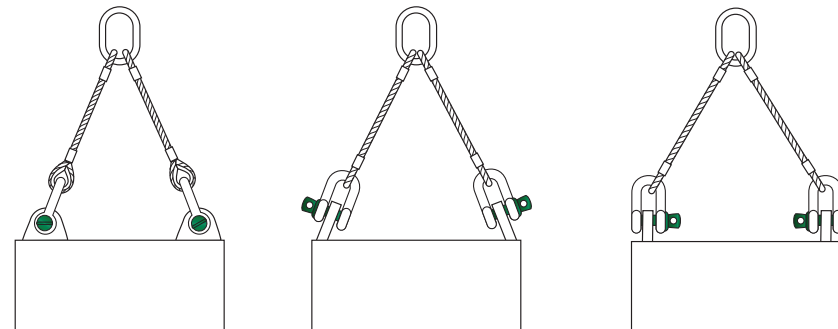
Ensure that the pin is correctly screwed into the shackle eye: tighten it hand-tight, then secure it using a wrench or other suitable tool so that the collar of the pin is fully seated against the shackle eye. Ensure that the pin is of the correct length so that it penetrates the full depth of the threaded eye and the collar of the pin touches the surface of the shackle eye.

Incorrect positioning of the pin may be caused by a bent pin, too tight fitting thread or misalignment of the pin holes. Do not use the shackle under these circumstances. Never replace a shackle pin except with one of the same brand, type, make and size to ensure the shackle maintains its original WLL.

Make sure that the shackle is supporting the load correctly, i.e. along the axis of the shackle body centerline. Avoid bending loads, unstable loads and overloads.



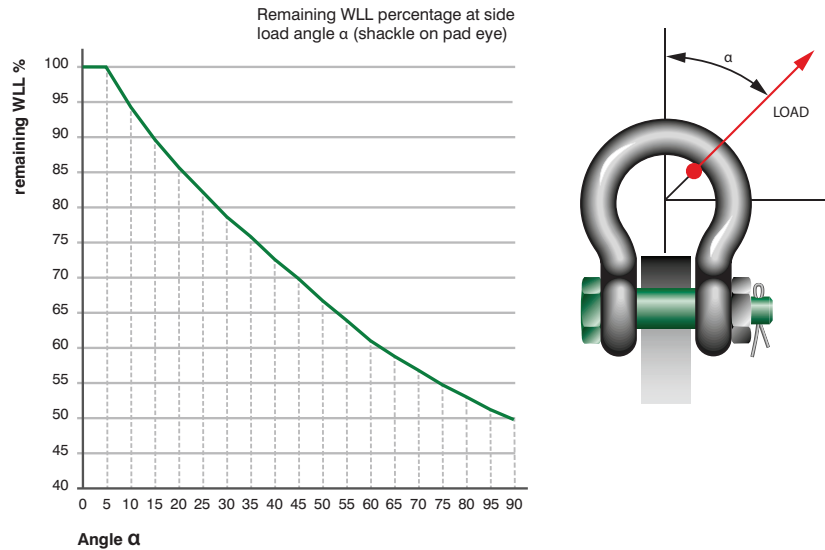
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Side loads

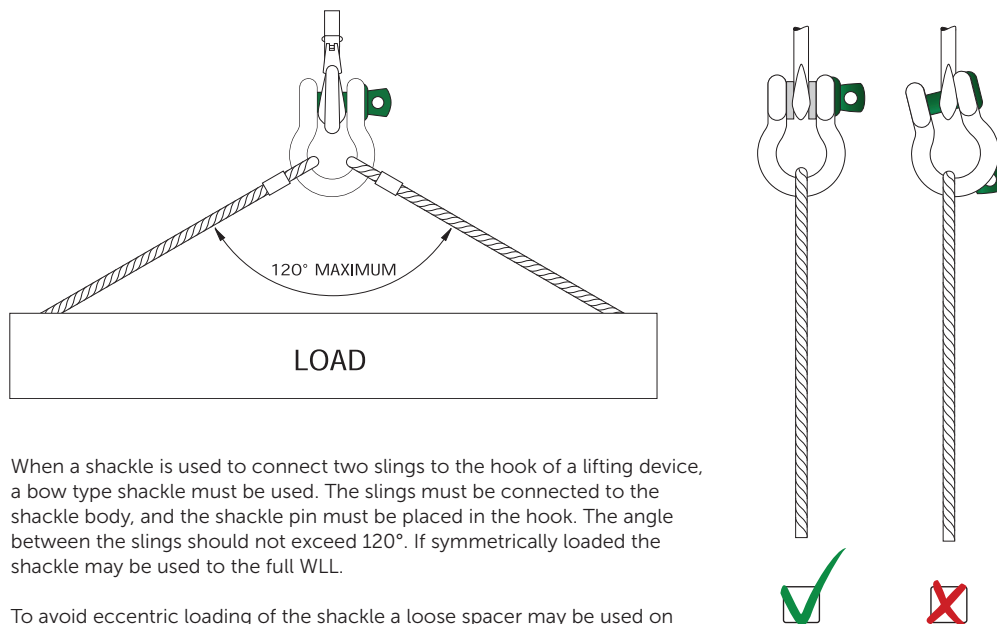
Side loads should be avoided, as the products are not designed for this purpose. If side loads cannot be avoided, the WLL of the shackle must be reduced:



This graph is valid for almost all Green Pin® shackles, except for ROV Shackles (P-5363 and P-5367). These shackles are for in-line use only. The graph is also not valid for Green Pin® Sling Shackles (P-6033 and P-6013) and Green Pin Power Sling® Shackles (P-6043). If you want to apply a side load on a Green Pin® Sling Shackle or a Green Pin Power Sling® Shackle, please contact Van Beest.

In-line lifting is considered to be a load perpendicular to the pin and in the plane of the bow. The load angles in the graph represent the deviating angles from in-line loading.

When connecting shackles to multi-leg slings, consider the effect of the angle between the legs of the sling. As the angle increases, so does the load in the sling leg and consequently in any shackle attached to that leg.



When a shackle is used to connect two slings to the hook of a lifting device, a bow type shackle must be used. The slings must be connected to the shackle body, and the shackle pin must be placed in the hook. The angle between the slings should not exceed 120°. If symmetrically loaded the shackle may be used to the full WLL.

To avoid eccentric loading of the shackle a loose spacer may be used on either end of the shackle pin. Do not reduce the width between the shackle jaws by welding washers or spacers to the inside of the shackle eyes or by narrowing the jaws, as this will affect the WLL of the shackle.