



# **WARNING**

Can fail if damaged, misused or overloaded. Inspect before use. Use only if trained. Observe rated load. Avoid sharp edges. **DEATH OR INJURY** can occur from improper use or care.

**RATED LOAD = RATED CAPACITY = WORKING LOAD LIMIT**

## **ALLOY CHAIN SLINGS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE, USE, INSPECTION, AND REPAIR.**

**CARE** ♦ Store on a rack in a clean, dry place. ♦ Oil prior to prolonged storage. ♦ Do not anneal (temper) alloy chain, connecting links or hook. Hot galvanizing requires chain manufacturer advice.

**USE** ♦ Check weight of load. ♦ Check sling rated load for type of lift, angle of loading (see load angle chart). ♦ Avoid twists, knots or kinks. ♦ Center load on base (bowl) of hook unless hook is designed for point loading. ♦ Balance load. ♦ Avoid jerking load. ♦ Be alert for snagging of load. ♦ Maintain load control. ♦ Pad sharp corners. ♦ Keep load off sling. ♦ Avoid dragging sling over rough surfaces and from under the load. ♦ Stand clear of the load at all times. ♦ No person allowed beneath the load. ♦ Persons are not to ride on sling or load. ♦ For use in temperatures over 800°F, contact the manufacturer. ♦ When shortening chain, use only the manufacturer's recommended alloy components.

**INSPECTION** ♦ *Before use*, check for excessive wear:

Chain Size	9/32 in.	3/8 in.	1/2 in.	5/8 in.
Max. Wear	3/64 (.046)	5/64 (.078)	7/64 (.109)	9/64 (.140)
Chain Size	3/4 in.	7/8 in.	1 in.	1 1/4 in.
Max. Wear	5/32 (.158)	11/64 (.171)	3/16 (.187)	1/4 (.250)

Look for bent or twisted links and cracks, nicks, gouges in chain, master links, coupling links and hooks. Look for heat damage,

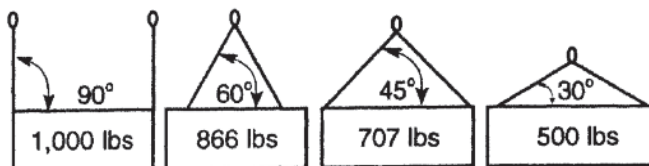
**OVER**

weld spatter, link stretch, increased hook throat opening, latch missing or damaged (if hook so equipped). **If excessive wear or damage is present, if rated load tag is missing or illegible, do not use the sling. Repair or replace it. Periodic inspections** must be recorded annually for normal service; monthly/quarterly for severe service. Only chain manufacturers or other qualified persons perform periodic inspections.

**REPAIR** ♦ Any hazardous condition disclosed by an inspection shall require repair by chain manufacturer or other qualified person.

## LOAD ANGLE CHART

Angle factor *must* be applied to calculate the reduced sling capacity when lifting force is not at 90° to the plane of the load!

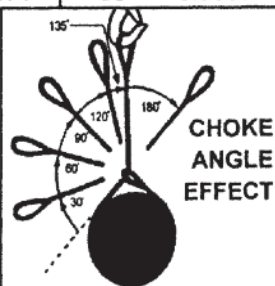


Multiply angle factor x sling's vertical rated load to calculate the reduced capacity at that angle.

Angle	Factor	Angle	Factor	Angle	Factor	Angle	Factor
90°	1.0000	70°	0.9397	55°	0.8192	40°	0.6428
80°	0.9848	65°	0.9063	50°	0.7660	35°	0.5736
75°	0.9659	60°	0.8660	45°	0.7071	30°	0.5000

Because of the greatly reduced lifting capacity, use extra care when the **horizontal** lift angle is less than 45° and do not make lifts of less than 30° load angle. *Example:* A sling rated at and lifting 1,000 pounds will be damaged – and could break suddenly—when the lifting angle is less than 30° at which angle the sling's capacity is reduced to only 500 pounds. *Important:* Use a longer sling to increase the angle which will also increase the allowable capacity.

For choker hitches, the lifting capacity is reduced by 25% or more, depending on the angle of choke.



ANGLES OF CHOKER	SLING RATED LOAD PERCENTAGE OF SINGLE LEG SLING CAPACITY
120 - 180	75%
90 - 119	65%
60 - 89	55%
30 - 59	40%