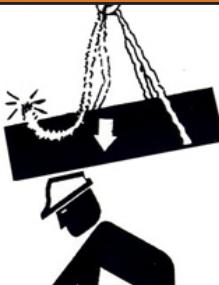




## TWIN-PATH® SLING USER MANUAL



### WARNING



- Death or Injury can occur from improper use or care.
- For use only by a competent and/or qualified person as defined by OSHA.
- Stay clear of the load at all times.
- Do not exceed rated capacity.
- Sling can fail if damaged, misused or overloaded.
- Inspect before each use. Damaged sling shall not be used.
- User shall protect sling from being cut by load edges, corners, protrusions and abrasive surfaces.
- Do not expose to damaging chemicals and temperatures over 180° F / 82° C.

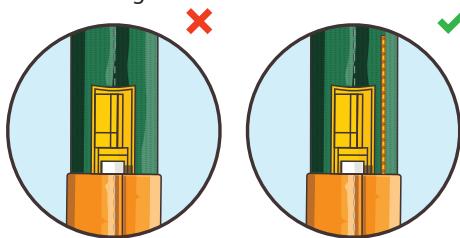
For additional important safety, inspection, removal and repair information, follow Slingmax® Guidelines, ASME B30.9, WSTDA RS 1HP and Cordage Institute CI 1905 standards.

# BEFORE EACH USE

**⚠ DEATH or INJURY** can occur from improper use or care.

1. **Sling users shall be trained** Do not use this sling unless you are properly trained.  
*See page 6 for training.*
2. Read and follow all instructions and warnings in this manual.
3. Check tag to confirm that sling is adequately rated for the load. *See page 7 for chart.*
4. Inspect sling for damage including:

- Missing or unreadable Identification Tag
- Ensure Check-Fast® External Warning Indicator or tell-tail indicators extend past the tag area of each sling



- If fiber optics are installed, ensure light transmits from end to end
- Holes, tears, cuts, abrasive wear or snags
- Ensure inner red cover is not visible
- Acid or caustic burns
- Exposed core yarn
- Broken or damaged core yarn
- Weld splatter or heat damage
- Fittings that are pitted, corroded, cracked, bent, twisted, gouged or broken
- Any other condition, including visible damage, that causes doubt as to the continued use of the sling

**⚠ IF ANY OF THESE ARE DETECTED - SLING SHALL BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE IMMEDIATELY**

## Inspection Frequencies

1. All slings and rigging shall be inspected before each use.
2. Documented periodic inspections shall be completed at least annually or more frequently depending on service.
  - Refer to ASME B30.9 and / or contact manufacturer for recommendations for guidance on service intervals.

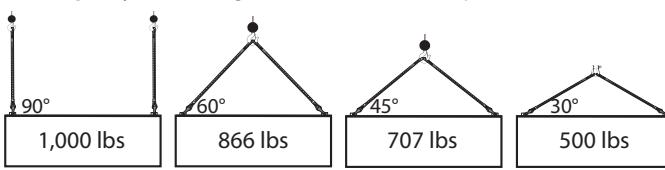
## USE

1. Determine the weight and center of gravity of the load. For special lifts consult manufacturer for additional support and/or suggested products.

2. Check the sling tag to confirm that the sling is rated adequately for the load in the manner or hitches that it will be used. Refer to load angle, choke angle and other relevant charts.

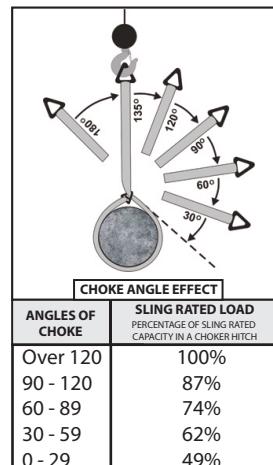
### LOAD ANGLE CHART

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 the 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



⚠ Use caution with lifts at angles less than 45° and do not make lifts with slings at less than 30°. When possible, use longer slings to minimize angular tension by increasing the angle. Severe angles can greatly reduce sling strength.

3. Check chemical resistance. Twin-Path® slings are generally resistant to common chemicals. Resistances in this chart are based on common concentrations at room temperature. Elevated concentrations and temperatures may affect chemical resistance. Contact Slingmax for more information when using in environments with elevated concentrations of chemicals and/or temperatures.

Chemical	Resistance
<b>Hydrocarbons</b>	
Hydraulic Fluid	Excellent
Crude Oil	Excellent
Gasoline	Excellent
Kerosene	Excellent
Diesel Fuel	Excellent
Mineral Oil	Excellent
<b>Acids</b>	
Sulfuric Acid	Excellent
High Concentration Sulfuric Acid	Excellent
Hydrochloric Acid	Fair
Phosphoric Acid	Excellent
Boric Acid	Excellent

Chemical	Resistance
<b>Alkalies</b>	
Chlorine bleach	Excellent
Sodium Hydroxide	Poor
High Concentration Sodium Hydroxide	Fair
<b>Other</b>	
Salt Water	Excellent
Ammonia	Fair
<b>Most Solvents</b>	
Ethanol	Excellent
Methanol	Excellent
Toluene	Excellent
d-limonene	Poor

⚠ Some chemicals on this chart (including those rated as "Excellent") can damage the sling cover. Contact Slingmax® for more information.

## USE (Continued)

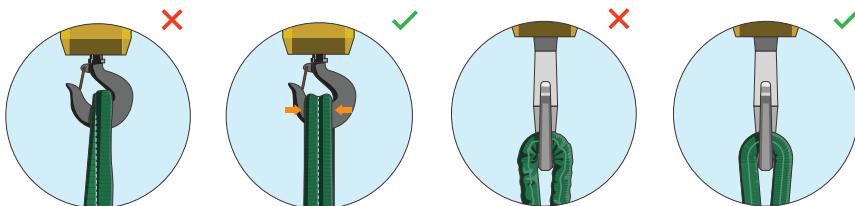
4. Be sure warning indication devices are operable.

**⚠** Do not drag sling over any surface.

**⚠** Do not expose to damaging chemicals and/or temperatures over 180°F/82°C. Refer to manufacturer for additional information.

5. Select compatible fittings.

6. Center the sling and the load on the hardware being used. Avoid bunching the sling. Do not fold sling, rather, push together.



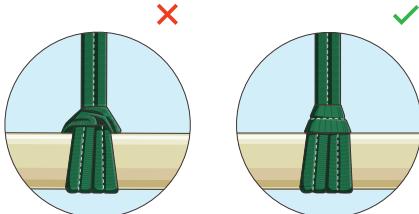
**⚠** To avoid injury, it may be necessary to use multiple persons or an overhead lifting device to lift the slings and rigging.

7. Protect sling from abrasive surfaces, pinch hazards, and edges. Use abrasion protection for abrasive surfaces and cut protection for edges on the hardware or load.

*See page 5 for Cut and Abrasion Protection.*

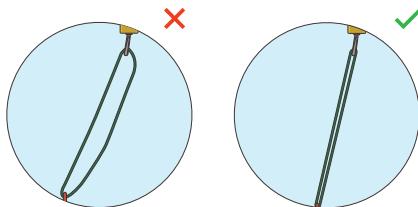
8. Ensure sling paths are smooth in the hitch without any twisting or bunching.

**⚠** Sling shall not be twisted, tied into knots, or joined by knotting.



## USE (Continued)

9. Equalize the slack by hand. Do not equalize the sling by using the crane or hoist to create tension.



**⚠️** Keep hands clear when the sling is being tightened.

10. Carefully lift the load.

- ⚠️** Balance, maintain control and avoid sudden movement or jerking of the load.
- ⚠️** Be alert for snagging of the load.
- ⚠️** STAND CLEAR OF LOAD AT ALL TIMES.
- ⚠️** DO NOT RIDE ON SLING OR LOAD.
- ⚠️** STOP THE LIFT IMMEDIATELY if the load does not lift evenly, the external warning indication devices react, or any other observed failure of the rigging is detected.

## CARE

Store slings to prevent contact with possible mechanical damage, corrosion, dust, grit and extreme temperatures.

To clean: use mild soap and water and allow to air dry before storing.

Do not machine wash or dry, to avoid damaging the sling.

## REPAIR

Field repair is not permitted. Return sling to a Slingmax® Dealer for repairs. Visit [www.slingmax.com](http://www.slingmax.com) for list of authorized Slingmax® Dealers.

**⚠️** Attempting to repair sling can result in sling failure, load drop, and death or serious injury.

## DISPOSAL

Before disposing of Twin-Path® slings, the slings shall be cut in half to prevent inadvertent use.

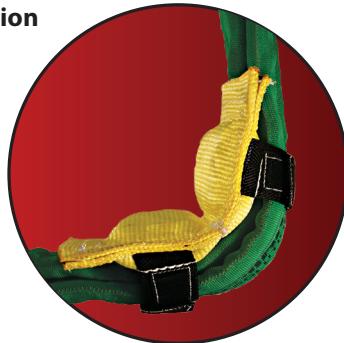
Waste must be disposed of in accordance with national and local environmental regulations.

## CUT AND ABRASION PROTECTION

Slings in contact with edges, corners, protrusions, abrasive surfaces or connecting hardware shall be protected with a material of sufficient strength, thickness and construction to prevent damage. Cut protection shall be rated and labeled for its intended use.

 Failure to use proper protection can result in sling failure, load drop, and death or serious injury.

### Available Cut Protection



**CornerMax® Sleeve** is made from tough high performance fiber that is specifically woven to provide cut protection for a variety of edges and surfaces. CornerMax® Sleeves can be used in many different angles and applications. Rated for 25,000 lbs per inch of sling width.

The **CornerMax® Pad** creates a “tunnel” of cut protection which is known as the No Touch Zone. The corner of the load does not come in contact with the pad or the sling. The CornerMax® Pad is specifically designed to be used in 90° angle applications. Rated for 25,000 lbs per inch of sling width.

### Available Abrasion Protection



**Synthetic Armor** Pads protect slings from abrasion damage that can be caused by contact with rough surfaces such as concrete beams and structures. They are also used to protect finished or painted loads from marring. Synthetic Armor can be made to fit any length or width sling.

The pin area of a shackle can damage synthetic slings. Placing synthetic slings on the pin should be avoided. Shackles may have a sharp edge where the pin goes through the shackle ear. If the sling is rigged on this area, it could become severely damaged. If you must rig on the pin, protect your sling with a **Shackle Pin Pad**.

## TRAINING & RESOURCES

Per ASME B30.9 & OSHA

Sling users shall be trained. Qualifying persons performing rigging functions shall meet the applicable criteria and shall, through education, training, experience, skill, and physical ability, as necessary, be competent and capable to perform the job. Rigging training is widely available through your local Slingmax® Dealer.

**For training information please contact your local Slingmax® Dealer or visit [www.slingmax.com](http://www.slingmax.com).**

## ASSOCIATIONS

**For additional information on the safe use, inspection, and training requirements, please consult the standards and reference items below:**

- WSTDA-RS-HP1
- ASME B30.9
- CI 1905
- OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.184
- Slingmax Rigging Handbook
- Slingmax Smartphone App



Note: Capacities shown include both paths and are for one complete sling. Sling ratings based on commercial fittings of equal or greater capacity. Conforms to ANSI/ ASME B30.9 Chapter 7, NAVFAC P-307 Section 14.7.4.3, the Cordage Institute Roundslings Standard and the Web Sling & Tie Down Association Roundslings Standard. This chart is based on a 5:1 Design Factor [DF] but any other DF can be fabricated. Higher capacity slings are available. CAPACITIES ARE IN POUNDS (LBS.)

Twin-Path® Sling Stock No.	Vertical	Choker	Basket	Basket Hitches	Approximate Weight (Lbs. per Ft. (Bearing - Bearing))	Nominal Body Width (inches)*	Recommended Hardware Diameter (inches)	Minimum Bending Radius (inches)
TPXCF/TPXC 1000	10,000	8,000	20,000	17,320	14,140	0.41	1.5 - 3"	0.63
TPXCF/TPXC 1500	15,000	12,000	30,000	25,980	21,210	0.45	1.5 - 3"	0.75
TPXCF/TPXC 2000	20,000	16,000	40,000	34,640	28,280	0.52	1.5 - 3"	0.86
TPXCF/TPXC 2500	25,000	20,000	50,000	43,300	35,350	0.66	2.0 - 4"	1.00
TPXCF/TPXC 3000	30,000	24,000	60,000	51,960	42,420	0.73	2.0 - 4"	1.10
TPXCF/TPXC 4000	40,000	32,000	80,000	69,280	55,560	0.86	2.0 - 4"	1.40
TPXCF/TPXC 5000	50,000	40,000	100,000	86,600	70,700	1.07	2.5 - 5"	1.50
TPXCF/TPXC 6000	60,000	48,000	120,000	103,920	84,840	1.20	2.5 - 5"	1.50
TPXCF/TPXC 7000	70,000	56,000	140,000	121,240	98,980	1.33	2.5 - 5"	1.84
TPXCF/TPXC 8500	85,000	68,000	170,000	147,220	120,190	1.60	3.0 - 6"	1.84
TPXCF/TPXC 10000	100,000	80,000	200,000	173,200	141,400	1.80	3.0 - 6"	2.00
TPXCF/TPXC 12500	125,000	100,000	250,000	216,500	176,750	2.30	4.0 - 8"	2.50
TPXCF/TPXC 15000	150,000	120,000	300,000	259,800	212,100	2.62	4.0 - 8"	2.50
TPXCF/TPXC 17500	175,000	140,000	350,000	303,100	247,450	2.95	4.0 - 8"	2.80
TPXCF/TPXC 20000	200,000	160,000	400,000	346,400	282,800	3.45	5.0 - 10"	3.00
TPXCF/TPXC 25000	250,000	200,000	500,000	433,000	353,500	4.10	5.0 - 10"	3.30
TPXCF/TPXC 27500	275,000	220,000	550,000	476,300	388,850	4.58	6.0 - 12"	3.62
TPXCF/TPXC 30000	300,000	240,000	600,000	519,600	424,200	4.91	6.0 - 12"	9.50
TPXCF/TPXC 40000	400,000	320,000	800,000	662,800	565,600	6.70	7.0 - 14"	9.50
TPXCF/TPXC 50000	500,000	400,000	1,000,000	866,000	707,000	8.48	8.0 - 16"	11.40
TPXCF/TPXC 60000	600,000	480,000	1,200,000	1,039,000	848,000	10.28	9.0 - 18"	11.40
TPXCF/TPXC 70000**	700,000	560,000	1,400,000	1,212,400	989,800	12.44	14.5 - 29"	14.30
TPXCF/TPXC 80000**	800,000	640,000	1,600,000	1,385,600	1,131,200	13.94	14.5 - 29"	7.15

\*Dimensions can vary according to the hardware or bearing points the slings are used with.

METRIC SLINGS AVAILABLE

\*\*Tri-Path