What a remarkable fall meeting we enjoyed in Quebec! All the careful plans and attention to detail, for which our Executive Director, Jeff Gilbert, is so well-known, certainly were obvious. The hotel, the setting and the weather all blended to give us a memorable event!

Our speakers were a big draw and the committee, headed by Mike Parham, is to be commended. As the quality of our meetings continues to attract increased member attendance, we can consider ourselves fortunate and look for even more ways to encourage participation.

All of us in our daily lives search for and expect the best value for our investments. This year it’s my goal and the commitment of your Board of Directors to do our best to provide additional value to your AWRF Membership in several ways:

1) We want to be more responsive. Look at the centerfold of the Slingmaker you are holding. You will find your board’s pictures with all their contact information. Contact any of us. Tell us your ideas and let us know if you disagree with a plan or program. We want to serve you effectively.

2) To open the lines of communication even more, each committee will have at least one person from the general membership to act as a liaison. Talk to them!

3) We believe you will be better served by a trained and efficient board. Steps have been taken to establish a procedure whereby committee chairs will be given both training and experience to make the work more rewarding.

These plans will work only, if the membership participates. Each of you is needed. You have an important role to play in AWRF.

All our committees are at work preparing for the coming year. They are taking a hard look at their responsibilities and making needed changes in the organization of their work. Budgets will be renewed at the Winter Board Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, the 25th and 26th of January, 2008. We are looking forward to this time working together.

February 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2008 will see the Technical Committee meeting in Savannah, Georgia. The full committee meetings are open to AWRF members as observers. If you have never been to one, this may be a good year for that. Please participate! Give Don Pellow a call and express your desire to attend.

March 14th, 2008 is the Government Affairs briefing in Washington, DC. Here is another opportunity to take part in an AWRF program, which can be a real benefit to your business. Give Jeff Gilbert or Barry Epperson a call for details. It is also a great time to make appointments to

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January 20-23  ASME B30 Meeting New Orleans, LA
January 25-26  AWRF BOD Meeting Charleston, NC
February 12-13  AWRF Tech Committee Meeting Savannah, GA
April 13-16  AWRF General Meeting Fairmont Hotel San Francisco, CA
May 19-20  ASME B30 Seattle, WA
June  Wire Rope Technical Board
July  13-19  AWRF BOD Meeting Ashville, NC
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TWO LIFTS – FIFTY YEARS

The year 2007 marks Oklahoma’s one hundredth year of statehood. Fifty years ago in commemoration of the State’s fiftieth anniversary, a brand new 1957 gold and white Plymouth Belvedere automobile was buried in a time capsule with other historical artifacts on the lawn of the Tulsa County Courthouse. On June 15, 2007, this author in the company of hundreds of other celebrants, witnessed the unearthing of that same vehicle in centennial reverence. Notwithstanding some disconcerting preemptive news that water leakage had badly corroded and rusted the Belvedere, there was considerable anticipation among the rather eclectic assembly of viewers.

Earlier, in preparation for the technicalities of the event, it was discovered that the company which had performed the 1957 craning and rigging job was out of business. After bids, the 2007 lifting work was awarded to Taylor Crane & Rigging (TCR) of Tulsa, which had volunteered to donate its time and skills. During the planning stages it became apparent from old photographs that the technology and equipment employed in 1957 would be considered unsafe and obsolete by today’s standards. Without the benefit of drawings and because of the probability of decay, the decision was made to custom design, engineer and fabricate new and unique gear to insure a safe, professional lift.

Following the preparation of a modern engineering analysis and structural design plan, (gratuitously supplied by Payne-Huber Engineering) TCR fabricated custom designed spreader-lifter beams and staged a test lift on an identical 1957 Belvedere with a comparable center of gravity.

After several days of excavation, Couch Construction Company was able to dig to the vault and remove the lids. The day before “lift off”, the site was prepped and the crane boomed. Two lifting beams were lowered under the car frame, and slings were rigged to the spreader-lifting beam and then to the original frame and the new beams. In secrecy, a preliminary and partial test went smoothly and the vehicle was tucked back in the vault for the main event the next day.

On June 15, 2007, before an anxious crowd, the city officials, centennial dignitaries and media personnel gathered. My partners and I looked on from our office balcony across the street. The mayor ordered “Start your engines” and the middle-aged Belvedere inched her way upward in a textbook resurrection. A hearty applause resonated as the vehicle was loaded onto a trailer and paraded away to the Tulsa Convention Center where she was bathed and showcased.

Although the car was rusted and corroded, the items of memorabilia in the time capsule were in perfect condition. Included was a list of the 812 entries in a contest in which the participants tendered predictions of the future population of Tulsa in 2007. The winner of the contest (and thus the car) was declared to be career Marine NCO Raymond Humbertson, who happened to be passing through Tulsa in the summer of 1957 en route to visit his grandfather. His closest living relatives today, 83-year-old Catherine Johnson and LaVada Humphrey, age 93, of Bowling Green, are the proud, if somewhat befuddled, owners of the rusty celebratory, Miss Belvedere of 1957. She is for sale to the highest bidder.

See video highlights of the lift at www.tulsaworld.com/buriedcar and www.taylorcrane.com. Any AWRF member who furnished components for the lift is invited to inform the author by email to jbarrye@sbcglobal.net.
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**Guidance On Safe Sling Use**

All tables and figures are on pages 45-48.

1) **Alloy Steel Chain Slings:**

Alloy steel chains are often used because of their strength, durability, abrasion resistance and ability to conform to the shape of the loads on which they are used. In addition, these slings are able to lift hot materials.

Alloy steel chain slings are made from various grades of alloy, but the most common grades in use are grades 80 and 100. These chains are manufactured and tested in accordance with ASTM (American Society for Testing and Maintenance) guidelines. If other grades of chain are used, use them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and guidance.

**Identification:**

New slings are marked by the manufacture to show:

- Size,
- Grade,
- The rated load, and
- Length (reach).

In addition, slings may be marked to show:

- Number of legs,
- Individual sling identification (i.e., serial number), and
- The name or trademark of the manufacturer.

**Rated Loads:**

Rated loads (capacities) for single-, double-, triple- and quadruple-leg slings and single- and double-basket slings used in vertical, bridle, or basket hitches are given in Tables 1 and 2 for the horizontal angles listed.

For angles not shown, use the next lower angle or have a qualified person calculate the rated load for the new angle. Rated loads are based on:

- Material strength,
- Design factor,
- Type of hitch,
- Angle of loading,
- Diameter of curvature over which the sling is used (D/d) (see Fig. 4), and
- Fabrication efficiency.

Do not use horizontal angles less than 30 degrees except as recommended by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

Rated loads for single-, double-, triple-, and quadruple-leg slings used in a choker hitch are given in Tables 3 and 4 for the horizontal angles listed provided that the angle of choke is greater than 120 degrees (see Fig. 1). For angles of choke less than 120 degrees, use the rated loads provided by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

For other materials and for configurations not shown, use the rated loads according to the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

**Attachments:**

Only use attachments, such as hooks, rings, oblong links, pear-shaped links, or welded or mechanical coupling links that have a rated capacity at least equal to that of the alloy steel chain with which they are used. If attachments with rated capacities lower than the chain are used, ensure that the sling is rated to the weakest component used on the sling.

**Inspections:**

Designate a qualified person1 to inspect slings and all fastenings and attachments each day before use for damage or defects.

This qualified person also performs additional periodic inspections where service conditions warrant, as determined on the basis of:

- Frequency of sling use,
- Severity of service conditions,
- Nature of the lifts being made, and
- Experience gained during the service life of slings used in similar circumstances.

Make periodic inspections of alloy steel chains slings at intervals no greater than 12 months. A good guide to follow includes:

- Yearly for normal service use,
- Monthly to quarterly for severe service use, and
- As recommended by a qualified person for special and infrequent service use.

Develop a system to make sure that these inspections are conducted. To do this, you can use a recordkeeping system, such as logs or marking the inspection date on a tag attached to the sling.2

Make a thorough inspection of slings and attachments. Items to look for include:

- Wear,
- Defective welds,
- Nicks, cracks, breaks, gouges, stretch, bends, discoloration due to excessive heat,
- Excessive pitting or corrosion,
- Throat opening of hooks,
- Missing or illegible sling identifications, and
- Other conditions that cause doubt as to continued safe use of the sling.

Where any such defect or deterioration is present, remove the sling or attachment from service immediately.

**Repairing/Reconditioning:**

Do not use worn or damaged alloy steel chain slings or attachments. Discard or repair them. Use damaged slings only after they are repaired, reconditioned, and proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person using the following criteria:

- Ensure that slings and attachments conform to the original strength requirements,
- Mark those slings or attachments to identify who made the repairs,
- Replace rather than repair cracked, broken, or bent links, and
- Do not use mechanical coupling links or carbon steel repair links to repair broken lengths of alloy chain.

**Operating practices:**

Do not use alloy steel slings with loads exceeding the rated loads (capacities) described in Tables 1 and 3 for grade 80 or Tables 2 and 4 for grade 100. Ensure that alloy steel chain slings not included in these tables are used only in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Follow other safe operating practices, including:

**Sling Selection**

- For multiple-leg slings used with nonsymmetrical loads, ensure that an analysis by a qualified person is performed to prevent overloading of any leg,
- Ensure that multiple-leg slings are selected according to Table 1 or 2 when used at the specific angles given in the tables. Ensure that operations at other angles are limited to the rated load of the next lower angle given in the tables or calculated by a qualified person, and
Do not use a component unless it is the proper shape and size to ensure that it is properly seated in the hook or lifting device.

Cautions to Personnel
- Ensure that all portions of the human body are kept away from the areas between the sling and the load and between the sling and the crane or hoist hook,
- Ensure that personnel never stand in line with or next to the legs of a sling that is under tension,
- Ensure that personnel do not stand or pass under a suspended load, and
- Ensure that personnel do not ride the sling or the load, unless the load is specifically designed and tested for carrying personnel.

Effects of Environment
- Store slings in an area where they will not be subjected to mechanical damage, corrosive action, moisture, extreme temperatures, or to kinking, and
- When slings are exposed to extreme temperatures, follow the guidance provided by the sling manufacturer or qualified person.

Rigging Practices
- Ensure that slings are hitched in a manner providing control of the load,
- Ensure that sharp edges in contact with slings are padded with material of sufficient strength to protect the sling,
- Ensure that slings are shortened or adjusted only by methods approved by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person,
- Ensure that, during lifting with or without a load, personnel are alert for possible snagging,
- Ensure that, in a basket hitch, the load is balanced to prevent slippage,
- When using a basket hitch, ensure that the legs of the sling contain or support the load from the sides, above the center of gravity, so that the load remains under control,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, the choke point is only on the sling body, never on a fitting,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, an angle of choke less than 120 degrees is not used without reducing the rated load,
- Ensure that slings are not constricted, bunched, or pinched by the load, hook, or any fitting,
- Ensure that the load applied to the hook is centered in the base (bowl) of the hook to prevent point loading on the hook, unless the hook is designed for point loading,
- Do not shorten or lengthen a sling by knotting or twisting,
- Do not rest loads on the sling,
- Do not pull a sling from under a load when the load is resting on the sling,
- Do not drag slings on the floor or over abrasive surfaces,
- Do not allow shock loading, and
- Avoid twisting and kinking.

Proof testing:
Before initial use of a sling, ensure that every component of a new, repaired, or reconditioned alloy steel chain sling has been proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person and meets the requirements of the American Society of Testing and Materials Specification A391-65.

Retain the certificates of proof test and make them available for examination.\[2\]

Environmental Effects:
Do not use alloy steel chains that have been heated above 1,000 degrees F (538 degrees C). Remove them from service.

Alloy chain slings exposed to temperatures above 400 degrees F (205 degrees C) have reduced load ratings. Reductions in rated load for Grade 80 and Grade 100 chain slings used at and after exposure to elevated temperatures are given in Table 5.

If chain slings are to be used at temperatures below minus 40 degrees F (minus 40 degrees C), consult the chain manufacturer.

The strength of alloy steel chain slings can be affected by chemically active environments. Consult the manufacturer before the sling is to be used in chemically active environments.

Effects of wear:
Do not use chains if the size at any point of a link is less than that stated in Table 6. Remove the sling from service.

2) Wire Rope Slings:
Wire rope is often used in slings because of its strength, durability, abrasion resistance and ability to conform to the shape of the loads on which it is used. In addition, wire rope slings are able to lift hot materials.

Wire rope used in slings can be made of ropes with either Independent Wire Rope Core (IWRC) or a fiber-core. It should be noted that a sling manufactured with a fiber-core is usually more flexible but is less resistant to environmental damage. Conversely, a core that is made of a wire rope strand tends to have greater strength and is more resistant to heat damage.

Wire rope may be manufactured using different rope lays. The lay of a wire rope describes the direction the wires and strands are twisted during the construction of the rope. Most wire rope is right lay, regular lay. This type of rope has the widest range of applications. Wire rope slings may be made of other wire rope lays at the recommendation of the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

Wire rope slings are made from various grades of wire rope, but the most common grades in use are Extra Improved Plow Steel (EIPS) and Extra Extra Improved Plow Steel (EEIPS). These wire ropes are manufactured and tested in accordance with ASTM guidelines. If other grades of wire rope are used, use them in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and guidance.

When selecting a wire rope sling to give the best service, consider four characteristics: strength, ability to bend without distortion, ability to withstand abrasive wear, and ability to withstand abuse.

Identification:
New slings are marked by the manufacturer to show:
- The rated load for the types of hitches, and the angle upon which they are based,
- The diameter or size, and
- The name or trademark of the manufacturer.

Rated loads:
Rated loads (capacities) for single-leg vertical, choker, basket hitches, and two-, three-, and four-leg bridle slings for specific grades of wire rope slings are as shown in Tables 7 through 15.
For angles not shown, use the next lower angle or a qualified person to calculate the rated load. Rated loads are based on:

- Material strength,
- Design factor,
- Type of hitch,
- Angle of loading,
- Diameter of curvature over which the sling is used (D/d) (see Fig. 4), and
- Fabrication efficiency.

Do not use horizontal angles less than 30 degrees except as recommended by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

Rated loads for a sling in a choker hitch are the values shown in Table 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, or 15, provided that the angle of the choke is 120 degrees or more (Fig. 2). Use the values in Fig. 2 or those from the sling manufacturer or a qualified person for angles of choke less than 120 degrees.

For other materials and for configurations not shown, use the rated loads provided by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

**Configurations:**
- Ensure that slings made of rope with 6x19 and 6x37 classifications and cable slings have a minimum clear length of rope 10 times the component rope diameter between splices, sleeves, or end fittings unless approved by a qualified person,
- Ensure that braided slings have a minimum clear length of rope 40 times the component rope diameter between the loops or end fittings unless approved by a qualified person,
- Ensure that grommets and endless slings have a minimum circumferential length of 96 times the body diameter of the grommet or endless sling unless approved by a qualified person, and
- You may use other configurations if specific data is supplied by the manufacturer or a qualified person.

**End attachments:**
Perform welding of handles or other accessories to end attachments, except covers to thimbles, before assembly of the sling. Ensure that welded end attachments are proof tested by the manufacturer or a qualified person. Retain the certificates of proof test and make them available for examination. Use components such as sleeves and sockets in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendation.

**Wire rope clips and hooks:**
- Do not use knots to fabricate your own slings,
- Do not use wire rope clips to fabricate wire rope slings, except where the application precludes the use of prefabricated slings and where the sling is designed for the specific application by a qualified person,
- Install wire rope clips according to the recommendations of the manufacturer or a qualified person,
- Do not use slings made with wire rope clips in a choker hitch,
- Use only wire rope clips made from drop-forged steel of the single-saddle (U-bolt) or double-saddle type clip,
- Do not use malleable cast iron clips to fabricate slings,
- Refer to the clip manufacturer for spacing, number of clips, and torque values,
- Attach U-bolts to wire rope clips with the U-bolt over the dead end of the rope and the live rope resting in the clip saddle,
- Tighten clips evenly to the recommended torque before and after the initial load is applied,
- Regularly inspect clips to ensure that the recommended torque remains, and
- Inspect clips periodically for wear, abuse, or damage.

**Inspections:**
Designate a qualified person to inspect slings and all fastenings and attachments each day before use for damage or defects.

The qualified person also performs additional periodic inspections where service conditions warrant, as determined on the basis of:
- Frequency of sling use,
- Severity of service conditions,
- Nature of the lifts being made, and
- Experience gained during the service life of slings used in similar circumstances.

Make periodic inspections of wire rope slings at intervals no greater than 12 months. A good guide to follow includes:
- Yearly for normal service use,
- Monthly to quarterly for severe service use, and
- As recommended by a qualified person for special and infrequent service use.

Although OSHA's sling standard does not require you to make and maintain records of inspections, the ASME standard contains provisions on inspection records.

Make a thorough inspection of slings and attachments. Items to look for include:
- Broken wires,
- Severe localized abrasion or scraping,
- Kinking, crushing, bird caging, or any other damage to the rope structure,
- Evidence of heat damage,
- Crushed, deformed, or worn end attachments,
- Severe corrosion of the rope, end attachments or fittings,
- Missing or illegible sling identifications, and
- Other conditions that cause doubt as to continual safe use of the sling.

Where any such defect or deterioration is present, remove the sling or attachment from service immediately.

**Repairing/Reconditioning:**
Do not use worn or damaged slings or attachments. Discard or repair them.

Use damaged slings only after they are repaired, reconditioned, and proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person using the following criteria:
- Do not repair wire rope used in the sling,
- Restrict all repairs to end attachments and fittings, and
- Mark repaired slings to identify who made the repairs.

Modifications or alterations to end attachments or fittings are considered a repair.

**Operating practices:**
Ensure that wire rope slings have suitable characteristics for the type of load, hitch, and environment in which they will be used and that they are not used with loads in excess of the rated load capacities described in the appropriate tables. When D/d ratios (Fig. 4) are smaller than those listed in the tables, consult the sling manufacturer. Follow other safe operating practices, including:

**Sling Selection**
- For multiple-leg slings used with nonsymmetrical loads, ensure that an analysis by a qualified person is performed to prevent overloading of any leg,
Ensure that multiple-leg slings are selected according to Tables 7 through 15 when used at the specific angles given in the tables. Ensure that operations at other angles are limited to the rated load of the next lower angle given in the tables or calculated by a qualified person.

When using a multiple-leg sling, ensure that the rating shown for the single-leg sling is not exceeded in any leg of the multiple-leg sling.

When D/d ratios (see Fig. 6) smaller than those cited in the tables are necessary, ensure that the rated load of the sling is decreased. Consult the sling manufacturer for specific data or refer to the WRTB (Wire Rope Technical Board) Wire Rope Sling Users Manual, and

Do not use a fitting unless it is of the proper shape and size to ensure that it seats properly in the hook or lifting device.

Cautions to Personnel

- Ensure that all portions of the human body are kept away from the areas between the sling and the load and between the sling and the crane or hoist hook,
- Ensure that personnel never stand in line with or next to the legs of a sling that is under tension,
- Ensure that personnel do not stand or pass under a suspended load,
- Ensure that personnel do not ride the sling or the load, unless the load is specifically designed and tested for carrying personnel, and
- Do not inspect a sling by passing bare hands over the wire rope body. Broken wires, if present, may puncture the hands.

Effects of Environment

- Store slings in an area where they will not be subjected to mechanical damage, corrosive action, moisture, extreme temperatures, or to kinking,
- When slings are exposed to extreme temperatures, follow the guidance provided by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person,
- Do not subject fiber-core wire rope slings to degreasing or to a solvent because of possible damage to the core, and
- Follow the manufacturer’s lubrication requirements.

Rigging Practices

- Ensure that slings are hitched in a manner providing control of the load,
- Ensure that sharp edges in contact with slings are padded with material of sufficient strength to protect the sling
- Ensure that slings are shortened or adjusted only by methods approved by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person,
- Ensure that, during lifting with or without a load, personnel are alert for possible snagging,
- Ensure that, in a basket hitch, the load is balanced to prevent slippage,
- When using a basket hitch, ensure that the legs of the sling contain or support the load from the sides, above the center of gravity, so that the load remains under control,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, the choke point is only on the sling body, never on a fitting,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, an angle of choke less than 120 degrees is not used without reducing the rated load,
- Ensure that slings are not constricted, bunched, or pinched by the load, hook, or any fitting,
- Ensure that the load applied to the hook is centered in the base (bowl) of the hook to prevent point loading on the hook, unless the hook is designed for point loading,
- Ensure that an object in the eye of a sling is not wider than one half the length of the eye,
- Ensure that the sling is allowed to rotate when hand-tucked slings are used in a single leg vertical lift application. Minimize sling rotation,

Do not shorten or lengthen a sling by knotting or twisting,

Do not rest loads on the sling,

Do not pull a sling from under a load when the load is resting on the sling,

Do not drag slings on the floor or over abrasive surfaces,

Do not use slings made with wire rope clips as a choker hitch, and

Do not allow shock loading.

Proof testing:

Before initial use, ensure that all new swaged-socket, poured-socket, turnback-eye, mechanical joint grommets, and endless wire rope slings are proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

Other new wire rope slings need not be proof tested, although the employer may require proof testing in purchasing specifications.

Ensure that all welded end attachments are tested by the manufacturer or equivalent entity at twice their rated capacity before initial use.

Environmental Effects:

Permanently remove from service fiber-core wire rope slings of any grade if they are exposed to temperatures in excess of 180 degrees F (82 degrees C).

Follow the recommendations of the sling manufacturer when you use metallic-core wire rope slings of any grade at temperatures above 400 degrees F (204 degrees C) or below minus 40 degrees F (minus 40 degrees C).

Chlorinated active environments can affect the strength of wire rope slings. Consult the manufacturer before using a sling in such environments.

3) Metal Mesh Slings:

Metal mesh slings are widely used in metalworking and in other industries where loads are abrasive, hot, or will tend to cut web slings. Unlike nylon and wire rope slings, metal mesh slings resist abrasion and cutting. Metal mesh slings grip the load firmly without extensive stretching, easily maintaining balanced loads. Uncoated metal mesh slings withstand temperatures up to 550 degrees F (288 degrees C).

Metal mesh slings combine alloy steel fittings joined to the steel mesh. Fittings are sometimes plated for protection and better visibility. Metal mesh slings have the following properties:

- Smooth, flat bearing surfaces,
- Carbon steel mesh that resists corrosion and abrasion, and
- Flexible mesh that conforms to irregular shapes.

Materials other than carbon steel are available for metal mesh slings, such as alloy steel for higher rated loads and stainless steel for corrosive environments.

Identification:

New slings are marked by the manufacture to show:

- The rated load for vertical basket hitch and choker hitch loadings.

In addition, slings may be marked to show:

- The rated load for the types of hitches, and the angle upon which they are based,
- The width and gauge, and
- The name or trademark of the manufacturer.
**Rated loads:**

Rated loads (capacities) for single-leg vertical, choker, and basket hitches are as shown in Table 17.

For angles not shown, use the next lower angle or a qualified person to calculate the rated load. Rated loads are based on:

- Material strength,
- Design factor,
- Type of hitch, and
- Angle of loading.

Do not use horizontal angles less than 30 degrees except as recommended by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

The rated load for a sling in a choker hitch is the value shown in Table 17, provided that the angle of the choke is 120 degrees or more. For angles of choke less than 120 degrees, use the rated loads provided by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

For other materials and for configurations not shown, use the rated loads provided by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

**Attachments and components:**

Use end fittings with a rated load that is at least the same as the metal mesh sling.

Ensure that end fittings have sufficient strength to sustain twice the rated load of the sling without visible permanent deformation.

Ensure that all surfaces of end fittings are cleanly finished and that sharp edges are removed.

Do not apply coatings that diminish the rated capacity of the sling.

**Inspections:**

Designate a qualified person[1] to inspect slings and all fastenings and attachments each day before use for damage or defects.

This qualified person also performs additional periodic inspections where service conditions warrant, as determined on the basis of:

- Frequency of sling use,
- Severity of service conditions,
- Nature of lifts being made, and
- Experience gained during the service life of slings used in similar circumstances.

Make periodic inspections of metal mesh slings at intervals no greater than 12 months. A good guide to follow includes:

- Yearly for normal service use,
- Monthly to quarterly for severe service use, and
- As recommended by a qualified person for special and infrequent service use.

Although OSHA’s sling standard does not require you to make and maintain records of inspections, the ASME standard contains provisions on inspection records.[3]

Make a thorough inspection of slings and attachments. Items to look for include:

- Broken wires in any part of the mesh,
- Broken weld or broken brazed joint along the sling edge,
- Reduction in wire diameter of 25 percent or more due to abrasion or 15 percent or more due to corrosion,
- Lack of flexibility due to distortion of the mesh,
- Distortion of the choker fitting so that the depth of the slot is increased by more than 10 percent,
- Distortion of either end fitting so that the width of the eye opening is decreased by more than 10 percent,
- A 15 percent or more reduction of the original cross-sectional area of any point around the hook opening of the end fitting,
- Visible distortion of either end fitting out of its plane,
- Cracked end fitting,
- Sling in which the spirals are locked or without free articulation,
- Fittings that are pitted, corroded, cracked, bent, twisted, gouged, or broken,
- Missing or illegible sling identifications, and
- Other conditions that cause doubt as to continued use of the sling.

Where any such defect or deterioration is present, remove the sling or attachment from service immediately.

**Repairing/Reconditioning:**

Do not use worn or damaged slings or attachments. Discard or repair them. Use damaged slings only after they are repaired, reconditioned, and proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified entity using the following criteria:

- Do not repair metal mesh used in the sling,
- Mark repaired slings to indicate the date and nature of the repairs, and
- Mark repaired slings to identify who made the repairs.

Retain the certificates of proof test and make them available for examination.[2]

Modifications or alterations to end attachments or fittings are considered as a repair.

**Operating practices:**

Ensure that metal mesh slings have suitable characteristics for the type of load, hitch, and environment in which they will be used and that they are not used with loads in excess of the rated load capacities described in the appropriate tables. Follow other safe operating practices including:

**Sling Selection**

- Do not use slings that appear to be damaged unless inspected and accepted by a qualified person, and
- Do not use a fitting unless it is the proper shape and size to seat properly in the hook or lifting device.

**Cautions to Personnel**

- Ensure that all portions of the human body are kept away from the areas between the sling and the load and between the sling and the crane hook or hoist hook,
- Ensure that personnel never stand in line with or next to the legs of a sling that is under tension,
- Ensure that personnel do not stand or pass under a suspended load,
- Ensure that personnel do not ride the sling or the load, unless the load is specifically designed and tested for carrying personnel, and
- Do not use metal mesh slings as bridles on suspended personnel platforms.

**Effects of Environment**

- Store slings in an area where they will not be subjected to mechanical damage, corrosive action, moisture, extreme temperatures, or to kinking, and
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Hiring and keeping good employees is essential to the profitability of your business, especially in today’s economy. To achieve that goal, you must consider your overall employee compensation plan—not just your pay scales, but your benefits program as well—in comparison to other firms in distribution.

How does your firm’s employee compensation package stack up in the industry? To help you evaluate your situation, AWRF is co-sponsoring the 2008 Employee Compensation Study conducted by Profit Planning Group. Approximately 2,500 firms in over 35 distribution lines of trade will be participating.

The value of this survey is threefold:

- The results help you determine where your compensation plan stands not only within the industry but also compared to other companies in distribution.
- The data helps AWRF respond to legislative proposals regarding government-mandated health and leave benefits for employees.
- The information helps companies that must prove their compensation is “reasonable” within the constraints of the Internal Revenue Code.

To guarantee complete confidentiality of your company’s data, all responses will be sent directly to and compiled by Profit Planning Group, an outside organization that specializes in survey research. Only the aggregate results of the survey will be released.

To ensure a comprehensive report we need your participation. Attached is the 2008 Employee Compensation questionnaire. Be sure to send in your completed survey by January 15, 2008.

Thank you for your participation in this important study. It will provide you with valuable information that could result in increasing your company’s profitability.

Winning the Compensation and Benefits Battle

2008 Employee Compensation Study Co-sponsored by AWRF

One of the major challenges facing business owners is in providing a fair and adequate compensation and benefits package for employees. If the package is insufficient, the company cannot attract and keep qualified personnel. If the package is too generous, profit tends to suffer.

In trying to establish a sound compensation system, managers are continually looking for benchmarks. That is, they want to know how much other companies are paying for certain positions. They also want to know what fringe benefit packages are being offered. Such benchmarking is essential for the two key types of employees and requires two different types of analysis.

- **Executive Compensation** — For top management positions, such benchmarking is often national in scope. In attempting to attract a top CFO, for example, the firm may compete with a large number of distribution firms across the entire United States.

- **Employee Compensation** — In terms of operating employees, the relevant market is always local. Comparisons for truck drivers, warehouse employees and sales representatives in a particular geographic area are much more useful than are national averages.

Even though compensation benchmarks are critical, developing such benchmarks has always been a very difficult undertaking in distribution. Typical compensation surveys almost always focus on one particular line of trade. As a result, they tend to have very small sample sizes. The resulting information is fragmentary, at best.

The 2008 Employee Compensation Study eliminates these problems. AWRF has joined together with more than 35 other distribution organizations in sponsoring the largest cross-industry compensation survey ever conducted. It is anticipated that approximately 2,500 firms will take part. With such a large-scale study, AWRF distributors will receive a wealth of information.

The Power of a Cross-Industry Study Volume I of the final report will focus on the data collected for AWRF distributors as a group. That is, firms can compare their compensation levels and benefit programs to other AWRF distributors. This ability to compare to similar firms in your industry is of significant value. With the combination of over 35 distribution groups, though, a much more powerful analysis is possible. Volume II aggregates the results of the entire sample which enables an in-depth examination of the data by both geographic area and firm sales size.

- **Geographic Area** — The competition for the majority of employee talent is local. The survey will allow precise analysis down to specific regions, states and even local metro areas, such as Atlanta or Denver. It will be possible to know what distributors of all kinds are paying for various employee positions at a local level.

- **Firm Sales Size** — With the comprehensive sample, 22 or more sales size breaks are possible, from under $1 million to over $1 billion. This allows firms to look at the compensation practices of variously sized firms to determine at what point specific benefit programs become affordable.

The availability of such a large sample size broken out
into so many specific sub-categories provides managers with an enormous amount of data for decision making. For example, firms thinking about opening an additional branch in a new geographic region will have precise payroll information at hand for the target geographic area.

Likewise, firms of any given sales size will have an idea of the extent to which specific fringe benefits are provided by similarly sized firms. They will also have information on what sales volume level must be attained before certain fringe benefits become realistic additions to the company’s compensation package.

Types of Information Provided

Both Volume I and Volume II of the report will include two types of data—compensation levels by position and fringe benefits. Each section contains a wide range of information for the typical AWRF distributor.

- **Compensation** — The compensation data will be broken out into three components by position—base salary, bonus and total compensation. In addition, the range of common experience for total compensation will also be provided. The positions to be covered include:
  - Executives—those with titles such as chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief marketing officer and the like.
  - Operating Employees—includes such positions as office manager, purchasing agent, warehouse employee and warehouse supervisor.
  - Sales Employees—including both inside and outside sales reps.
  - Branch Managers

- **Fringe Benefit Programs** — This section will review the benefit programs provided by distributors. Topics of interest will include:
  - Health Care Plans
  - Retirement Income Plans
  - Paid Time Off & Vacation Policies

As mentioned earlier, all of this information will be available at the national level as well as by geographic location and sales size of firm. The 2008 report provides an unprecedented opportunity to fully understand labor markets and is available only through the combined efforts of more than 35 different distribution organizations.

Schedule

Employee Compensation questionnaires will be mailed to AWRF distributors in early November. Since all firms in the United States are required to report employee financial information to the federal government by the end of January, almost all of the information required for the survey should be readily at hand.

The completed surveys are due by the middle of January. This should give every firm ample time to respond to the questionnaire. All information collected in the survey is absolutely confidential. No member of the AWRF staff will have access to any firm’s survey data. All questionnaires are returned directly to Profit Planning Group, the research company conducting the study.

The final report, including Volumes I and II, should be in the hands of AWRF by April 2008. Since it will cover the 2007 calendar year, the information will be extremely current as well as timely.

### 2008 Employee Compensation Study

**How does your compensation package stack up against other distributors?**

- Are you overpaying or underpaying your employees?
- How about the management team?
- What benefits do other firms provide?

Get answers to these questions and more by participating in the AWRF-sponsored 2008 Employee Compensation Study.

If you’re like most distribution firms, you’re running lean these days with just enough personnel to get by. Hiring and keeping good employees is essential to the profitability of your business, especially in today’s economy.

When it comes to hiring employees, you must consider your overall employee compensation plan—not just your wage scales, but your benefits package as well—in comparison to others in distribution. Furthermore, you’re not just competing for the best employees with other AWRF distributors, you’re also up against all the distributors in your immediate locale.

The **2008 Employee Compensation Study** will provide a detailed review of compensation and benefit programs for approximately 2,500 distributors from over 35 distribution organizations. Due to the extensive sample in this study, there will be a wide range of information available on compensation, not only for your industry, but also for 22 sales volume categories and over 100 geographic areas (including 50 metro markets). Participating firms will receive a wealth of information on topics such as:

- Executive Compensation
- Employee Compensation
- Sales Commission Plans
- Branch Managers
- Benefit Programs:
  - Health Care
  - Retirement Income
  - Paid Time Off & Vacation

**Schedule**

Questionnaires will be mailed to all AWRF distributors in early November. They are due back by January 15th. Survey results will be available in April.

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Well, 2007 is rapidly coming to a close. I wanted to make sure that all members had a chance to review the statistics that were collected. These are the same statistics that were given during the fall general meeting in Quebec City.

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### Incidents

- **Hand/Finger Laceration**: 8
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- **Hand/Finger/Wrist Sprain-Brake**: 9
- **Neck/Back/Chest/Shoulder Sprain-Brake**: 14
- **Eye/Skin Contamination**: 3
- **Arm/Elbow Sprain-Brake**: 1
- **Groin/Leg Sprain-Brake**: 2
- **Knee/Ankle Sprain-Brake**: 3

I would like to thank each member that participated in our statistics gathering program. It is not about the plaque, but the stats. Even though the returns were higher than the past, we are still a long way from full participation. We are updating the form to show 2007 and which reports are needed to gather good stats. Most members only returned the OSHA 300 summary log, not the incident report. We will send the 2007 form in January, giving each member ample time to respond. It also gives the committee more time to follow-up with members that have forgotten to return the form. We hope to see full participation for 2007.

Upon reviewing the incidents, we determined that the HSE DVD's match the incidents that were reported to the HSE Committee. If anyone wants to utilize these videos for an HSE meeting, please get with Jeff Gilbert. We ask that the DVD's be returned to the AWRF office within two weeks of shipment.

The following poem is a reminder that each and everyone of us has a duty not only to ourselves, but to our co-workers to maintain a safety lifestyle and to support, encourage and enforce our safety practices.

I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way. It wasn’t that I didn’t care, I had the time, and I was there. But I didn’t want to seem a fool, or argue over a safety rule.

I knew he’d done the job before, if I called it wrong, he might get sore. The chances didn’t seem that bad, I had done the same, he knew I had. So

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The Information Center for Ropeway Studies was established 1991 at Arthur Lakes Library on Colorado School of Mines campus in Golden, Colorado. It began with the gift of the working library of Charles “Chuck” Dwyer, a Colorado ropeway engineer with considerable experience in designing, building, testing, and regulating ropeway systems. From its beginning, the Ropeway Center has been guided by an Advisory Board to ensure its applicability and serviceability to those interested in this subject. The Center is one of two in the world devoted to the study of ropeway systems, the second, housed in the Library at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH), often called the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, in Zürich, Switzerland.

Prior to the addition of materials from AWRF, the Ropeway Center has over 500 monographs, 10 journal and newsletter titles, a manufacturers’ catalog file, reprint file, videos, 35 mm slides, lantern slides, and photographs. The ROPEWAY Database is a bibliographic database of journal articles, symposia, books, reports, handbooks, manufacturers’ catalogs, and other information pertaining to this subject area and was developed and is maintained by staff of the Arthur Lakes Library. It can be accessed electronically at: ropeway.coalliance.org/. The Information Center for Ropeway Studies Website contains direct links to the ROPEWAY Database, the Image Database, and more information about the Center as well as links to other web sites and can be accessed at: www.mines.edu/library/ropeway.

On behalf of AWRF, Michael Wallace, Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Loos & Company Inc. and a past president of AWRF, spearheaded the fund-raising effort. AWRF is commended for their forward thinking regarding conservation and preservation of the history of their profession and for their support of this effort into the future.
For Release: October 16, 2007

Wire Rope Corporation of America, Inc. Changes Name to WireCo WorldGroup

Wire Rope Corporation of America, Inc. (WRCA) announced today that the company will change its name to WireCo WorldGroup effective on October 29, 2007.

CEO Ira Glazer stated, “As our manufacturing flexibility, geographic scope and market reach have expanded over the past few years, we determined that our corporate name needed to better reflect the essence of our business. WireCo WorldGroup represents our heritage while highlighting our corporate strength – global availability.”

Over the past four years, the company has evolved from a U.S. based company into the largest global manufacturer of wire rope, the world leader in electromechanical cable and a major player in highly engineered cable structures. We have expanded our manufacturing and distribution facilities from the U.S. into Mexico, Canada, China and Germany.

Earlier this year, the company employed CoreBrand, a highly regarded brand consultant, to lead the project. They completed in depth market research around the world to identify the key drivers for the business and then provided a brand strategy and architecture that would serve the company well. The results of this work included a redesign of our corporate name from WRCA to WireCo WorldGroup as well as a realignment of our product brand families to better reflect the specific applications they serve worldwide.

About WireCo WorldGroup

WireCo WorldGroup’s products are recognized throughout the world and used in a wide range of market applications including oil and gas exploration; surface and deep mining; construction; and specialty lifting and suspension applications. The company employs approximately 1,800 people worldwide. WireCo WorldGroup headquarters is moving to Kansas City, Missouri on October 29, 2007. The company operates manufacturing plants, distribution facilities and research and development centers in the U.S., Canada, Germany and Mexico with a new plant nearing completion in China. WireCo WorldGroup is the only major wire rope manufacturer in the world to be API certified QPL Qualified, and ISO-9001:2000 registered.


Sliedrecht, September 25th, 2007

The managements of Van Beest International BV and Forges de l’Éminée S.A.S. announce that Van Beest has acquired 100% of the shares of her trade companion Forges de l’Éminée.

Van Beest is a producer of steel wire rope accessories based in Sliedrecht (the Netherlands). The products are sold worldwide under the brand name Green Pin®. The well-known Green Pin® shackles are a leading product in the world market. They are used in many different lifting applications in various sectors like the offshore, industry, mining, shipping and fishing. Van Beest has branches in Germany and the USA, and exports to more than 70 countries worldwide.

Forges de l’Éminée is based in Celles sur Durolle (France). They manufacture an extensive program of chain accessories, like grade 80 and grade 100 hooks, and a vast range of other products. These products are sold under the brand name “Excel”. The Excel range has a leading position in the French market, and apart from that Forges de l’Éminée is a significant exporter to several other countries. The Excel products are used in the same markets as the Green Pin® products.

The Green Pin® and Excel products complement each other perfectly, and together they offer a full range of quality products to anyone working in the steel wire rope- and chain business. Van Beest will use its expertise and extensive international distribution network to increase their international market share with the Excel products. By working together, we can further increase our service levels, and the customers will have the benefit of having a wide range of products available from one source. The current manufacturing plants in Sliedrecht and Celles sur Durolle will continue to produce our products, and we do not foresee any substantial changes to the staff levels.

Should you require any further information please contact undersigned.

Van Beest International BV

C. Boer
Managing Director
KANSAS CITY, MO: Don Pellow, President of Pellow Engineering Services, announces that several of his technical publications are also now offered in Spanish. This includes his top selling *Bob’s Rigging and Crane Handbook*, available in easy to read desk size or handy pocket size. This book has already been widely distributed within the crane and rigging industry in its English format; and has been long recognized by many in the field as the on-site educational material of choice. Information is included in the book that will ensure that top quality rigging and crane procedures are established, and also that the safety of your crew and the quality workmanship of your job are maintained as standards for your company. Don also offers two laminated pocket-sized reference cards now in a Spanish format: *Bob’s Rigging Reference Card* and *Bob’s Crane Reference Card*. These useful tools are currently used widely for quick assistance in the field for everyone from owners to operators, and have been available in English for many years. Now, because the marketplace is necessitating the availability of quality safety educational materials for our Hispanic field associates, you may also order the cards in Spanish. To learn more about these publications and to place your order, please log on to www.donpellow.com or call 877.473.5569 (4PELLOW) to speak in English, or 913.549.8894 to speak in Spanish. Please call Don directly at 816.931.4113 to learn more about Pellow Engineering Services.

CLEVELAND, OH — November 19, 2007 — Jergens, Inc. has announced that three of its major product lines can be compliant with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.225-7014 Alternate 1 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals. The requirements stipulate that certain specialty metals used in parts supplied to the Department of Defense by a United States company be melted in the U.S. or certain qualifying countries.

“We are pleased to offer domestically-sourced specialty metal products to the DoD and other customers,” said Jack Schron, Jr., Jergens’ President. “Although any item Jergens sells has the potential to be purchased as a DFARS item, we expect the most commonly requested items to be our Kwik-Lok™ Locking Pins, lifting rings and spring plungers.”

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WireCo WorldGroup Acquires U.S. Reel Corporation

Kansas City, MO – November 20, 2007 – WireCo WorldGroup (WireCo), the world’s leading producer and marketer of wire rope and electromechanical cable, announced today that it has completed the acquisition of US Reel Corporation (US Reel) based in Carrollton, MO.

US Reel was a closely held entity under the management of Mr. Roger Moore. The company produces high quality wood reels serving key customers in the Midwestern U.S. The firm has been the primary supplier of wood reels to WireCo for many years and has an outstanding reputation for excellent service and superior quality for nailed wood and plywood reels with its customers. WireCo plans to grow the business while assuring itself of a long term cost competitive source for its primary packaging method.

Ira Glazer, WireCo WorldGroup CEO, said, “US Reel has been a valued supplier to us for many years and we wanted to facilitate an orderly transition for the company. Roger Moore has been a good friend and this acquisition met his personal needs as well as our corporate objectives.”

No personnel changes are anticipated at this time. Mr. Moore plans to phase out of his role next year, but will be available to consult with WireCo as needed.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to turn over US Reel to such a dynamic, growing company. With this change, US Reel will have access to additional capital which can spur more growth and provide security for my valued employees,” stated Moore.

WireCo WorldGroup is owned by investment funds managed by Fox Paine Management III, LLC (Fox Paine III), the San Francisco and New York-based private equity firm.
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see your legislators for a little arm-twisting, if that appeals to you. Most of the board is planning to attend. We have a couple of meals together as a group, “so it is not all work and no play”.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for participation and we haven’t even gotten to the April 13th through 16th Spring General Meeting in exciting San Francisco! These early months are important. Let us hear from you. Your ideas and suggestions matter.

It is a pleasure serving as president of AWRF. I look forward to a busy, successful and rewarding year. Craig Hayward did a fine job leading our organization last year. I feel particularly fortunate to be following him.

Sincerely,
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Rigging Practices

- Ensure that the load is evenly distributed across the width of the metal mesh,
- Ensure that slings are hitched in a manner providing control of the load,
- Ensure that sharp edges in contact with slings are padded with material of sufficient strength to protect the sling,
- Ensure that slings are shortened or adjusted only by methods approved by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person,
- Ensure that, during lifting with or without a load, personnel are alert for possible snagging,
- Ensure that, in a basket hitch, the load is balanced to prevent slippage,
- When using a basket hitch, ensure that the legs of the sling contain or support the load from the sides, above the center of gravity, so that the load remains under control,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, the choke point is only on the sling body, never on a fitting,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, an angle of choke less than 120 degrees is not used without reducing the rated load,
- Ensure that slings are not constricted, bunched, or pinched by the load, hook, or any fitting,
- Ensure that, in a choker hitch, the load is balanced to prevent edge overload,
- Do not rest loads on the sling,
- Do not pull a sling from under a load when the load is resting on the sling,
- Do not drag slings on the floor or over abrasive surfaces,
- Do not straighten a spiral or cross rod or force a spiral into position,
- Ensure that slings used in pairs are attached to a spreader beam,
- Do not allow shock loading, and
- Avoid twisting and kinking.

Proof testing:

Before initial use, ensure that each new, repaired, or reconditioned metal mesh sling, including all welded components in the sling assembly, is proof tested by the sling manufacturer or a qualified person.

Ensure that coated slings are proof tested before the coating is applied.

Environmental effects:

You may use metal mesh slings without a rated load reduction in temperatures ranging from minus 20 degrees F (minus 29 degrees C) to 550 degrees F (288 degrees C) except elastomer-coated slings.

You may only use elastomer-coated slings in temperature ranges of 0 deg F (minus 18 degrees C) to 200 degrees F (93 degrees C).

Consult the sling manufacturer for temperatures outside of these ranges.

Chemically active environments can affect the strength of metal mesh slings. Consult the manufacturer before using a sling in such environments.

Sections 4-6 will continue in the next issue of Slingmakers.
### Table 6

**Maximum Allowable Throat at Any Point on a Line**

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**Extra Improved Plow Steel (EIPS) Grade 2 Wire Core (II) Wire Rope Based on Design Factor = 5 and Rated Loads Expressed in Tons (2,000 lb)**

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Notes:
- **H** = hand-held splice.
- **MS** = mechanical splice.
- Rated load based on minimum 0/10 ratio of 25.5.
- Rated load based on pin diameter no larger than natural eye width or less than the nominal slinger diameter.
- For choker hitch, the angle of choker is 120 deg or greater.
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**Rated Load for Single- and Two-Leg Slings 6 X 19 or 6 X 37 Classification**

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**GENERAL NOTES:**
- (a) HT = hand-filleted splice.
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### Table 15
**Rated Load for Eight-Part Braided Single- and Two-Leg Slings 6 X 19 or 6 X 37 Classification**

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### Table 17
**Rated Load for Metal Mesh Slings Based on Design Factor = 5**

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Fig. 1 Alloy Steel Chain Slings: Configurations, Components, and Hitches

![Diagram of various chain sling configurations and hitches](image)

- (a) Quadruple-Leg Bridle Sling Components
- (b) Single-Leg Sling Components
- (c) Single-Basket Sling and Hitch
- (d) Multiple-Leg Bridle Sling Hitch
- (e) Single-Leg Choker Hitch

The symbols below represent load or support surfaces in contact with the rope sling. The contact surface diameter divided by the rope diameter is designated O/D ratio as described in Fig. 6. Tables 18, 19, and 20 are based on the O/D ratios indicated below.

- Represents a contact surface which has a diameter of curvature at least double the diameter of the rope from which the sling is made.
- Represents a contact surface which has a diameter of curvature at least 8 times the diameter of the rope.
- Represents a load in choker hitch and illustrates the rotary force on the load and/or the slippage of the rope in contact with the load. Diameter of curvature of load surface is at least double the diameter of the rope.

General Note: Legs 5 deg or less from vertical may be considered vertical. For slings more than 5 deg vertical, the actual angle shall be used.

Fig. 5 Hitch Types for Synthetic Rope Slings

![Diagram of different hitch types](image)

**Table 1: Rated Capacity, % Plate (1)**

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<th>Angle of Choke, deg</th>
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Note: (1) Percent of sling rated capacity in a choker hitch.

Fig. 2 Angle of Choke

Fig. 3 Angle of Loading

**Fig. 4 D/d Ratio**

General Note: When D is 25 times the component rope diameter (d), the D/d ratio is expressed as 25/1.

Fig. 4 D/d Ratio
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