

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:

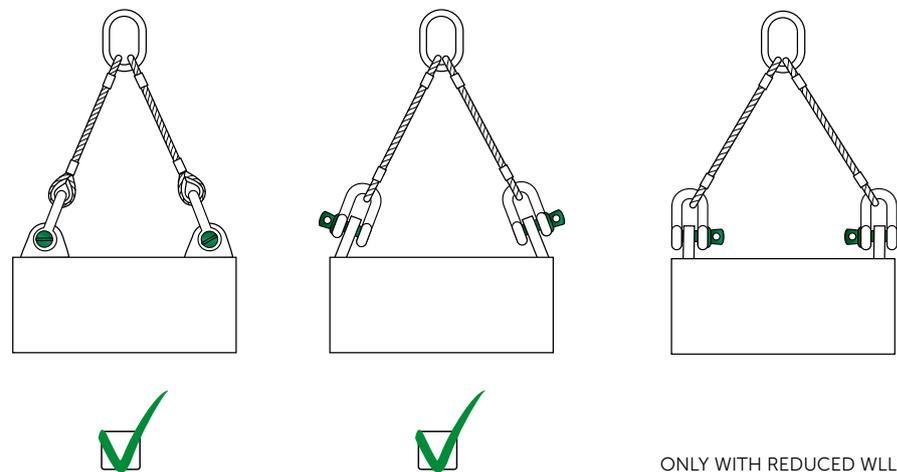
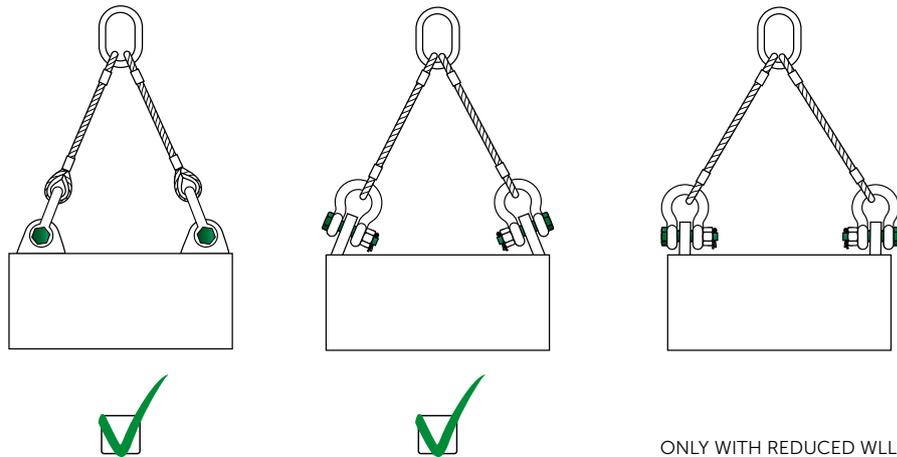
- all markings are legible;
- the body and pin are both of the same brand and type;
- the body and pin are both of the correct size;
- never use a safety bolt type shackle without using a securing pin;
- the pin, nut, cotter pin, or any other locking system cannot vibrate out of position;
- the threads 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.

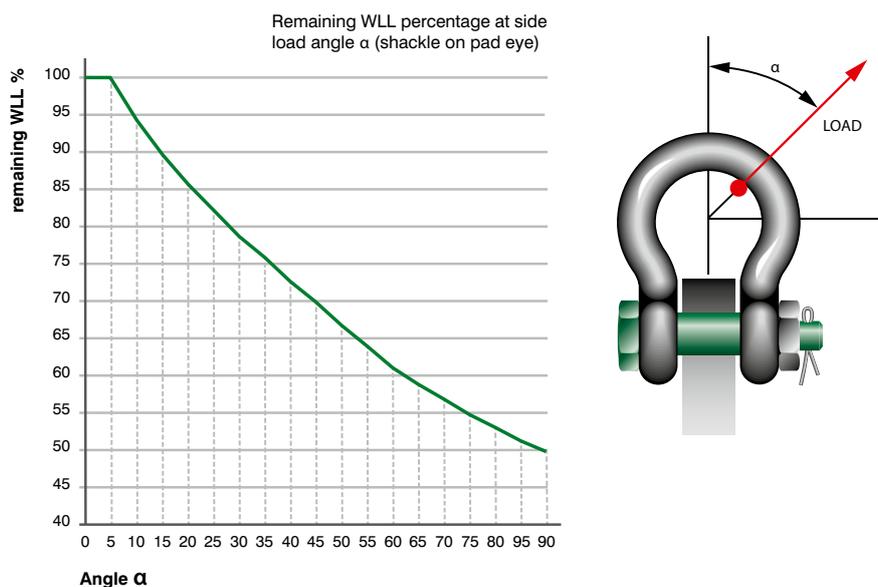
Incorrect positioning of the pin may be caused by a bent pin, too tight fitting thread or misalignment of the pin holes. Do not use the shackle under these circumstances. Never replace a shackle pin except with one of the same brand, type, make and size to ensure the shackle maintains its original WLL.

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.



Side loads

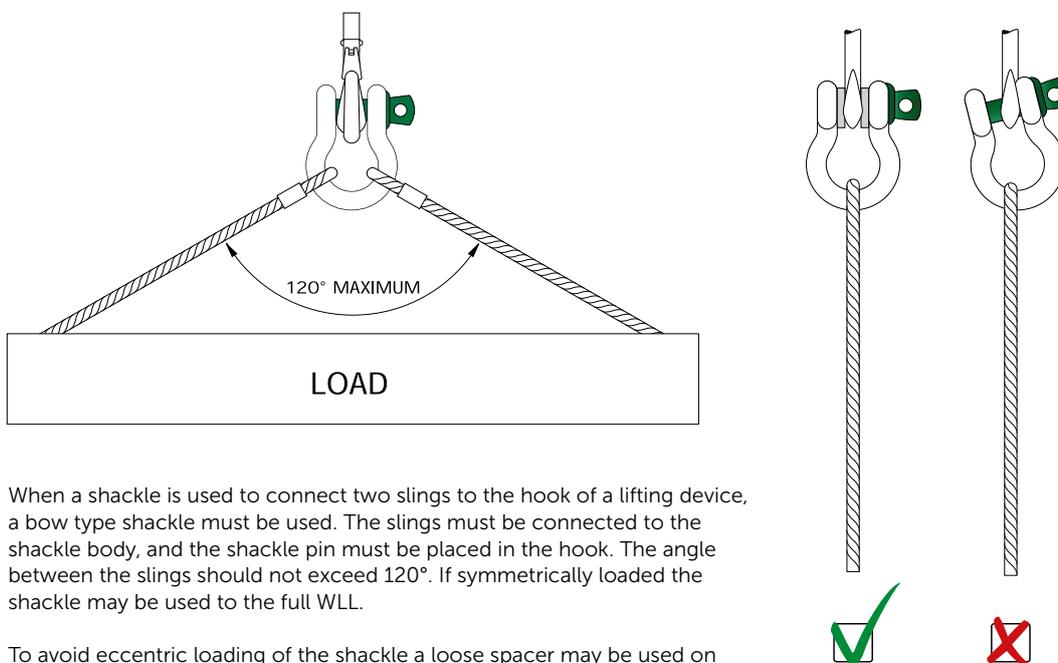
Side loads should be avoided, as the products are not designed for this purpose. If side loads cannot be avoided, the WLL of the shackle must be reduced:



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.

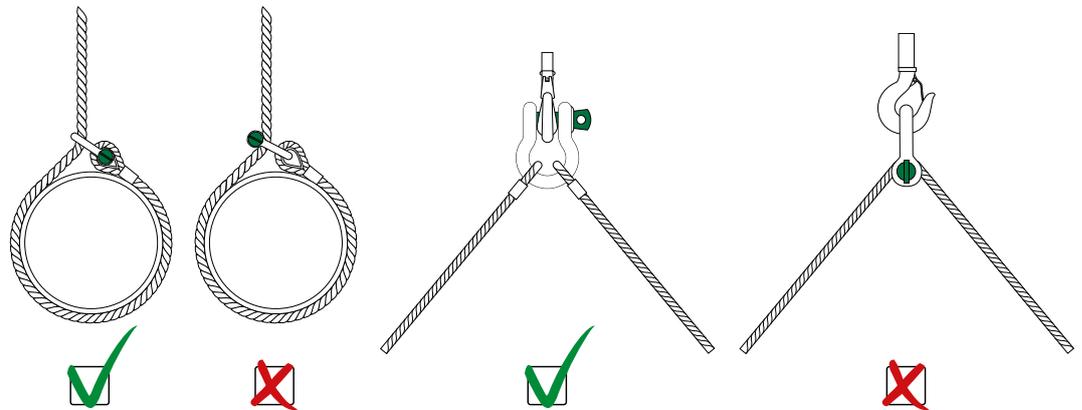


When a shackle is used to connect two slings to the hook of a lifting device, a bow type shackle must be used. The slings must be connected to the shackle body, and the shackle pin must be placed in the hook. The angle between the slings should not exceed 120°. If symmetrically loaded the shackle may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

When a shackle is attached to the top block of a set of wire rope blocks the load on this shackle is increased by the value of the hoisting effect.

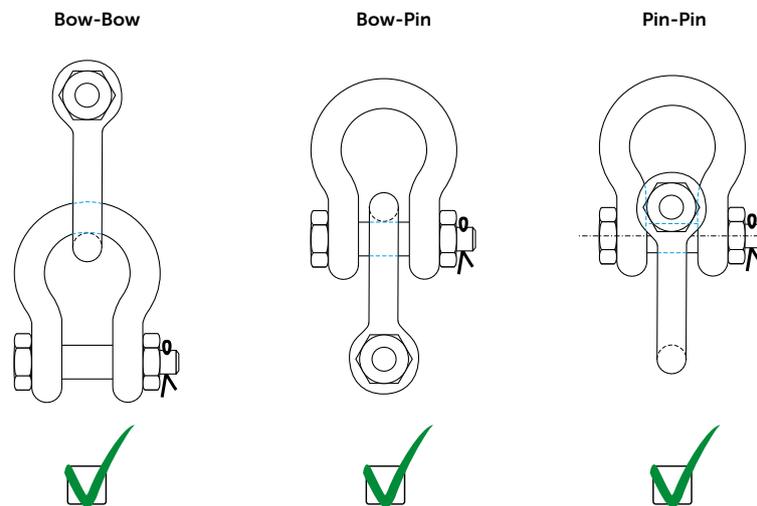
Avoid applications where the load moves over the shackle pin; the pin may rotate and possibly be unscrewed. If moving of the load cannot be avoided, or when the shackle is to be left in place for a prolonged period or where maximum pin security is required, use a shackle with a safety bolt, nut and cotter pin or a shackle with a fixed nut.



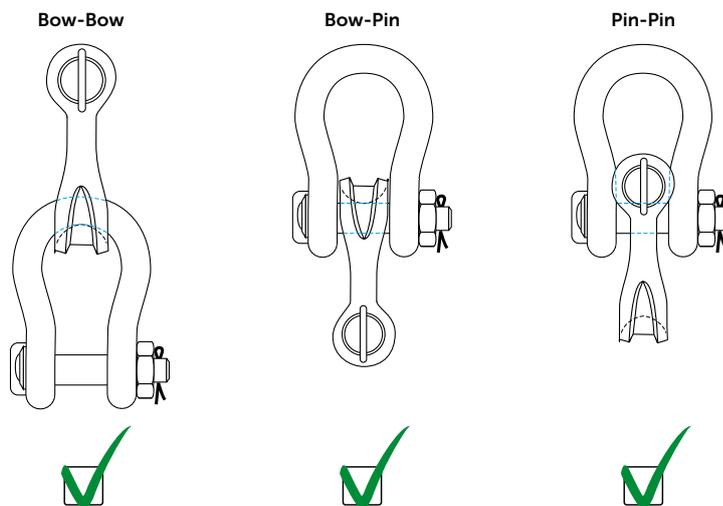
Shackles should not be immersed in acidic solutions or exposed to acidic fumes or other chemicals that are potentially harmful for the shackle.

Point loading

Shackles are used in lifting- and static systems as removable links to connect (steel) wire rope, chain and other fittings. Most of the times the load bearing component that connects to a shackle is of a rounded shape. Point loading of shackles during lifting operations is allowed but the minimum dimension of the rounded component to be lifted should be equal to or bigger than the bow size of the shackle being used. The maximum load of the configuration is limited by the component with the lowest WLL. Increasing the contact area by using bigger diameters and/or pad eyes can be an advantage. Sharp edges should be avoided. Green Pin® shackles can also be used in below configurations. The maximum load of the configuration is limited by the component with the lowest WLL.

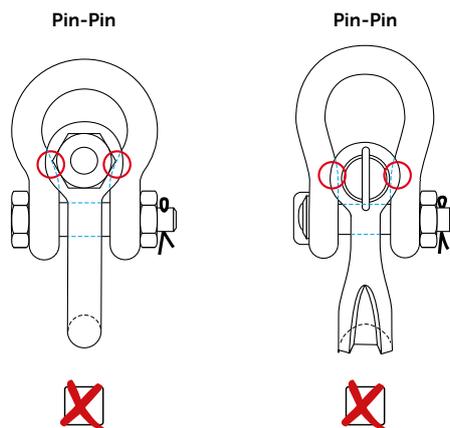


The crown of a Green Pin® Sling Shackle (P-6033) is wider than that of a standard shackle, thus creating a bigger bearing surface. This improves the lifetime of the sling. Green Pin® Sling shackles can also be used in below configurations. The maximum load of the configuration is limited by the component with the lowest WLL. For information about point loading of the Green Pin Power Sling® Shackle (P-6043) please contact sales@vanbeest.nl.



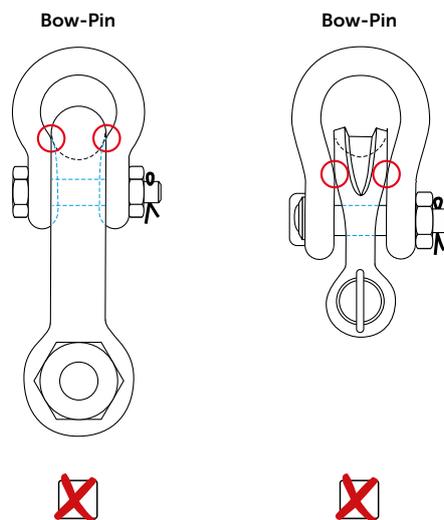
Pin- Pin configuration

When the shackle eyes touch and the pins do not bear properly, the configuration should not be used.



Bow- Pin configuration

When the shackle body of the inner shackle touches the shackle eyes of the outer shackle and body and pin do not bear properly, the configuration should not be used.



Temperature

If extreme temperature situations occur, the following load reductions must be taken into account:

Temperature	Reduction for elevated temperatures New Working Load Limit
up to 200°C	100% of original Working Load Limit
200 - 300°C	90% of original Working Load Limit
300 - 400°C	75% of original Working Load Limit
> 400°C	not allowed

The rating of shackles to EN 13889 assumes the absence of exceptionally hazardous conditions. Exceptionally hazardous conditions include offshore activities, the lifting of persons and the lifting of potentially dangerous loads such as molten metals, corrosive materials or fissile materials. In such cases a competent person should assess the degree of hazard and the WLL should be reduced accordingly.

Inspection

Shackles must be regularly inspected in accordance with the safety standards given in the country of use. This is required because the products in use may be affected by wear, misuse, overloading etc. which may lead to deformation and alteration of the material structure. Inspection should take place at least every six months and more frequently when the shackles are used in severe operating conditions.