

HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY SLING BE INSPECTED?

All slings require an initial inspection, a frequent inspection, and a periodic inspection.

- **Initial** inspections are performed prior to the sling being put into service to verify compliance.
- **Frequent** inspections are performed prior to each shift, unless the severity of use would require additional inspection throughout.
- **Periodic** inspections are a more thorough inspection that requires documentation while looking at all components and inspecting all sides and surfaces. These inspections shall not exceed an interval of one year.

CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL

An alloy steel chain sling shall be removed from service if any of the following conditions are present:

- missing or illegible sling identification
- cracks or breaks
- excessive wear, nicks, or gouges
- stretched chain links or fittings
- bent, twisted, or deformed chain links or fittings
- evidence of heat damage
- excessive pitting or corrosion
- lack of ability of chain or fittings to hinge (articulate) freely
- weld splatter
- for hooks, removal criteria as stated in ASME B30.10
- for rigging hardware, removal criteria as stated in ASME B30.26
- other conditions, including visible damage, that cause doubt as to the continued use of the sling

IDENTIFICATION TAG REQUIREMENTS

Each sling shall be marked to show:

- name or trademark of manufacturer, or if repaired, the entity performing repairs
- grade
- nominal chain size
- number of legs
- rated load for at least one hitch type and the angle upon which it is based
- length (reach)
- individual sling identification (e.g., serial number)

