

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

Remove the polyester round sling from operation if any of the following are found:

- missing or illegible sling identification
- acid or caustic burns
- evidence of heat damage
- holes, tears, cuts, abrasive wear, or snags that expose the core yarns
- broken or damaged core yarns
- weld splatter that exposes core yarns
- knots in the roundsling, except for core yarn knots inside the cover installed by the manufacturer during the fabrication process
- fittings that are pitted, corroded, cracked, bent, twisted, gouged, or broken
- 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 REQUIREMENTS

Each sling requires an identification tag with the following information clearly shown:

- name or trademark of manufacturer, or if repaired, the entity performing repairs
- manufacturer's code or stock number
- rated load for at least one hitch type and the angle upon which it is based
- core material
- cover material, if different from core material
- number of legs, if more than one

