

must include all of the **Before use** items. **Periodic inspections** should be recorded at least annually for normal service, more often if use is frequent or severe. Recorded **Periodic inspections** are performed by a designated person.

**REPAIR** ♦ Field repair is not permitted. Only manufactures or other qualified persons may make repairs.

**PROOF TEST** ♦ It is strongly recommended that boat slings be proof tested semi-annually using a calibrated and certified proof test machine. (A proof test is a load test applied to the sling for the sole purpose of detecting injurious defects in the material or manufacture.) A proof test is normally an applied load that is equal to twice the rated load of the sling.



## **! WARNING**

Can fail if damaged, misused, or overloaded. Inspect before use. Use only if trained. Observe rated load. Pad edges of load to avoid damage to sling. Avoid exposure to acid, alkali, ultraviolet light, sunlight, and temperatures over 180° F. **DEATH or INJURY** can occur from improper use or care.

**RATED LOAD = RATED CAPACITY = WORKING LOAD LIMIT**

### **SYNTHETIC WEB BOAT SLINGS**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE, USE, INSPECTION, AND REPAIR.**

**CARE** ♦ Store in a clean area away from sun and any ultraviolet light source, chemicals or extreme temperatures. Long exposure to sunlight will reduce the strength of a synthetic sling.

**USE** ♦ Check weight of boat. ♦ Check sling rated load. ♦ Sling shall not be twisted, tied into knots or joined by knotting. ♦ Be sure that the boat cannot cut the sling during the lift by padding corners, edges, protrusions or abrasive surfaces; **use materials of sufficient strength and thickness.** ♦ Balance the load. ♦ Maintain load control. ♦ Avoid jerking the load. ♦ Be alert for snagging of load. ♦ Avoid dragging sling over rough surfaces and from under the load. ♦ Stand clear of load at all times. ♦ Persons are not to ride on sling or load. ♦ Web slings must be used with compatible fittings, hooks and shackles. ♦ Bunching of webbing reduces capacity.

**INSPECTION** ♦ **Before use:** Check tag for rated load adequate for the lift. Look at the webbing for worn eyes, cuts, fraying, melted or charred fabric, or chemical damage. Look at hardware for distorted, cracked, worn fittings. **If this wear or damage is present, if red core yarns are visible, if rated load tag is missing or illegible, do not use the sling. Repair or replace it. Frequent inspection** is done by the person handling the sling each day it is used and

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