

Original operating manual for Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook with Forged Safety Latch VHKS

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Chain	Code	Measurements						Weight	Working Load Limit		
		e	h	a	d	g1	b				
		mm	inch	mm						kg	kg
7+8	9/32+5/16	VHKS 07/8.8	116	33	25	9	32	113	1.1	2,000	
10	3/8	VHKS 10.8	126	40	30	12.5	35	132	1.7	3,150	

Static test coefficient = 2.5; Safety factor = 4

These Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are designed for the assembly of chain slings and after reading the operating manual as well as the current national norms for lifting and transporting purposes. In comparison with standard HKS Clevis Sling Hooks, Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are provided with a larger throat and are, therefore, able to be hooked into eyes with a wider material diameter. This product meets the requirements of the EU Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC and is only to be used when taking into consideration the declaration of incorporation and after reading and understanding the operating manual. The operating manual must always be available to the user until the hooks are discarded. It is updated continuously and is only valid in its latest version, which can be downloaded from the following link www.kwb-ketten.at.

Conditions of use

Purpose of use: these Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS serve as end hooks or suspension hooks for the attachment of the chain to the load or other load handling attachment in a quick and easy way. Moreover, they can also be attached to the chain leg when building loops. After the hook has been attached to the chain or the load, the safety latch must be able to close. The safety latch avoids accidental unhooking of the hook and must therefore be provided.

Load: the load must only act in the longitudinal direction and in the center of the radius on the hook with a maximum working load limit described in the table above. The Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must be aligned to the direction of the load.

Admissible operating temperature: -40 °C to 200 °C.

Impacts: the load must be applied without any impact or shock loading.

- Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must only be used by competent personnel
- Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage

Restrictions of use

Under certain conditions, the use of Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS is restricted (see table below). The table below describes certain loads with their corresponding reduction factors. Safe working load values are calculated by multiplying the working load limit with the reduction factor defined in the table. If more restrictions of use are applicable during a lifting process, all corresponding reduction factors must be taken into account.

Reduction factors			
Temperature*	-40 °C to 200 °C	above 200 °C to 300 °C	above 300 °C to 400 °C
Reduction factor	1	0.9	0.75
Impact Load	Slight impacts created, for example, when accelerating during the lifting or lowering movement	Medium impacts created, for example, when the chain is loaded but it slips while adjusting to the shape of the load	Strong impacts created, for example, when the load falls onto an unloaded chain
Reduction factor	1	0.7	Impermissible

* The use at temperatures below -40 °C and above 400 °C is forbidden!

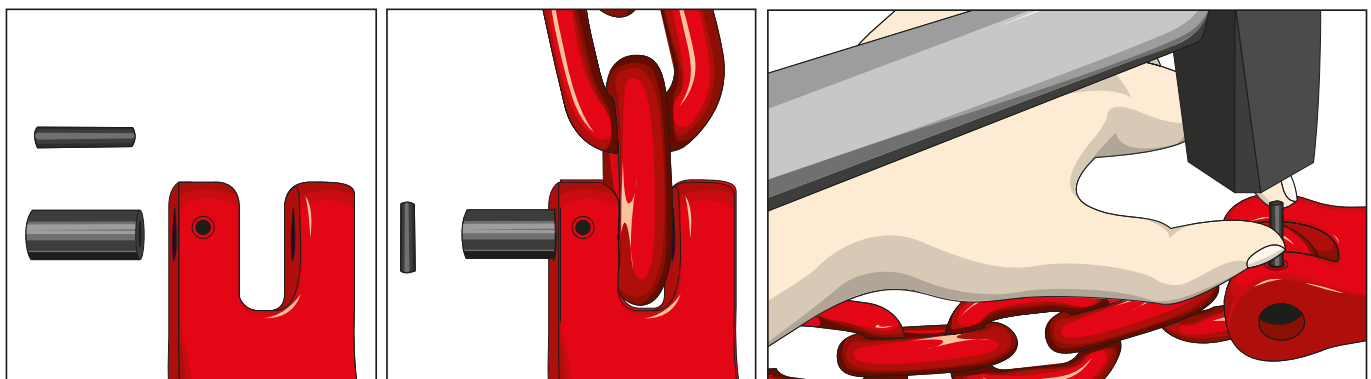
In particular cases, hooks can be used without a safety latch. However, supervision and approval by a competent person is required in these cases. All instructions given in this operating manual assume the absence of extremely dangerous conditions. Such extremely dangerous conditions include offshore activities, lifting of people and potentially dangerous loads, such as liquid metals or nuclear material. In these cases, the admissibility and extent of the risks are to be assessed by KWB.

Reasonably foreseeable misuse

Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are not designed to be used with food, cosmetics or pharmaceutical products, and must not be subjected to severe corrosive influences (e.g. acids, sewage, ...). They must not be used in explosion-protected areas or exposed to the fumes released by acids or chemicals. They also must not be used under other circumstances as the one described in Conditions of use and Restrictions of use – e.g. transverse or flexural loading. The safety latch must not be loaded during the lifting process. Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must not be hooked into small eyes in order to avoid tip loading. Do not apply any surface coating procedure with damaging effects on the materials (e.g. hot galvanizing or electrogalvanizing) and do not subject them to heat, welding or drilling processes.

Assembly instructions

The assembly may only be executed by a qualified person. KWB Super Alloy Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are attached at the clevis connection to the chain – see figure. Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are only to be assembled with original accessories provided by KWB – bolts and safety pins. The assignment of the right chain dimension is to be found on the product code (e.g. VHKS 10.8) and the grade (8), with which the hooks are also marked. For example, VHKS 10.8 must be used with Super Alloy 10 mm chains. 10 indicates the diameter of the material which the chains are made of, 8 points out the grade. In the case of multi-leg chain slings, hook tips shall point outwards.



When repairing Star Alloy chain slings (G10), Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS can also be used as long as a misinterpretation of the right WLL by the user is excluded – e.g. by means of a unified coloration and correct identification. Moreover, it is important to pay attention to the same length of the chain legs in multi-leg chain slings. Possibly, all Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are to be replaced. It is also vital to pay attention to the right working load limit marking of the whole system (WLL on identification tag). The weakest part will determine the working load limit. The lifting accessory into which the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS is to be incorporated must be declared in conformity with the provisions

of the Directive 2006/42/EC. Only non-damaged parts must be assembled. Defective Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS hooks must not be assembled and used Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must be inspected before the assembly process as described below under the section Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs.

Replacement parts

Clevis load pins Type KBG-U.
 Safety latch set Type FG-V.

Safety precautions to be taken by the user

Gloves must be worn during the whole process. When conditions with restrictions of use take place, working load limit values must be reduced by the above reduction factors in order to assure the required security level.

How to act in case of accidents or damages

If the safety latch blocks or the hook is bogged down, under no circumstances should force be used in order to avoid damage on the safety latch or the hook. In this case, remove the load and eliminate the fault by means of hand force. After deformation of the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS because of overloading or other extraordinary events, take the lifting assembly out of service for inspection or repair by a qualified person.

Residual risks

Overloading because of exceeding the working load limit or not reducing the working load limit when influences under severe conditions such as temperature, asymmetry, edge load or impact occur, can lead to failure of the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS. Other factors are unsatisfactory adjustment, transgression of the permitted angle of inclination, strong vibrations with heavy load, transverse loading, and the use of uninspected Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS. The safety latch could fail when loaded; a missing safety latch could lead to the accidental unhooking of the load. In such cases, the load could fall causing injuries or fatalities among the workers who operate and work in the danger zone of the lifting equipment.

Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs

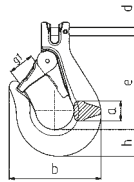
Maintenance: Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS shall be cleaned regularly, dried when exposed to wet atmospheres and protected from corrosion, e.g. lightly oiled.

Inspections: Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS including their bolts and safety pins need to be in a clean condition when inspected – they must not contain oil, dirt or rust. Painting is only permissible if an evaluation of the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS condition is possible. When cleaning, do not subject Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS to processes which cause material embrittlement (e.g. pickling), overheating (e.g. flame cleaning), material abrasion (e.g. sand blasting) etc. Surface cracks or other defects must not be covered. Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage. Once a year an inspection must be carried out by a competent person. However, this period must be shortened in view of the conditions of use – e.g. because of frequent use with maximum load capacity or under conditions with restrictions of use, wear or corrosion. It is recommended to subject Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS every two years to a crack test. There are different ways of crack testing: subjecting the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS to a load test with 2 times the working load limit, followed by a visual inspection, a magnetic crack test or a dye-penetration method.

Withdrawal:

- Broken parts, deformation, notches, cracks of all types
- Signs of heat (e.g. discoloration or coating-burn off)
- In the case of doubts about the safety and correct functioning of the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS
- Unrecognizable identification marking
- If wear or excessive corrosion occurs and the tolerable change of measurement is transgressed (see following table)
- If the safety latch is missing or not working correctly – a swing-out safety latch indicates the overloading of the hook
- Bolts that are not completely assembled or secured by the safety pin

Measure	Max. permitted change
d	-10 %
e	+5 %
g1	+10 %
h	-10 %



Repair: Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are only to be repaired by a qualified person. Damaged accessories must be replaced by new, original replacement parts. Welding, heat treatments, as well as the straightening of bent Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS are not permitted. Inspections and repairs have to be documented and the corresponding reports have to be retained during the service life of the Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hook VHKS.

Storage

KWB Super Alloy Wide Bowl Clevis Sling Hooks VHKS shall be stored cleaned, dried, protected from corrosion, e.g. lightly oiled. While stored, they must not be exposed to corrosive, mechanical or thermal influences.

Declaration of incorporation

In accordance with the requirements established in Annex II, part B, of the EU Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC for components in lifting accessories:

This is to inform you that the product mentioned in this original operating manual is designed to be incorporated in lifting accessories complying with all essential requirements of the EU Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. This product must not be put into service until the final lifting accessory into which it is to be incorporated has been declared in conformity with the provisions of the Directive 2006/42/EC. Moreover, it is a precondition that this operating manual has been read and understood. This declaration has no legal effect if any changes to the product are introduced without KWB's approval.

Following essential safety and health requirements of Annex I of the Directive are applied and fulfilled: 1.1.3, 1.3.4, 1.5.4, 4.1.2.3, 4.1.2.5, 4.3, 4.4.1.

Additionally, we declare that the relevant technical documentation is compiled in accordance with part B of Annex VII and will be transmitted electronically due to a well-founded request by the national competent authority.

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