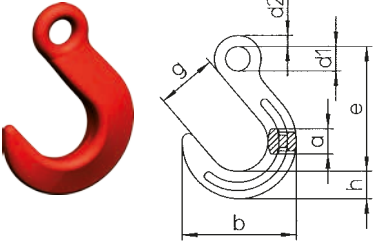


# Original operating manual for Foundry Hook GH

Foundry Hook GH												
	Chain		Code	Measurements							Weight	Working Load Limit
	mm	inch		g	d1	d2	e	a	h	b		
	mm	inch	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	kg	kg
7+8	9/32+5/16	GH 07/8.8	64	11	24	131	25	29	118	0.92	2,000	
10	3/8	GH 10.8	76	14	31	158	32	35	143	1.77	3,150	
13	1/2	GH 13.8	89	17	39	190	40	42	170	2.82	5,300	
16	5/8	GH 16.8	102	22	47	224	46	50	200	5.03	8,000	
18+20	11/16+3/4	GH 20.8	114	28	56	260	54	61	231	9.24	12,500	

Static test coefficient = 2.5; Safety factor = 4

These Foundry Hooks GH 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. Foundry Hooks GH are combined with other components like KWB Super Alloy chains, connecting links and rings to build chain slings. These hooks are provided with a wide throat opening and are, therefore, designed mainly for foundries. Since they are not provided with a safety latch, their use is restricted. 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](http://www.kwb-ketten.at).

## Conditions of use

**Purpose of use:** these Foundry Hooks GH serve as end hooks or suspension hooks for the attachment of the chain to the load or other load handling attachment in an easy and quick way. Before each use, it must be proved that the use of the hook without a safety latch is permitted. This could be the case in which the use of a safety latch could represent a higher risk than using a hook without it.

**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 hook must be aligned in 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.

- Foundry Hooks GH must only be used by competent personnel
- Foundry Hooks GH must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage

## Restrictions of use

Under certain conditions, the use of Foundry Hooks GH 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	<b>Slight impacts</b> created, for example, when accelerating during the lifting or lowering movement	<b>Medium impacts</b> created, for example, when the chain is loaded but it slips while adjusting to the shape of the load	<b>Strong impacts</b> 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!

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

Foundry Hooks GH 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. Foundry Hooks GH must not be hooked into small hook 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 Foundry Hooks GH are attached at the eye of the hook to the chain by means of connecting links. The assignment of the right connecting link and chain dimension is determined by the product code (e.g. GH 13.8) and the grade (8), with which the hooks are also marked. For example, GH 13.8 must be used with V 13.8 Connecting Links and Super Alloy 13 mm chains. 13 indicates the diameter of the material which the chains are made of, 8 indicates the grade. In the case of multi-leg chain slings, hook tips shall point outwards. When repairing Star Alloy chain slings (G10), Foundry Hooks GH 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 Foundry Hooks GH must 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 foundry hook 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 Foundry Hooks GH must not be assembled and used Foundry Hooks GH must be inspected before the assembly process as described below under the section Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs.

## 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 hook gets jammed, under no circumstances shall force be used to avoid damage on the hook. In this case, remove the load and eliminate the fault by means of hand force. After deformation of the foundry hook 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 foundry hook. Other factors are unsatisfactory adjustment, transgression of the permitted angle of inclination, strong vibrations with heavy load, transverse loading, and the use of uninspected Foundry Hooks GH. 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. The no provision of a safety latch could also lead to the unhooking of the load.

## Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs

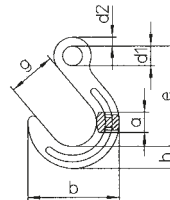
**Maintenance:** Foundry Hooks GH shall be cleaned regularly, dried when exposed to wet atmospheres and protected from corrosion, e.g. lightly oiled.

**Inspections:** Foundry Hooks GH need to be inspected in a clean condition – they must not contain oil, dirt or rust. Painting is only permissible if an evaluation of the foundry hook condition is possible. When cleaning, do not subject Foundry Hooks GH 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. Foundry Hooks GH 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 also 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 Foundry Hooks GH every two years to a crack test. There are different ways of crack testing: subjecting the foundry hook 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 Foundry Hook GH
- Unrecognizable identification marking
- If wear or excessive corrosion occurs and the tolerable change of measurement is transgressed (see following table)

Measure	Max. permitted change
d2	-10 %
e	+5 %
g	+10 %
h	-10 %



**Repair:** Foundry Hooks GH are only to be repaired by a qualified person. Welding, heat treatments, as well as the straightening of bent Foundry Hooks GH are not permitted. Inspections and repairs have to be documented and the corresponding reports have to be retained during the service life of the Foundry Hook GH.

## Storage

KWB Super Alloy Foundry Hooks GH 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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