

# Original operating manual for Clevis Shortening Hook VK/S

VK/S Shortening Hook											
Chain		Code		Dimensions						Weight	Working Load Limit
				e	b	a	d1	d2	g		
mm	inch			mm						kg	kg
6	1/4	VK/S 6		84	37	29	18	9	8	0.30	1,400
7	9/32	VK/S 7		122	54	39	24	12	11	0.62	1,900
8	5/16	VK/S 8		122	54	39	24	12	11	0.63	2,500
10	3/8	VK/S 10		159	70	50	31	14	13	1.25	4,000
13	1/2	VK/S 13		203	92	64	37	18	15	2.70	6,700
16	5/8	VK/S 16		234	102	80	48	24	20	4.80	10,000

Can be mounted in any chain leg due to Clevis part. No WLL reduction.

Static test coefficient = 2.5; Safety factor = 4

These Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are designed to be mounted on KWB chain slings and after reading the operating manual as well as the current national norms for the shortening of chain legs, as well as for lifting and transporting purposes. Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are combined with connecting links to be mounted on the lifting mean. 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 Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S 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

**Use purposes:** these Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S serve as shortening hooks when building chain slings. For this purpose, a chain link of the same nominal size will be hooked into the slot of the hook. The chain leg will be assembled in the clevis connection situated at the bottom end of the hook. Only the chain leg which is attached to the clevis connection may be attached into the shortening slot.

**Load:** the load must ONLY act in the longitudinal direction with a maximum working load limit described in the table above (either in the shortened or not-shortened position, never both at the same time). In the shortened position, the loading of the hook must act through the chain of the same nominal size. The chain will, therefore, be hooked into the slot of the hook. 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.

- Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S must only be used by competent personnel
- Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage

## Restrictions of use

Under certain conditions, the use of Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S 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 380 °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 380 °C is forbidden!

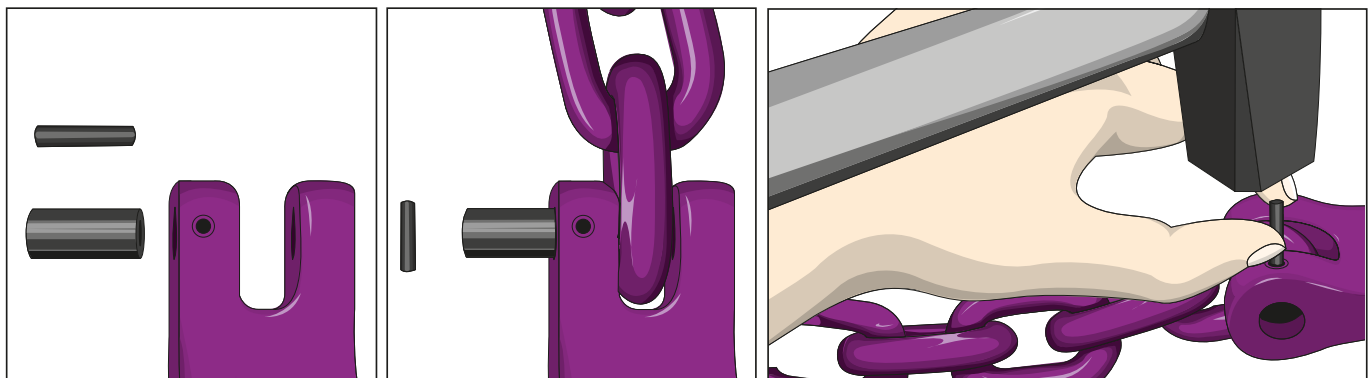
All instructions given in this operating manual assume the absence of extremely dangerous conditions. Such extremely dangerous conditions include offshore activities, lifting of people and potentially dangerous loads, such as liquid metals or nuclear material. In these cases, the admissibility and extent of the risks are to be assessed by KWB.

## Reasonably foreseeable misuse

Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S 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 must also not be used under other circumstances as the one described in Conditions of use and Restrictions of use – e.g. transverse loading. These Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are not designed for the building of loops. That is, the chain leg assembled on the clevis connection must not be wrapped around the load and then attached onto the slot of the hook. The building of two carrying chain legs with a shortening hook is not allowed, e.g. by hooking an additional chain leg into the shortening slot. 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 process may only be executed by a qualified person. KWB Star Alloy Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are attached at the eye of the hook to the chain or master link by means of connecting links. The chain leg will be assembled in the clevis connection situated at the bottom end of the hook. The assignment of the right connecting link and chain dimensions is determined by the product code (e.g. VK/S 13) and the grade (10), with which the Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are also marked. For example, VK/S 13 must be used with V/S 13 connecting links and Star Alloy 13 mm chains. 13 indicates the diameter of the material which the chains are made of, 10 indicates the grade. These Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are only to be assembled by the original parts provided by KWB (bolts and safety pins).



Clevis Shortening Hooks can be also 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. It is 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 clevis shortening 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 Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S must not be assembled and used Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S must be inspected before the assembly process as described below under the section Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs.

## Replacement part

Clevis load pin kit type KBG/S.

## 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.

## 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 Clevis Shortening Hook VK/S. Other factors are unsatisfactory adjustment, incorrectly use (tip loading of the hook), transgression of the permitted angle of inclination, high vibrations with heavy loads, transverse loading, and the use of untested Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S. 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.

## How to act in case of accidents or damages

If the chain blocks or gets jammed in the hook, under no circumstances shall force be used to avoid damage on the hook or the chain, respectively. In this case, remove the load and eliminate the fault by means of hand force. After deformation of the Clevis Shortening Hook VK/S because of overloading or other extraordinary events, take the lifting assembly out of service for inspection or repair by a qualified person.

## Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs

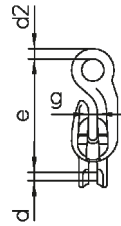
**Maintenance:** Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S shall be cleaned regularly, dried when in contact with wet atmospheres and protected from corrosion, e.g. lightly oiled.

**Inspections:** Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S – including their bolts and safety pins- 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 clevis shortening hook condition is possible. When cleaning, do not subject Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S 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. Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage. Once a year an inspection of the hook 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 Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S every two years to a crack test. There are different ways of crack testing: subjecting the clevis shortening 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 – also on the bolt and safety pin
- Signs of heat (e.g. discoloration or coating-burn off)
- In the case of doubts about the safety and correct functioning of the Clevis Shortening Hook VK/S
- Unrecognizable identification marking
- If wear or excessive corrosion occurs and the tolerable change of measurement is transgressed (see following table)
- Bolts that are not completely assembled or secured by the safety pin

Measure	Maximal permitted change
d	-10 %
e	+5 %
d <sub>2</sub>	-10 %
g	+10 %



### Repair:

Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are only to be repaired by a qualified person. Damaged accessories can be replaced by new, original replacement parts. Welding, heat treatments, as well as the straightening of bent Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S are not permitted. Inspections and repairs have to be documented and the corresponding reports have to be retained during the service life of the Clevis Shortening Hook VK/S.

## Storage

KWB Star Alloy Clevis Shortening Hooks VK/S 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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