safety lifting equipment

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owners manual
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spare parts list
safety precautions
maintenance
euro ratchet release shackle

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This manual is used to familiarise you with safety, assembly, operation, adjustment, troubleshooting, and maintenance. Read and follow the recommendations in this manual to ensure safe and efficient operation.

We want you to be completely satisfied with your new product, feel free to contact your local authorized service dealer for help with service, replacement parts, or any other information you may require. If you need assistance in locating a dealer, visit our web site at www.dcpuk.com or call customer service at +44 (0) 1908 240300.

Whenever you contact your authorised service dealer, always have the model number and serial number of your product available. These numbers will help provide exact information about your specific product. You will find the model and serial numbers on an ID plate located on the product.

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  - Individual Test Certificate & Thorough Examination if required.
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This robust lifting shackle was contractor designed and developed over many years of site use and abuse.

The use of these shackles compliments the “Feet on the Ground” approach to steel erection and pile installation. There is no need for site operatives to go into a dangerous position to release the lifting attachment.

The shackle is stiffened to resist spreading of the forks when lifting at 90° to the axis of the lift (see “Safety Check List”).

The Ratchet Shackle is designed for lifting steel through standard bolt holes or other units of lift having a suitable hole through which the pin can be conveniently and safely engaged.

FEATURES
Robust high strength cast steel body.
Pin mechanism concealed for maximum protection.
Pin mechanism easily detachable for maintenance.
Can be used for lifting columns, pipe piles, sheet piles & steel fabrications.
Heavy web stiffening to withstand side lift (i.e. 90° to the axis imposed when lifting from the horizontal. (See “Safety Check List” for correct working practice).
Independently proof load tested to twice Safe Working Load. Test certificates are supplied with each shackle.
Super safe design which avoids accidental release.
Positive pin release at the proper time.
1. With the pin retracted, slide the shackle over the head of the unit to be lifted until the pin is approximately over the lifting hole. Press the ratchet pawl down with the thumb of one hand and turn the release nut of the shackle with the other hand. Turning in a clockwise direction will propel the pin through the lifting hole. The indicator bar should finish flush with the release nut which means that the pin is fully entered into the opposite side of the shackle.

2. Two soft ropes should be attached to the small ‘D’ shackles at each end of the toothed belt.

3. The unit may then be lifted. It is prudent to tie the ends of the shackle release ropes to the bottom of the unit of lift to prevent the ropes becoming snagged or being caught by the wind and become inaccessible.

4. After securing the unit of lift, the shackle is released by pulling the release ropes first one way then the other five or six times. The ratchet action withdraws the pin. The stroke of the pull is limited by the ‘D’ shackles at the end of the toothed belt. (450mm maximum length).
LIFTING PAIRS OF PILES
When lifting sheet piles in pairs it is necessary to use a pair of shackles.

The ring at the top of the sling can be hooked directly onto a standard crane hook block, D shackle or fork anchor. The sling also enables the shackles to be turned to fit opposite faces of box or tube piles using the standard sling and shackles.

Shackles can also be fitted onto a solid steel cross head according to customers requirements.

Downrate in accordance with national codes
continued-lifting piles correctly

SAFE
Axial loading

SAFE
Lifting off a stack at 90° to the axis of the pile

TUBE PILE
9 o'clock position 3 o'clock position

ALL ‘U’, ‘LARSEN’ PROFILES

ALL ‘Z’ PROFILES

‘H’ PILE
1) PRE-INSTALLATION CHECKS

Prior to installing a shackle onto any steelwork, check the following:

a. Establish the weight of the lift involved and ensure a shackle with appropriate Safe Working Load is being used.

b. Ensure the lifting hole is at the correct distance from the top of the steelwork.
i.e. 150mm for a 150mm throat depth shackle, 250mm for a 250mm throat depth shackle or 300mm for a 300mm throat depth shackle.

Incorrect hole placement in steelwork may cause shackle failure!

c. The lifting hole should be neatly drilled or punched and of a suitable size to suit the plunger.

d. The Safe Working Load rating of any shackle is based on a purely tensile (axial) load. When lifting steelwork from horizontal to vertical or the reverse, remember that the shackle becomes de-rated by 50%.
i.e. a 10 tonne S.W.L. Ratchet Shackle should only be loaded to 5 tonne at the start of a horizontal lift.
2) Ensure that the pin has gone through both sides of the shackle body.

3) Do not modify the lifting shackles or any part of the lifting apparatus. Keep the burning torch well clear!

4) Keep the release mechanism well lubricated.

5) Care should be taken to avoid the pull ropes getting snagged.

6) The angle between the two legs of the lifting strap, where applicable should not exceed 90°.

7) Ensure that all appropriate laws, bye-laws and regulations are complied with.

KEEP FINGERS OUT OF THE SHACKLE THROAT AT ALL TIMES. (GLOVES SHOULD BE WORN.)

DO NOT USE SHACKLE IN TEMPERATURES BELOW -15°C (5°F)
CONSULT MANUFACTURE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON LOW TEMPERATURE SOLUTIONS.

SHACKLES MUST NOT BE SUBJECTED TO EXCESS VIBRATION FROM PLANT EQUIPMENT.
1. Insert pin.
With the pin retracted, slide the shackle over the material to be lifted until the pin is approximately over the lifting hole. Press the ratchet pawl down with thumb of one hand and turn the release nut of the shackle clockwise with the other hand. Continue turning until the pin has gone through the hole in the material to be lifted and into the opposite of the shackle. The indicator bar should be flush with the face of the release nut.

2. Hoist to position
Two soft ropes should be attached to the ‘D’ shackles at each end of the toothed belt. The material may then be lifted. It is prudent to tie the ends of the shackle release ropes to the bottom of the material (2a) to prevent the ropes from becoming snagged or being caught in the wind and becoming inaccessible.

3. Release shackle after material has been secured.
After lifting & securing the material, the shackle is released by pulling the release ropes first one way then the other, five or six times. The ratchet action withdraws the pin. The stroke of the pull is limited by the ‘D’ shackles at each end of the toothed belt (450mm maximum length).
Before allowing operators to use the Shackle, it is important to ensure they have received basic training in lifting and control of heavy loads.

It is strongly recommended that the following areas are covered:

1. Basic safety in lifting operations
2. Supervision during lifting operations
3. Detailed instruction on how the Euro Shackle operates
4. Safety Features of the Euro Shackle
5. Dangers and Mal-practices
6. Correct choice of Euro shackle for the job
The Shackle is manufactured from high quality material and assembled in a manner designed to offer long service with a minimum of maintenance.

In order to preserve the product in this state, it is necessary to ensure that it is not mis-used or used for purposes outside its recommended use and to carry out regular inspection and servicing.

The shackle body should be checked regularly for distortion arising from overload - if bent - bin.

The pin should be checked for smooth travel and light oiling applied at moving surfaces.

If the product does not operate perfectly, contact the manufacturer for advice, or return for immediate attention.

Each unit is issued with a test certificate.

If any parts of the shackle are replaced with non standard parts or in a non approved manner, the certificate is no longer valid.

Replacement of any load bearing components requires a re-test to twice safe working load.
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- **689** - 7.5T ERRS 150 Throat
- **692A** - 7.5T ERRS 300 Throat
- **693A** - 10T ERRS 300 Throat
- **6961A/A** - 25T ERRS 250 Throat
- **6962A/A** - 40T ERRS 250 Throat

97.5MM on 6961A/A (25T)
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40T ERRS 250 THROAT - 6962A/A
### 40T ERRS 250 THROAT
### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**GENERAL NOTE: WEIGHT 67kg**

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A GUIDE TO CHANGING THE PAWL, PAWL SPRING AND BELT ON A DAWSON RATCHET RELEASE SHACKLE

euro ratchet release shackle
01
The Pawl and its return spring may require changing if badly worn or generally damaged.

SAFETY GLASSES SHOULD BE WORN. THE SPRING IS UNDER COMPRESSION AND MAY FLY OUT DURING THIS PROCEDURE!

First, remove the M6 socket set screw.

02
Note the arrangement of pawl and spring. Slide the pivot pin out to allow removal of the pawl and spring.

03
Insert the new pawl. Hold the spring in place with pliers and gently tap home the pivot pin through pawl and spring. Note that the short arm of the pawl is uppermost and the “legs” of the spring are between the pawl and the body of the shackle.
04
Tap home the pivot pin with a small pin punch.

05
Finally, refit and tighten the socket set screw. Carefully check the action of the pawl before allowing the shackle back into service.

06
**REMEMBER TO WEAR EYE PROTECTION!!!**

Photo shows:
Ratchet release shackle with new belt kit including new “D” shackles with roll pins.
07
Cut, remove and discard the old belt. Thread the new belt though the gap between the shackle body and the pawl collar.

08
The flush head of the pop rivet is towards the pawl collar and the head of the screw in any “D” shackle should be towards the middle of the shackle.

09
Fit the new “D” shackle(s), passing the screw through the loop in the belt as shown. Tighten the screw, aligning the 4mm diameter holes and tap in the roll pin until flush.

REMEMBER TO WEAR EYE PROTECTION!!!

Check the action of the belt and ratchet before allowing the shackle back into service.
D.C.P. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCONTINUE EQUIPMENT AT ANY TIME, OR CHANGE SPECIFICATIONS OR DESIGNS WITHOUT NOTICE OR INCURRING OBLIGATIONS

INNOVATIVE PILING EQUIPMENT

HYDRAULIC PILING HAMMERS
EXCAVATOR MOUNTED VIBRATORS
EXCAVATOR MOUNTED DRILLS
QUIET, VIBRATIONLESS PUSH-PULL PILING
PILE EXTRACTION
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