

# Original operating manual for Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S

Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S													
	Chain		Code	Dimensions								Weight	Working Load Limit
	e	h		a	w	w1	d2	g	s max.				
	mm	inch		mm								kg	kg
	6	1/4	WSB/S 6	161	20	17	35	36	12	28	1	0.60	1,400
	7+8	9/32+5/16	WSB/S 7/8	182	26	20	35	36	12	34	1	1.10	2,500
	10	3/8	WSB/S 10	218	30	29	42	40	16	45	1	2.00	4,000
	13	1/2	WSB/S 13	269	40	35	49	47	20	52	1.5	4.00	6,700
	16	5/8	WSB/S 16	319	50	41	60	60	24	60	2	6.80	10,000

Static test coefficient = 2.5; Safety factor = 4

These Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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. Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S are combined with other components like KWB Star Alloy chains, connecting links and master links to build chain slings. 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

**Use purposes:** these Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S serve as end hooks or suspension hooks for the attachment of the chain sling to the load or other load handling attachment in a quick and easy way. The safety catch can be closed by hand, but the hook also closes automatically when loaded, and will be locked by means of a trigger situated on the back of the hook. Due to this system, hooks with a closed safety catch are also securely hooked even if they are not loaded. The trigger must be pressed in order to open the hook. If necessary, twisted chains legs when already attached to the load can be turned out before the lifting process by means of the swivel.

**Load:** the load must only act in the longitudinal direction and on 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.

- Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S must only be used by competent personnel
- Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S must be checked before each use for visible signs of damage

## Restrictions of use

Under certain conditions, the use of Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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	<p><b>Slight impacts</b></p> <p>created, for example, when accelerating during the lifting or lowering movement</p>	<p><b>Medium impacts</b></p> <p>created, for example, when the chain is loaded but it slips while adjusting to the shape of the load</p>	<p><b>Strong impacts</b></p> <p>created, for example, when the load falls onto an unloaded chain</p>
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

Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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 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 catch must not be loaded during the lifting process. Because of their length, these swivel hooks are not designed for building loops – danger of flexural loading or failure of the trigger. Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S must not be hooked into small eyes in order to avoid tip loading. The swivel of the Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S must not be rotated under load. 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 Star Alloy Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S are attached at the swivel to the chain by means of connecting links. The assignment of the right connecting link and chain dimensions is determined by the product code (e.g. WSB/S 13) and the grade (10), with which the hooks are also marked. For example, WSB/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 points out the grade. When repairing Super Alloy chain slings (grade 8), Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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 Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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 swivel safety 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 Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S must not be assembled and used Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S must be inspected before the assembly process as described below under the section Maintenance, Inspections and Repairs.

## Replacement part

Trigger Set type HBG-U.

## 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 swivel safety hook. Other factors are unsatisfactory adjustment, transgression of the permitted angle of inclination, strong vibrations with high load, transverse loading, and the use of untested Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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. Moreover, the trigger could fail if the hook is not aligned in the direction of the load or if the safety catch is loaded. A missing or broken trigger could also lead to the opening of the hook and accidental unhooking of the load. If Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S are rotated under load, the rotation will not be balanced but transferred to the other parts of the chain sling, which could lead to damage on the chain sling.

## How to act in case of accidents or damages

After deformation of the swivel safety hook 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

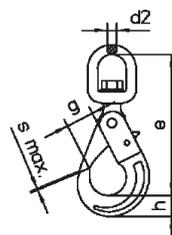
**Maintenance:** Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S shall be cleaned regularly, dried when in contact with wet atmospheres and protected from corrosion, e.g. lightly oiled – especially the connecting between upper and lower part, the rotatable top part and the trigger.

**Inspections:** Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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 swivel safety hook condition is possible. When cleaning, do not subject Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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. Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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 Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S every two years to a crack test. There are different ways of crack testing: subjecting the Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S 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 Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S
- Unrecognizable identification marking
- If wear or excessive corrosion occurs and the tolerable change of measurement is transgressed (see following table)
- If the trigger is missing or not working correctly
- If the swivel is stiff or cannot be rotated

Measure	Maximal permitted change
d <sub>2</sub>	-10 %
e	+5 %
g	+10 %
h	-10 %
Tip opening	2 x s <sub>max</sub> .



### Repair:

Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/S 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 Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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 Swivel Safety Hook WSB/S.

## Storage

KWB Star Alloy Swivel Safety Hooks WSB/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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