

## HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY SLING BE INSPECTED?

All slings require an initial inspection, a frequent inspection, and a periodic inspection.

- **Initial** inspections are performed prior to the sling being put into service to verify compliance.
- **Frequent** inspections are performed prior to each shift, unless the severity of use would require additional inspection throughout.
- **Periodic** inspections are a more thorough inspection that requires documentation while looking at all components and inspecting all sides and surfaces. These inspections shall not exceed an interval of one year.

## CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL

Remove the polyester round sling from operation if any of the following are found:

- missing or illegible sling identification
- acid or caustic burns
- evidence of heat damage
- holes, tears, cuts, abrasive wear, or snags that expose the core yarns
- broken or damaged core yarns
- weld splatter that exposes core yarns
- knots in the roundsling, except for core yarn knots inside the cover installed by the manufacturer during the fabrication process
- fittings that are pitted, corroded, cracked, bent, twisted, gouged, or broken
- for hooks, removal criteria as stated in ASME B30.10
- for rigging hardware, removal criteria as stated in ASME B30.26
- other conditions, including visible damage, that cause doubt as to the continued use of the sling

## IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each sling requires an identification tag with the following information clearly shown:

- name or trademark of manufacturer, or if repaired, the entity performing repairs
- manufacturer's code or stock number
- rated load for at least one hitch type and the angle upon which it is based
- core material
- cover material, if different from core material
- number of legs, if more than one

