



# Safety Bulletin EM 385-1-1

Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office  
**Rigging Hardware**

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (Yellow Book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for rigging as stated below.

## 15.H RIGGING HARDWARE

15.H.01 Drums, sheaves, and pulleys shall be smooth and free of surface defects that may damage rigging. All rigging hardware shall be inspected for defects prior to use:

- a. Hooks that have been opened more than 15% of the normal throat opening (measured at the narrowest point) or twisted more than 10% from the plane of the unbent hook.
- b. Deformed master links and coupling links.
- c. Assemblies with cracked hooks or other end fittings.
- d. Excessive pitting or corrosion, or distorted or broken fittings.
- e. Other visible damage that causes doubt as to the strength of the attachment.

