## **Safety Instructions**

## **Shackles - Safety Guidelines**

#### 1. Intended Use

This product is designed as an accessory for load lifting and is intended for use in lifting equipment or static systems. It must:

- Be operated only by authorized and trained personnel.
- Be used in compliance with applicable regulations.

The following actions are strictly prohibited:

- Modifying the product.
- Repairing it without professional expertise.
- Using it for transporting people.

# 2. General Safety Instructions

When lifting loads with lifting accessories, individuals positioned beneath or near the load are particularly at risk. There are residual risks associated with handling lifting accessories, including:

- Insufficiently secure connection between the lifting accessory and the load.
- Swinging loads during lifting.
- Dropped loads.

To ensure safe usage, the following instructions must be adhered to:

- **Observe the maximum load capacity!** The product must never be loaded beyond its stated capacity.
- Respect applicable temperature ranges.
- · Avoid contact with acids and alkalis.
- Inspect shackles for visible damage (e.g., corrosion, deformation) prior to use.
- Do not use deformed shackles.

### 3. Additional Guidelines

- Ensure that the product's range of motion is not restricted, as this can cause lateral bending stresses, leading to deformation.
- Shackles must always move freely; support by other components is not permitted.
- Shackles with nut and pin locking mechanisms must never be used without the pin in place.
- The shackle pin must always be fully screwed in.
- Use only original pins and locking elements of the correct size.
- The shackle opening must not be altered by applied force.
- Welding distance pieces to reduce the shackle opening is not permitted. Loose distance pieces can be mounted or fixed with liquid thread lock (e.g., Loctite).
- Avoid usage scenarios where the shackle pin could unscrew, unless the shackle design permits this.
- Shackles should only be assembled or disassembled when unladen.
- Shackles must not be forcibly positioned.
- Avoid jerking or abrupt loads.
- Do not place loads on the product in a way that could damage it.
- Do not drag loads over the product.
- Always wear appropriate protective clothing during handling.
- Offshore use, lifting of persons, hazardous loads (e.g., molten metals), or other high-risk scenarios require a risk assessment by a qualified professional.