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**Round steel short link chains for  
lifting purposes — Chain slings of  
welded construction — Grade 8**

*Chaînes de levage en acier de section ronde à maillons courts —  
Elingues en chaînes assemblées par soudure — Classe de qualité 8*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4778:1981), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- omission of grades 4 and 6;
- increased range of nominal diameters from 4 mm to 45 mm;
- modernization of the document structure and layout, following the structure already implemented in the latest publications of ISO/TC 111/SC 1.

# Round steel short link chains for lifting purposes — Chain slings of welded construction — Grade 8

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements, methods of rating and testing of single, double, three and four leg welded chain slings of grade 8 using components such as sling chains according to ISO 3076 together with links according to ISO 16798, hooks according to ISO 7597 and forged components according to ISO 8539.

NOTE 1 For special lifting purposes not covered by this document, additionally intermediate links can be used, for example to connect components to each other having different working load limit.

The range of nominal diameter,  $d_n$ , covered by this document is from 4 mm to 45 mm.

Chain slings according to this document are for use in the temperature range  $-40\text{ °C}$  to  $+400\text{ °C}$  according to ISO 3056.

NOTE 2 Concerning the use and maintenance of chain slings of grade 8, see ISO 3056.

Chain slings according to this document comply with the general conditions of acceptance of ISO 1834 and are used for symmetrically distributed loads only.

NOTE 3 For rating of chain slings with asymmetrically distributed loads, see ISO 3056.

This document does not apply to mechanically joined chain slings.

NOTE 4 For mechanically joined chain slings, see ISO 7593.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3076, *Round steel short link chains for general lifting purposes — Medium tolerance sling chains for chain slings — Grade 8*

ISO 7597, *Forged steel lifting hooks with latch, grade 8*

ISO 8539, *Forged steel lifting components for use with Grade 8 chain*

ISO 16798, *Links of Grade 8 for use with slings*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1  
nominal diameter**

$d_n$   
diameter of the sling chain used as a chain leg in a chain sling

Note 1 to entry: The nominal diameter of the chain slings is the nominal diameter of the sling chain used.

**3.2  
chain sling**

assembly consisting of chain leg or chain legs joined to upper and lower terminal components for attaching loads to be lifted to the hook of a crane or other lifting machine

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5](#) to [8](#).

**3.3  
chain leg**

component of a chain sling, consisting of a fixed number of identical chain links

**3.4  
upper terminal component**

link or other device fitted through a joining link or links to the end of a chain leg or chain legs by means of which it is attached to the hook of a crane or other lifting machine

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5](#) to [8](#).

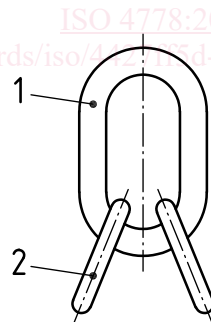
**3.5  
master link**

parallel-sided link forming the upper terminal component

**3.6  
master link assembly**

assembly consisting of a master link together with two intermediate master links

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).



**Key**

- 1 master link
- 2 intermediate master link

**Figure 1 — Master link assembly**

**3.7  
intermediate master link**

parallel-sided link used to connect one or two chain legs to a master link

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5](#) to [8](#).

**3.8****joining link**

parallel-sided link fitted to connect the chain leg to an upper or lower terminal component

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5 to 8](#).

**3.9****lower terminal component**

end link, hook or other device fitted through a joining link to the end of a chain leg opposite to the upper terminal component

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5 to 8](#).

**3.10****end link**

parallel-sided link forming the lower terminal component

**3.11****nominal reach**

effective length of a chain leg, measured from the inside of the lower terminal component to the inside of the upper terminal component

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 5 to 8](#).

**3.12****working load limit****WLL**

maximum mass which a chain sling is authorized to sustain in service

**3.13****manufacturing proof force****MPF**

force applied during manufacture to test sections of the chain sling

**3.14****breaking force****BF**

maximum force which the test sections of the chain withstands during the course of a static tensile test to destruction

**3.15****inclination angle** $\beta$ 

angle between the chain leg and the vertical, separated to the range from 0° up to and including 45° and the range from 45° up to including 60°

**3.16****test section****TS**

individual section of the chain sling to be tested

**4 Requirements****4.1 Chain sling**

No one but the chain manufacturer, its licensee or an organization authorized by an appropriate authority is allowed to weld, heat treat and test chain slings covered by this document.

Where components of chain slings need to be altered or repaired, this shall be undertaken only by the chain manufacturer, his licensee, or a manufacturer authorized by an appropriate authority.

Every component shall have a working load limit not less than that of a single chain leg to which it is connected.

When constructing the chain sling, a tolerance of  ${}^{+2}_0$  chain links is permissible on the nominal reach.

After proof loading, the difference between the longest and shortest chain legs of a multi-leg chain sling, when measured under a tension of 20 % of the working load limit, shall not exceed 10 mm for chain legs up to 2 m in length. For chain slings in excess of 2 m, the difference between the longest and shortest chain legs may be increased by 5 mm/m.

## 4.2 Components

### 4.2.1 Chain legs

Chain legs shall comply with ISO 3076.

### 4.2.2 Master links

Master links shall comply with ISO 16798.

The inside dimension and the cross-section of the material shall be such that:

- the master link fits to a shank hook (e.g. according to ISO 17440; see [Annex C](#));
- the inside width of the master link is not less than 1,2 times the maximum width (see dimension  $b_2$  in ISO 17440:2014, Figure A.1 and Table A.1) of the shank hook;
- for chain slings with hooks as lower terminal components the inside dimensions and the cross-section are such as to allow the lower terminal component when not loaded to be hooked back into the master link while it is on the shank hook.

Master links may be of round or other suitable cross-section. But the cross-section of the material shall be chosen so that:

- after proof loading (see [4.4.1](#)) the master link does not show any significant permanent deformation;
- the minimum total ultimate elongation at fracture is at least that of the sling chain.

NOTE A method of calculating the cross-section of master links is given in [Annex D](#).

**IMPORTANT — Egg- or pear-shaped links shall be designed to exclude unintended inverting.**

### 4.2.3 Intermediate master links, joining links and end links

Intermediate master links, joining links and end links shall comply with ISO 16798 except for the clauses relating to link dimensions.

The internal dimensions of intermediate master links, joining links and end links shall be such that they ensure free articulation of the links.

The cross-section of the material shall be such that:

- after proof loading (see [4.4.1](#)) the intermediate master links, joining links and end links do not show any significant permanent deformation;
- the minimum total ultimate elongation at fracture is at least that of the sling chain.

**IMPORTANT — Egg- or pear-shaped links shall be designed to exclude unintended inverting.**



**4.2.4 Hooks**

Forged steel lifting hooks with latch shall comply with ISO 7597 and shall be compatible with the sling chains according to ISO 3076.

Hooks not otherwise covered by this document shall comply with ISO 8539.

**4.2.5 Other forged components**

Other forged steel components, e.g. shackles, shall comply with ISO 8539 and shall be compatible with the sling chains according to ISO 3076.

**4.3 Working load limit (WLL)**

Table 1 gives values for the working load limit (WLL) calculated on the bases given in Annex A.

**Table 1 — Working load limit (WLL)**

Values in tonnes

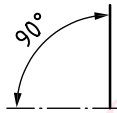

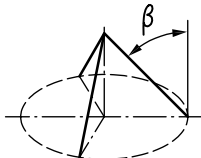
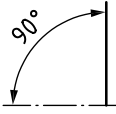
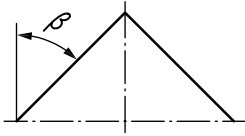
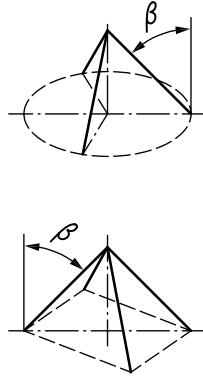
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nominal diameter	Single leg	Double leg		Three- and four-leg		
$d_n$ mm				Intermediate master link		
	$\beta = 0^\circ$	$0^\circ < \beta \leq 45^\circ$	$45^\circ < \beta \leq 60^\circ$	$\beta = 37,5^\circ$	$0^\circ < \beta \leq 45^\circ$	$45^\circ < \beta \leq 60^\circ$
	WLL1/0°	WLL2/45°	WLL2/60°	WLL3/37,5°	WLL4/45°	WLL4/60°
	Load factor 1,0 [= 1 × cos 0°]	Load factor 1,41 [= 2 × cos 45°]	Load factor 1,0 [= 2 × cos 60°]	Load factor 1,6 [= 2 × cos 37,5°]	Load factor 2,12 [= 3 × cos 45°]	Load factor 1,5 [= 3 × cos 60°]
4	0,50	0,71	0,50	0,80	1,06	0,75
6	1,12	1,60	1,12	1,80	2,36	1,70
7	1,50	2,12	1,50	2,36	3,15	2,24
8	2,00	2,80	2,00	3,15	4,25	3,00
10	3,15	4,50	3,15	5,00	6,70	4,75
13	5,30	7,50	5,30	8,50	11,2	8,00
16	8,00	11,2	8,00	12,5	17,0	11,8
18	10,0	14,0	10,0	16,0	21,2	15,0
19	11,2	16,0	11,2	18,0	23,6	17,0
20	12,5	18,0	12,5	20,0	26,5	19,0
22	15,0	21,2	15,0	23,6	31,5	22,4
26	21,2	30,0	21,2	33,5	45,0	31,5
28	25,0	35,5	25,0	37,5	53,0	37,5
32	31,5	45,0	31,5	50,0	67,0	47,5

Table 1 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nominal diameter	Single leg	Double leg		Three- and four-leg		
$d_n$ mm				Intermediate master link		
	$\beta = 0^\circ$	$0^\circ < \beta \leq 45^\circ$	$45^\circ < \beta \leq 60^\circ$	$\beta = 37,5^\circ$	$0^\circ < \beta \leq 45^\circ$	$45^\circ < \beta \leq 60^\circ$
	WLL1/0°	WLL2/45°	WLL2/60°	WLL3/37,5°	WLL4/45°	WLL4/60°
	Load factor 1,0 [= $1 \times \cos 0^\circ$ ]	Load factor 1,41 [= $2 \times \cos 45^\circ$ ]	Load factor 1,0 [= $2 \times \cos 60^\circ$ ]	Load factor 1,6 [= $2 \times \cos 37,5^\circ$ ]	Load factor 2,12 [= $3 \times \cos 45^\circ$ ]	Load factor 1,5 [= $3 \times \cos 60^\circ$ ]
36	40,0	56,0	40,0	63,0	85,0	60,0
40	50,0	71,0	50,0	80,0	106	75,0
45	63,0	90,0	63,0	100	132	95,0

For the calculation of a working load limit (WLL) for angles other than specified, the indicated formulae shall be used in a corresponding manner. For this purpose, the value of the maximum angle of a range or the fixed inclination angle is inserted into the corresponding formula.

4.4 Mechanical requirements

4.4.1 General

Chain slings according to this document shall comply with the mechanical requirements given in Table 2, 3 and 4 for the appropriate test sections.

If the whole chain sling is heat treated, it shall be tested as an assembly by subjecting each test section to a value for the manufacturing proof force (MPF) at least equal to the value specified in Tables 2, 3 and 4, calculated on the bases given in Annex A. Subsequently, the chain sling shall be examined by a competent person. The manufacturer shall also verify that all components remain in accordance with the appropriate requirements of the component standards.

If only the inserted links are heat treated, they shall be considered as a test section, as well as any parts of the chain sling affected by this heat treatment. These sections shall then be subjected to a value for the manufacturing proof force (MPF) at least equal to the value specified in Tables 2, 3 and 4, calculated on the bases given in Annex A. Subsequently, the inserted links and any parts of the chain slings affected by heat treatment shall be examined by a competent person. The manufacturer shall also verify that all components remain in accordance with the appropriate requirements of the component standards.

The manufacturer shall have records concerning the breaking test and bend test for every type and size of sling chain and link built into the complete chain sling.

The manufacturer shall have records concerning the breaking test for every type and size of each other component built into the complete chain sling.

The manufacturer shall have records concerning the fatigue test for every type and size of each component built into the complete chain sling.

The records may be done during the manufacturing of separate lots of these parts as long as their manufacturing processes are similar to them for the complete chain sling.

If records concerning the above-mentioned individual tests are not available, the tests shall be conducted using the latest chain slings to be manufactured.

#### 4.4.2 Single leg chain sling

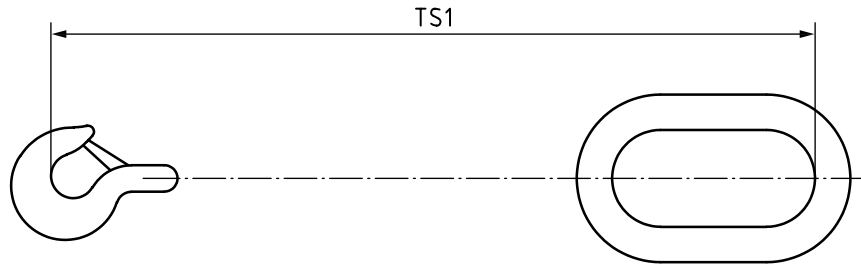


Figure 2 — Test section (TS1)

Table 2 — Mechanical requirements (TS1)

1	2	3
Test section 1 (TS1)		
Nominal diameter $d_n$ mm	Manufacturing proof force (MPF1) $F_{MP1}$ kN min.	Breaking force (BF1) $F_{B1}$ kN min.
4	12,5	20,0
6	28,0	45,0
7	37,5	60,0
8	50,0	80,0
10	80,0	125
13	132	212
16	200	315
18	250	400
19	280	450
20	315	500
22	375	600
26	530	850
28	630	1 000
32	800	1 250
36	1 000	1 600
40	1 250	2 000
45	1 600	2 500