

Sling Inspection Before Use Checklist

This checklist has been developed by Pelican & Slingspector. Ensure this checklist is suitable for your particular sling, sling user, and the environment in which the sling is used.

Note: For Slings left under someone, we recommend checking the accessible parts of the Sling, and monitoring the rest of the Sling as it lifts, but check this guidance with your organisation.

Check attachment compatibility (e.g. webbing loop Sling straps for metal hook hoist, keyhole plate attachments for tilt frame hoists, etc.)
Check Sling is clean
Check the label is easily readable, and is able to be understood
Check the label contains the necessary information to perform the lift safely and correctly, e.g. size, suitability, Safe Working Load (SWL), any special operating instructions or warnings
Check the condition of the Sling, including the fabric, stitching and any special features such as buckles or Velcro.
As well as checking the Sling SWL, also check the hoist SWL is appropriate for the person to be lifted
Check keyhole plates (if fitted) give a good 'click' sound when attached
Use the Sling with the label on the outside, not next to the person



Pelican recommends the SlingSpector® app/program, which helps make completing the 6 Monthly Thorough Sling Inspections simple, and offers detailed inspection guidance videos. See www.slingspector.com for more details. We also recommend using the coloured Sling Inspection Tags (available from Pelican) to help track down slings which require an inspection.