

# BUCKINGHAM MFG.

## LOCKING SNAPHOOK INSPECTION PROCEDURE

Warning: Do not use this product if you cannot understand and follow the instructions and warnings that come with it and complete all necessary functions.

Please consult with your physician prior to using this product. Do not use this product under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- **THOROUGHLY INSPECT EACH SNAPHOOK BEFORE EACH USE TO ENSURE:**
  - > Rivets have an adequate head, are properly rolled and are not loose such that function is compromised.
  - > Snaphook is not cracked, corroded or distorted, ensure the gate (keeper) does not bind and properly seats in the bill.
  - > Keeper is not bent or distorted, ensure it properly seats in the bill.
  - > Keeper and lock mechanism are free of burrs.
  - > Keeper and lock mechanism and rivet attachment points are properly lubricated.
  - > Keeper extends into the bill, 3/16" min. (Fig. 1)
  - > Keeper and lock mechanism springs are properly seated and aligned.
  - > Roller turns freely and is not distorted.

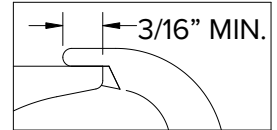


Fig. 1

- **LUBRICATE** lock mechanism and keeper on both sides **AT LEAST WEEKLY** or **AS OFTEN AS REQUIRED** to maintain smooth operation (no binding) with light weight lubricant such as WD-40®.

- **LOCKING SNAPHOOKS FEATURE A SELF-CLOSING, SELF-LOCKING MECHANISM WHICH REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL UNLOCKED AND PRESSED OPEN FOR CONNECTION OR DISCONNECTION.**

- > When the lock mechanism is not activated, the keeper should remain securely locked when depressed.
- > Depress the lock mechanism. It should move downward easily and spring back to its original position without binding or sticking (Fig. 2).

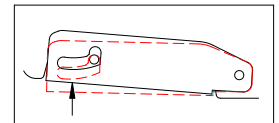


Fig. 2

- > Depress the keeper and lock mechanism simultaneously, (Fig. 3), checking for:

- >> ease of movement — no binding
- >> keeper unlocks completely
- >> keeper opens completely, moves through its full range of motion smoothly, and returns to its original position within the bill.

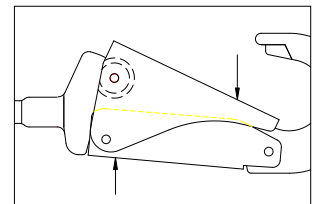


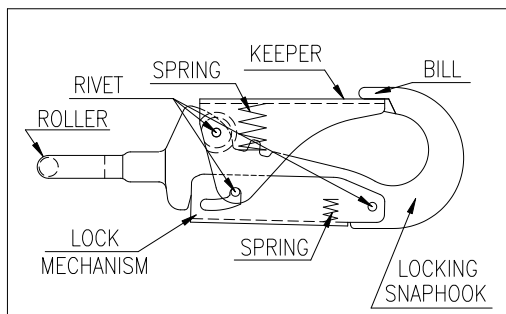
Fig. 3

- > Move the keeper side to side to check for excessive side movement (Fig. 4). Side movement is excessive if the keeper hangs up on the tab of the split bill (Fig. 5)

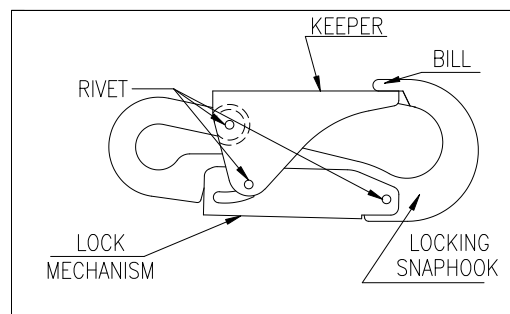


Excessive keeper side movement.  
Keeper hangs up on tab of the split bill

- **NOTE: MISUSE / ABUSE OF THIS PRODUCT COULD LEAD TO IMPROPER FUNCTIONING WITH RISK OF INJURY!!! NEVER ATTEMPT TO ALTER OR MODIFY A SNAPHOOK TO BYPASS THE LOCK MECHANISM!!!**



LOCKING POSITIONING STRAP SNAPHOOK



LOCKING SNAPHOOK (LINKLESS CONNECTION)

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Precise “useful life expectancy” or “shelf life” for this product is not specified, as the degree of use, conditions of use, and the degree of care and storage determines useful life. All users maintain responsibility to select proper equipment for the job, be properly trained in its use, and ensure all personnel support equipment passes inspection before each use. Upon evidence of defects, damage or deterioration, all equipment shall be removed from service immediately and tagged or marked as unusable or destroyed. Additionally, all equipment shall be inspected on a regular basis not to exceed one year by a Competent Person, as defined by OSHA/ANSI, to verify that the equipment is safe for use. In the event of any question or concern regarding the condition of such equipment, users shall remove the equipment from service for further inspection. All users must comply with OSHA/ANSI/ASTM standards prior to and in using such equipment. For more information regarding safe and appropriate use of equipment, please contact Buckingham Manufacturing at 1-800-937-2825.

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