

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

TO AVOID INJURY: • Do not overload tongs. • Do not use lifting tongs for lifting over people. • Do not use to transport people or to transport or suspend load over people. • Do inspect tongs prior to each use.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE TIMBER LIFTING TONGS

The use of timber lifting tongs is subject to certain hazards that cannot be overcome by mechanical means, but only by exercising common sense and care during use. Serious hazards include overloading, improper rigging, bending, alteration of and use of deficient equipment, and twisting of suspended loads. To avoid injury and property damage, become familiar with and follow instructions carefully.

- Inspect tongs prior to each use for gouged, bent, worn, and damaged components. Do not use deficient tongs.
- Select the proper size tong for the load. Know your load—determine weight, center of gravity, and angle of lift.
- Make certain tong points are properly seated within throat opening prior to moving load.
- Lift and lower smoothly. Never bounce or jerk load.
- Balance and control load carefully while lifting and lowering.
- Do not exceed tong working load limit for degree of opening. If unsure, use at the lowest published working load limit.
- Under no conditions should people be transported on loads or loads suspended over people.
- Clean lifting tongs regularly as dirt and grit can cause excessive wear at bearing points and may obstruct proper operation.

