



# Technical Bulletin

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## ***Subject: Cleaning of Carabiners***

### ***MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING***

#### **CARE:**

The connector may be cleaned with a mild detergent or disinfected with a mild sterile disinfectant. Locking mechanisms may be lubricated with a general purpose oil after cleaning. Cleaning and lubrication should be carried out after every use in a marine, drilling, or refinery environment. Store in a clean dry environment avoiding corrosive fumes or chemical substances.

If gate operation is sluggish, apply a small amount of WD-40 or similar moisture repellent agent to the hinge end only. If you have questions concerning the condition of the snap hook or carabiner contact DBI/SALA.

Additional maintenance and servicing procedures must be completed by an authorized service center. Authorization must be in writing.

### ***INSPECTION***

#### **FREQUENCY:**

- Before each use, visually inspect according to steps listed below.
- The carabiner must be inspected by a competent person, other than the user, at least annually.

#### **INSPECTION STEPS:**

- Step 1.** Inspect the carabiner for damage. Look carefully for cracks, sharp edges, burrs, dents, or deformities. Check for bending or distortion.
- Step 2.** Inspect the carabiner for excessive corrosion. The gate and lock should operate smoothly, with no difficulty. Gates must fully close and lock.
- Step 3.** Inspect markings. Markings should be present and fully legible.
- Step 4.** Inspect each system component or subsystem according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Step 5.** Record the inspection date and results in the in the inspection and maintenance log in section 9.0.

If inspection reveals a defective condition, remove the unit from service and destroy it, or contact an authorized service center for repair.

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