

# Bull Rigging: Who, What, Where, Why & How?

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Joe joined Industrial Training International (ITI) in 2012, with over 22 years in the construction industry with experience in gas/oil field operations, and civil, commercial, and transportation construction with a large emphasis on crane and rigging operations.

His passion for the crane and rigging industry is clear, and highlighted by 8 years of volunteer services as a member of the ASME P30.1 Planning for Load Handling Activities committee.

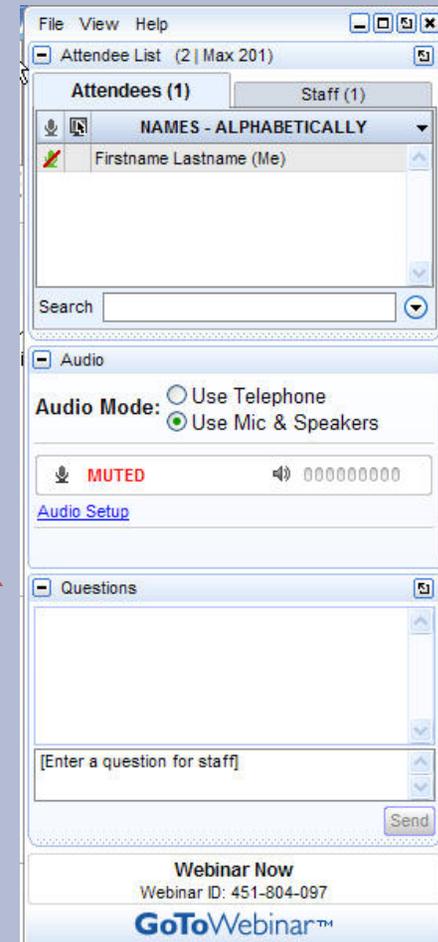
## Professional Associations & Certifications

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- NCCCO Lift Director Committee Member
- Certified Lift Director (NCCCO)
- Certified Mobile and Overhead Crane Operator (NCCCO)
- Certified and Accredited Rigger I & II and Signal Person (NCCCO)
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# Questions?

Enter them in the question pane.

We will answer as many as time allows over the air at the end of the webinar!



# What is bull rigging?

Bull rigging is a method or system of rigging commonly used where more conventional means of load handling, such as a mobile crane or overhead crane cannot gain access.

Bull rigging often involves manual load handling techniques and designing the load handling system to meet the environment.



- No over-head access
- No Crane access
- Travel path(s) are limited & restrictive
- Floor load minimal
- Just some examples

# Common Bull Rigging Equipment

# Slings

- 1) Wire rope
- 2) Alloy Chain
- 3) Synthetic web
- 4) Synthetic Roundslings

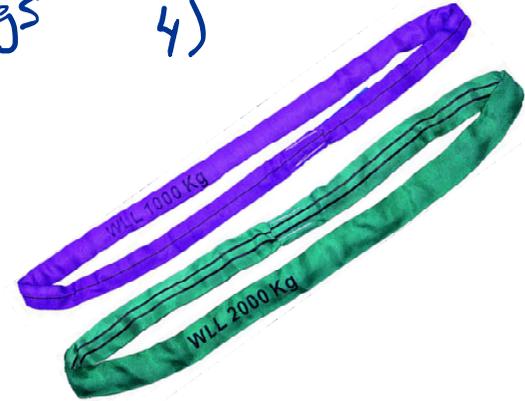
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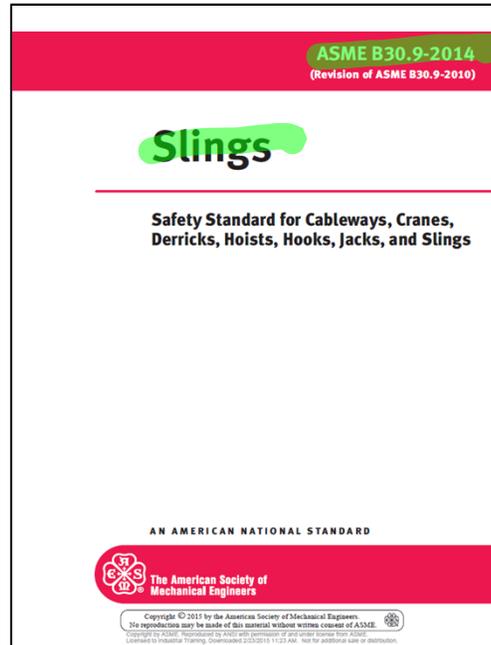
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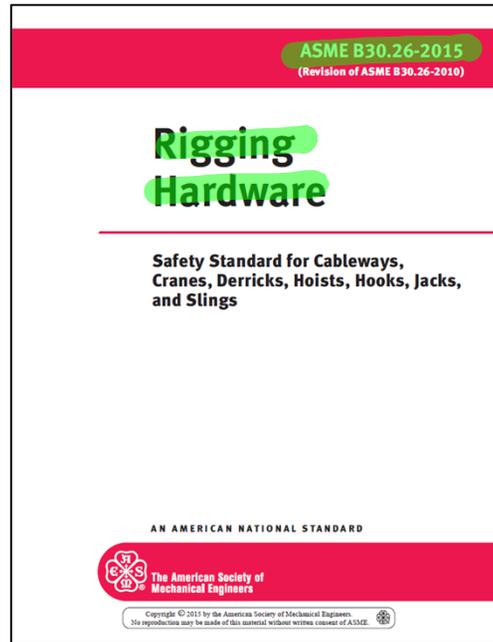
# Hardware

- 1) Master Link
- 2) Shackle
- 3) Rigging Block
- 4) Shoulder Eyebolt
- 5) Swivel Hoist Ring

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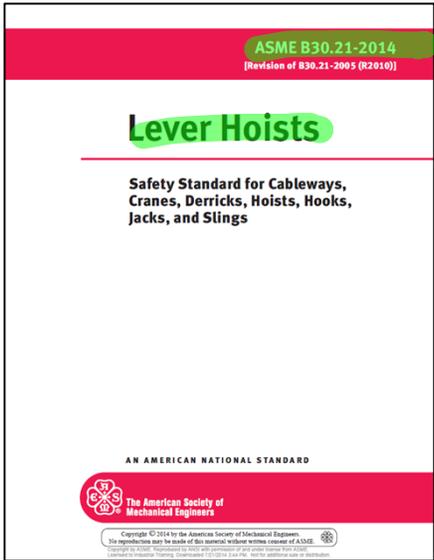
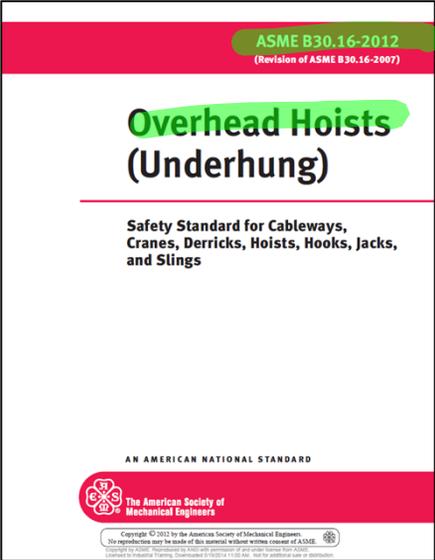


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# Chain Hoists and Come-a-longs



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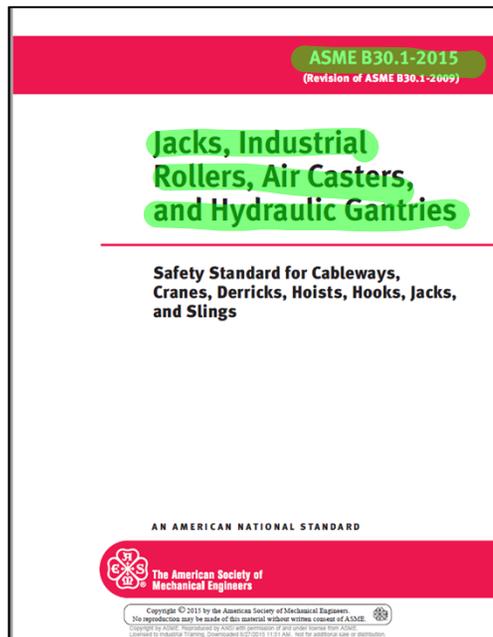


# Jacks and Industrial Skates

Hydraulic jacks



Mechanical Jacks



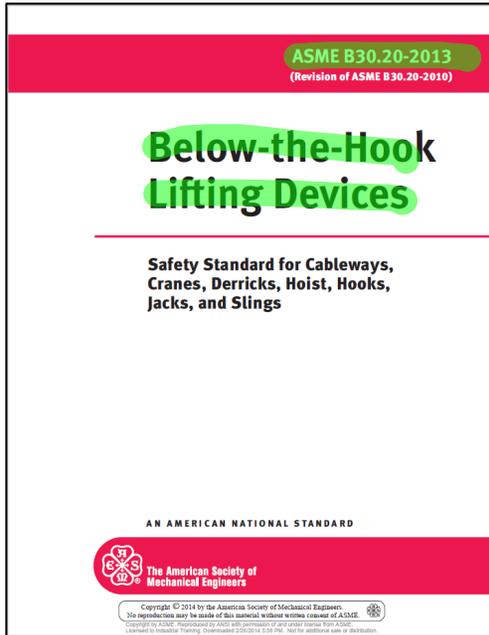
Steerman's



Hillman's

# Beam Clamps

→ Pay attention to each manufacturer's limitations



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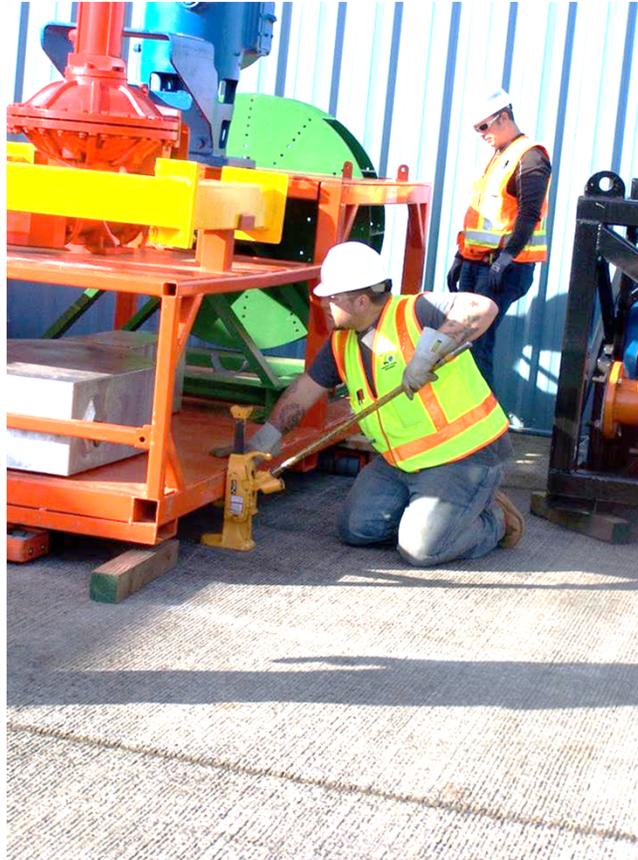
# Bull Rigging Applications



# Jacking and Rolling

## - Resources

- ASME B30.1
- ASME B30.7
- ASME B30.9
- ASME B30.26



## - Equipment

- Blocking / Cribbing
- Jacks
- Industrial Rollers
- Winches



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# Jacking and Rolling

- Considerations
  - Share of load
  - Floor loading
  - Load distribution
  - Area Prep
  - Inclines / Declines
  - Coefficient of Friction



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# Jacking and Rolling

## Considerations:

- Equipment Capacity
- Communication
- Personnel Placement
- Planning



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# Jacking and Rolling

## Jacking Practices

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Before beginning a jacking and rolling operation, ensure that a **plan has been developed** and discussed with all affected personnel.

Prior to placing jacks/blocking, determine the **load's weight** and **center of gravity**.

Use all jacks in accordance with the **manufacturer's instructions**.

Before and during jacking operations, ensure that the **opposite end/side of the load is stabilized**.

When possible, **insert friction material** between the jack load point and the load surface during jacking operations to help **prevent slippage**.

**Do not leave a load unattended while supported solely by jacks.**

**Remove and stow jack handles** when idle to **avoid accidental jack engagement or tripping**.

For **mechanical jacks**, **ensure linkage engagement** is achieved by the handle's full range of motion.



Share of  
Load →



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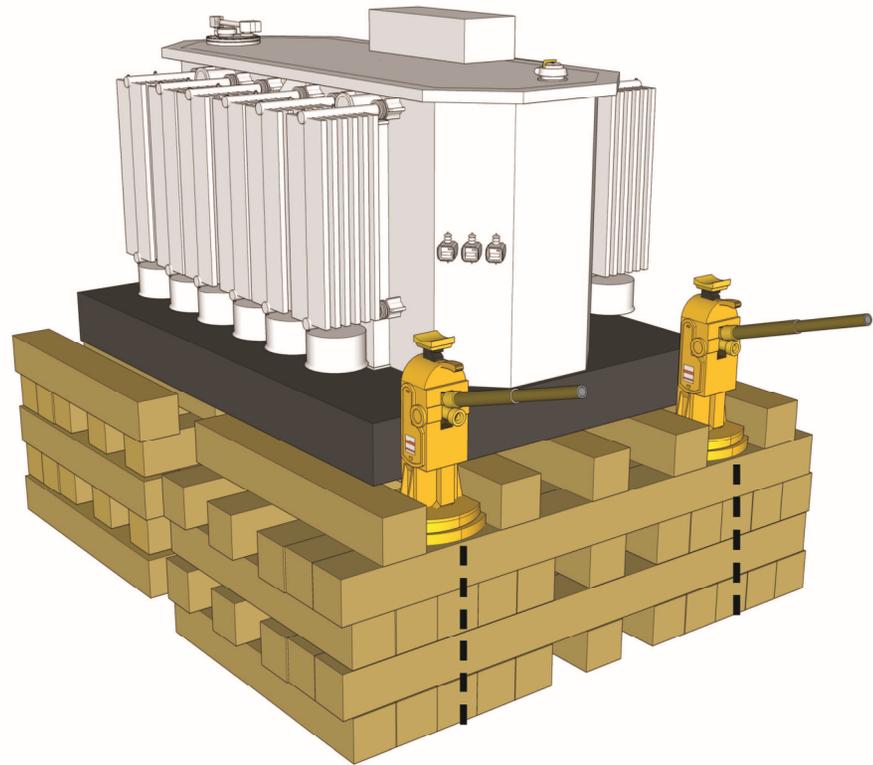
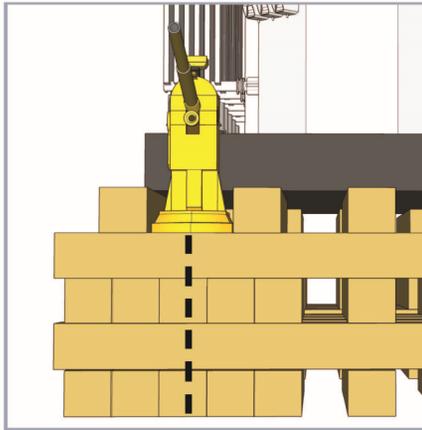
# Jacking and Rolling

## Jacking From The Crib Pile

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### Ensure:

- That a **column** of crib material is **aligned below the jack**.
- The jack's **primary or auxiliary load point fully engages the load**.
- The **jack base is fully supported**.



**!** WARNING: Refer to rigging equipment manufacturers' specifications for proper applications and limitations.



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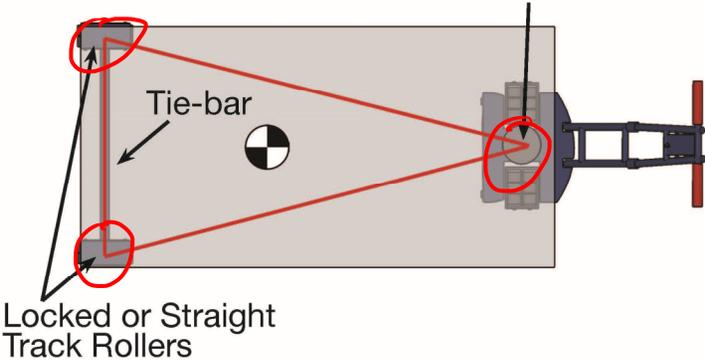
# Jacking and Rolling

Area Prep

## Roller Practices

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### 3 Point Roller System

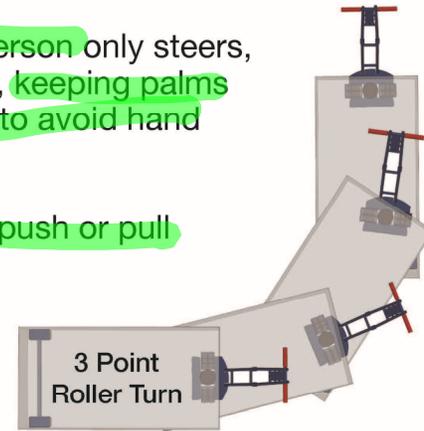


Share of Load

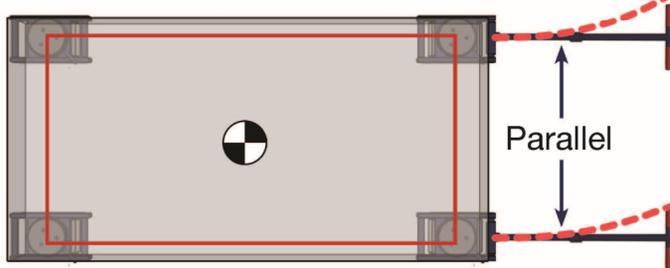
Remove grit and debris from roller travel path.

Steering-person only steers, never pulls, keeping palms face down to avoid hand crushing.

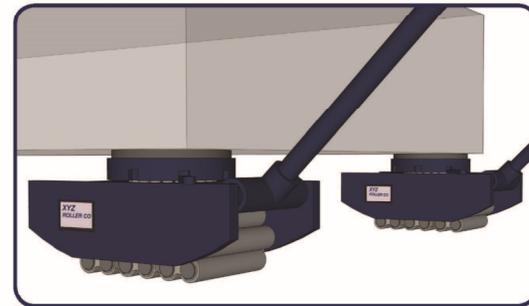
Assistants push or pull the load.



### 4 Point Roller System\*



\*Anticipate cross-corner loading. Increased roller rated capacity is advised (+25% minimum).



Which is better?

3 or 4 point load support?

Consider uneven floor  
- drains



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# Winching



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# Winching

## Resources:

- ASME B30.7
- ASME B30.9
- ASME B30.26
- ASME B30.1



## Considerations:

- Line Pull
- Inclines / Declines
- Anchoring the winch
- Block Fairlead Loading
- Structural Capacity of Columns & Floor
- Load weight
- Coefficient of Friction

# Winching

## Level & Incline Planes [For Estimation Only]

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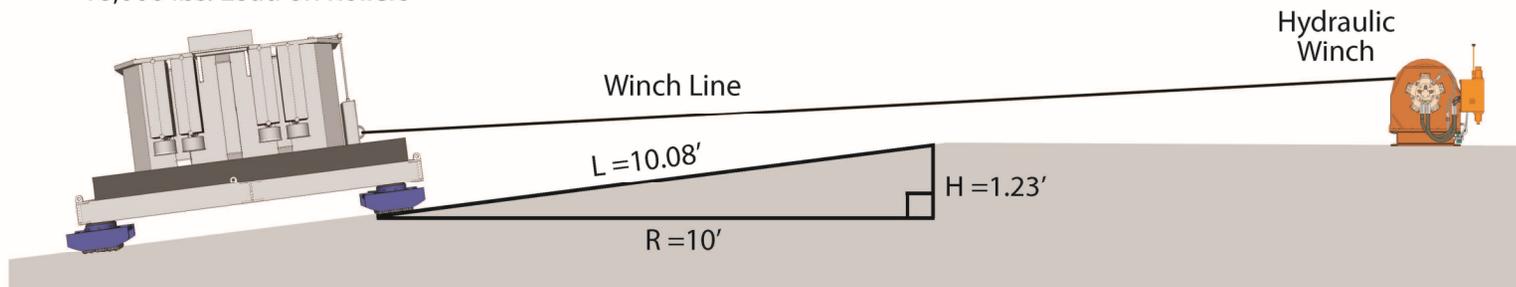
Formulas	Legend
Level: $CF \times W = F$	<b>W</b> = Weight of load
Uphill: $[CF \times W \times (R \div L)] + [(H \div L) \times W] = F$	<b>CF</b> = Coefficient of Friction
Downhill: $[CF \times W \times (R \div L)] - [(H \div L) \times W] = F$	<b>F</b> = Force required to move load
	<b>H</b> = Height in feet
	<b>R</b> = Run, horizontal distance in feet
	<b>L</b> = Length of ramp in ft.

Avg. Coefficients of Friction	
Concrete on concrete	.65
Metal on concrete	.60
Wood on wood	.50
Wood on concrete	.45
Wood on metal	.30
Cast iron on steel	.25
Steel on steel	.10
Load on rollers	.05
Load on ice	.01
Load on air	.002

18,000 lbs. Load on Rollers

$$R^2 + H^2 = L^2$$

$$L = \sqrt{(10')^2 + (1.23')^2} = 10.08'$$



Pulling Uphill - **Example:**  $[.05 \times 18,000 \times (10 \div 10.08)] + [(1.23 \div 10.08) \times 18,000] = F$

$$893 + 2,196 = F$$

$$3,089 \text{ lbs.} = F$$



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# Drifting

Resources : - ASME B30.9 - ASME B30.16  
- ASME B30.26 - ASME B30.21  
- ASME B30.7



# Drifting

Considerations : - Tension

- Structural Capacity

- Share of Load

- Load Weight

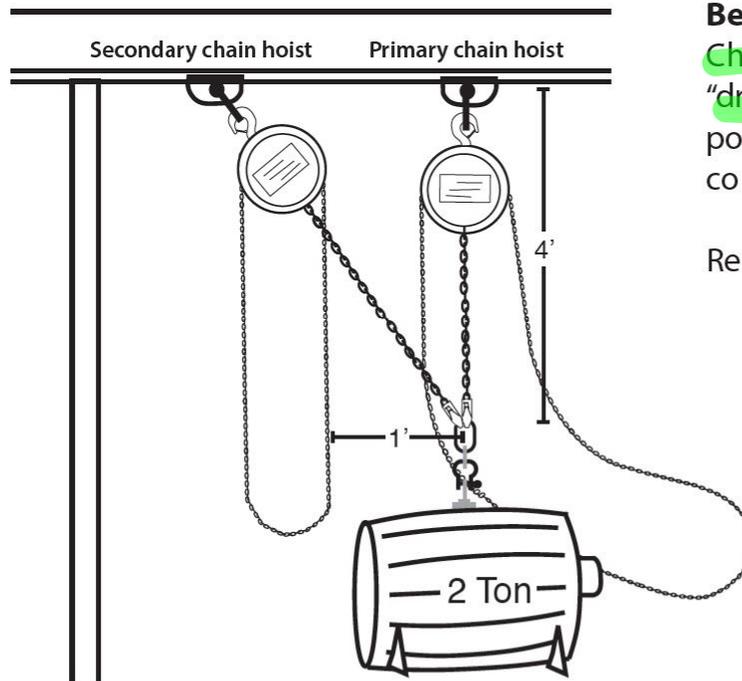


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# Drifting

## Cautions About Drifting



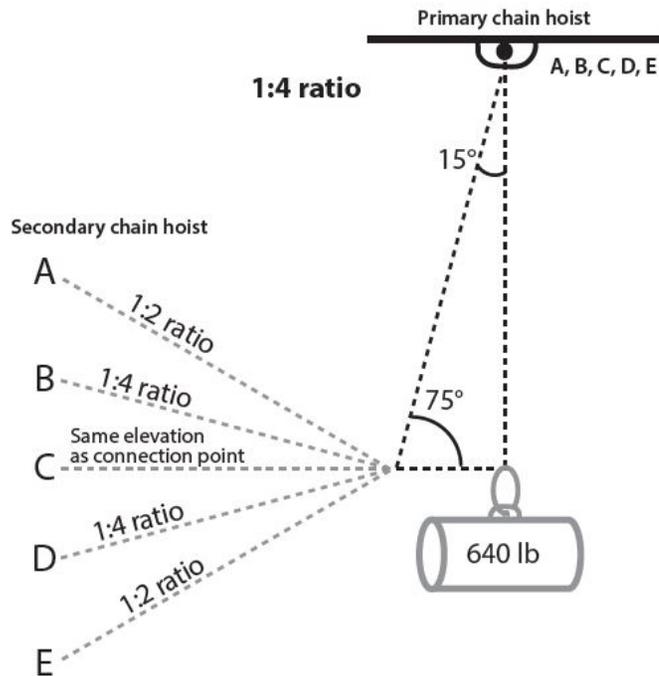
**Best Practice:** The tension in the Primary Chain Hoist is reduced when the load is "drifted" with a Secondary Chain Hoist positioned well above the rigging connection point.

Remember these key points:

1. NOTE: Each chain hoist must be capable of supporting the entire suspended load since it will start/stop under each individual hoist.
2. Never drift a load using two chain hoists on the same beam, to the point that the horizontal angle is less than 30 deg, without substantial engineering review. (A trolley used along the beam may be a better option)

# Drifting

**Caution:** Be careful where your secondary hoist is located.



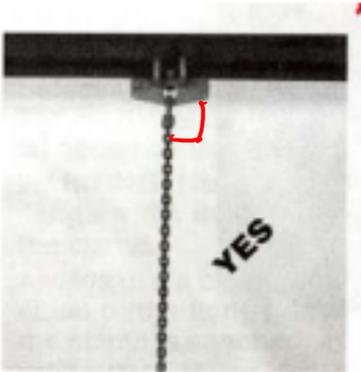
**Example of tension resulting from placement of 2nd chain hoist.**

	Tension on Primary Chain Hoist (lbs)	Tension on Secondary Chain Hoist (lbs)
<b>A</b>	572	185
<b>B</b>	610	195
<b>C</b>	668	190
<b>D</b>	730	230
<b>E</b>	808	285

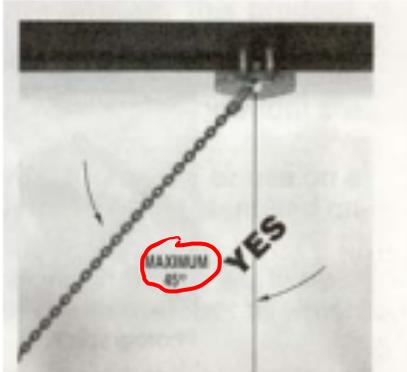
**Caution:** Always lift at or above the connection point elevation when using two chain hoists.

	Percentage of increase/decrease compared to original load of 640 lb on Primary chain hoist
<b>A</b>	-11%
<b>B</b>	-5%
<b>C</b>	+4%
<b>D</b>	+14%
<b>E</b>	+26%

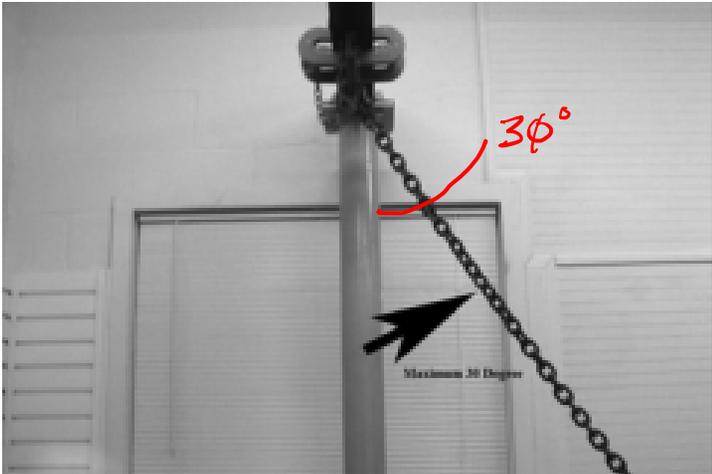
# Drifting – Beam Clamp Selection & Limitations



Photograph C Sling Directly in line with lifting eye.



Photograph D. Maximum sling angle 45 degrees. Load in-line or parallel to



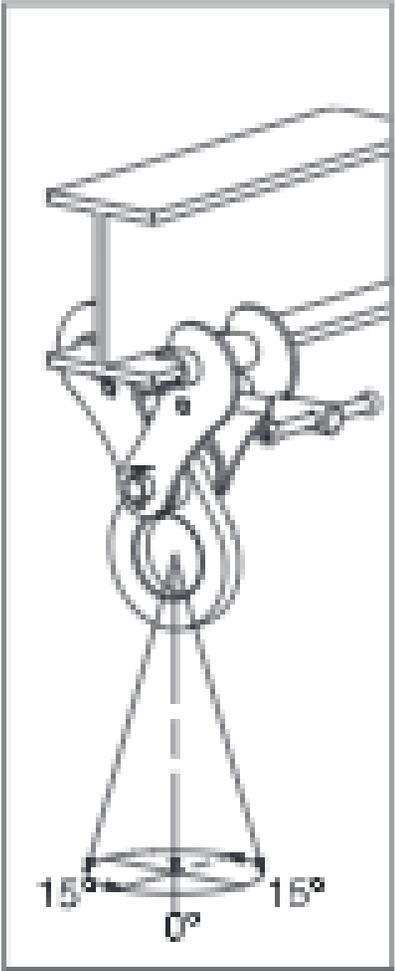
Photograph H. 30 degrees perpendicular to the beam.



# Drifting – Beam Clamp Selection & Limitations



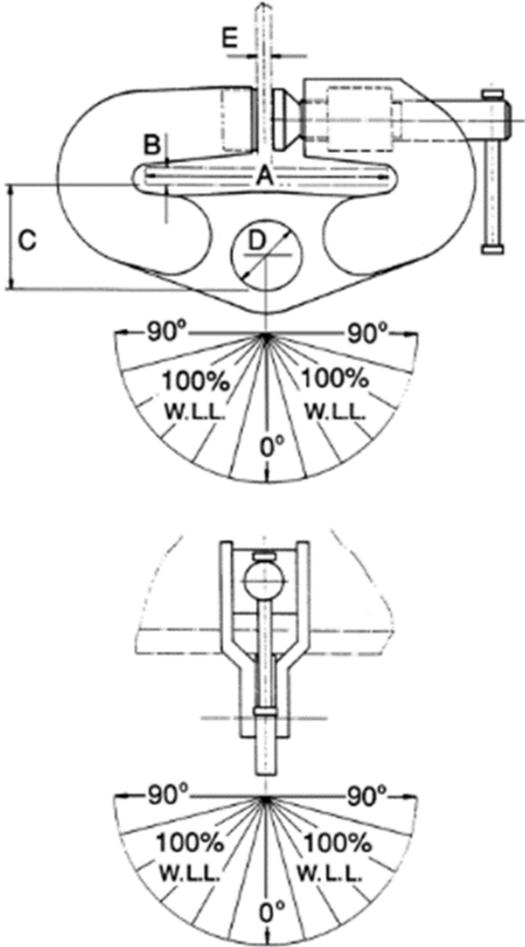
**IPTK**  
This IPTK series beam clamp is suitable for use as a temporary tackle eye for a beam.



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# Drifting – Beam Clamp Selection & Limitations



# Blocking



# Blocking

## Blocking Practices

Ensure that the ground or floor is stable enough to support the cribbing and the load weight.

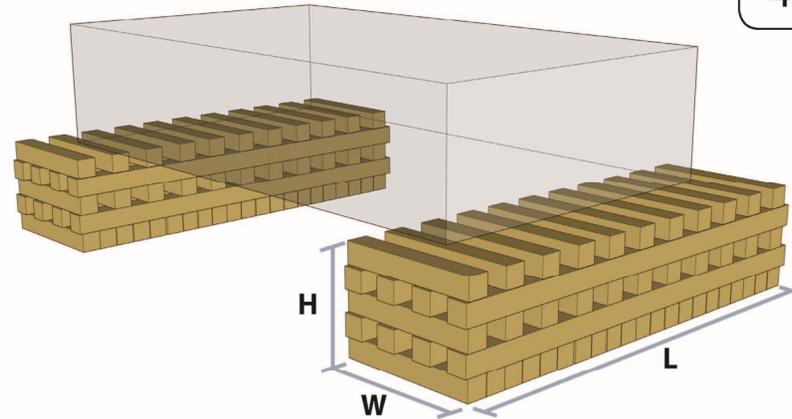
Ensure that the blocking is of sufficient strength to prevent crushing, bending or shearing failure.

Ensure that the span between blocking is able to carry the load.

Position dimensional cribbing with the widest face on the top/bottom.

Insert/remove blocking and/or shims to minimize fall distance in case of jack failure.

Shims or wedges should be used at the base and within the crib pile to maintain perpendicularity and meet predetermined height requirements.



Fully blocking the base layer reduces the loading pounds per square foot (psf) imposed on the ground surface.

Consult a geotechnical engineer to ensure that there is adequate ground support for the distributed load.

The crib pile height should not exceed 2 times the width,  $H \leq 2W$ .



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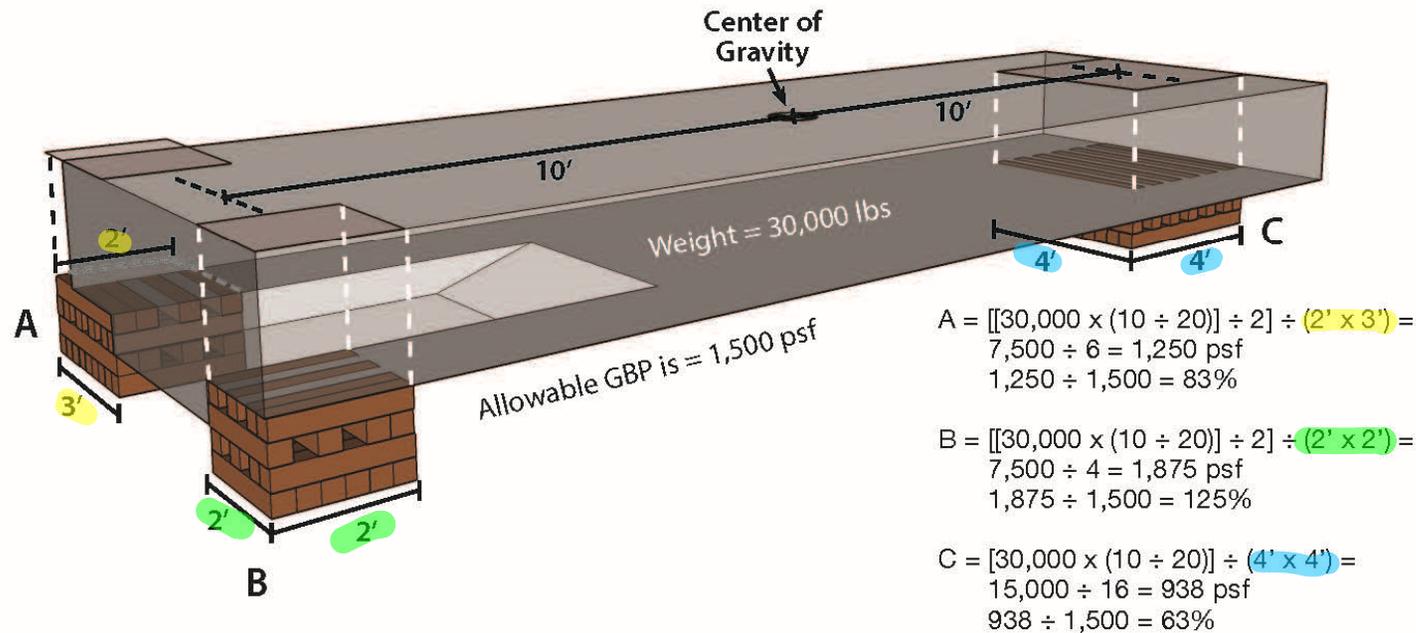
# Blocking

## Crib Pile Loading [For Estimation Only]

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Determine:  $\text{Share of load (lbs)} \div \text{cribbing foot print (sf)} = \text{Pressure imposed on ground (psf)}$ .

Confirm:  $[\text{Pressure imposed (psf)} \div \text{allowable ground bearing pressure (psf)}] \times 100\% = \text{___}\% \leq 100\%$



**Solution: Increase crib pile B to 2' x 3'**

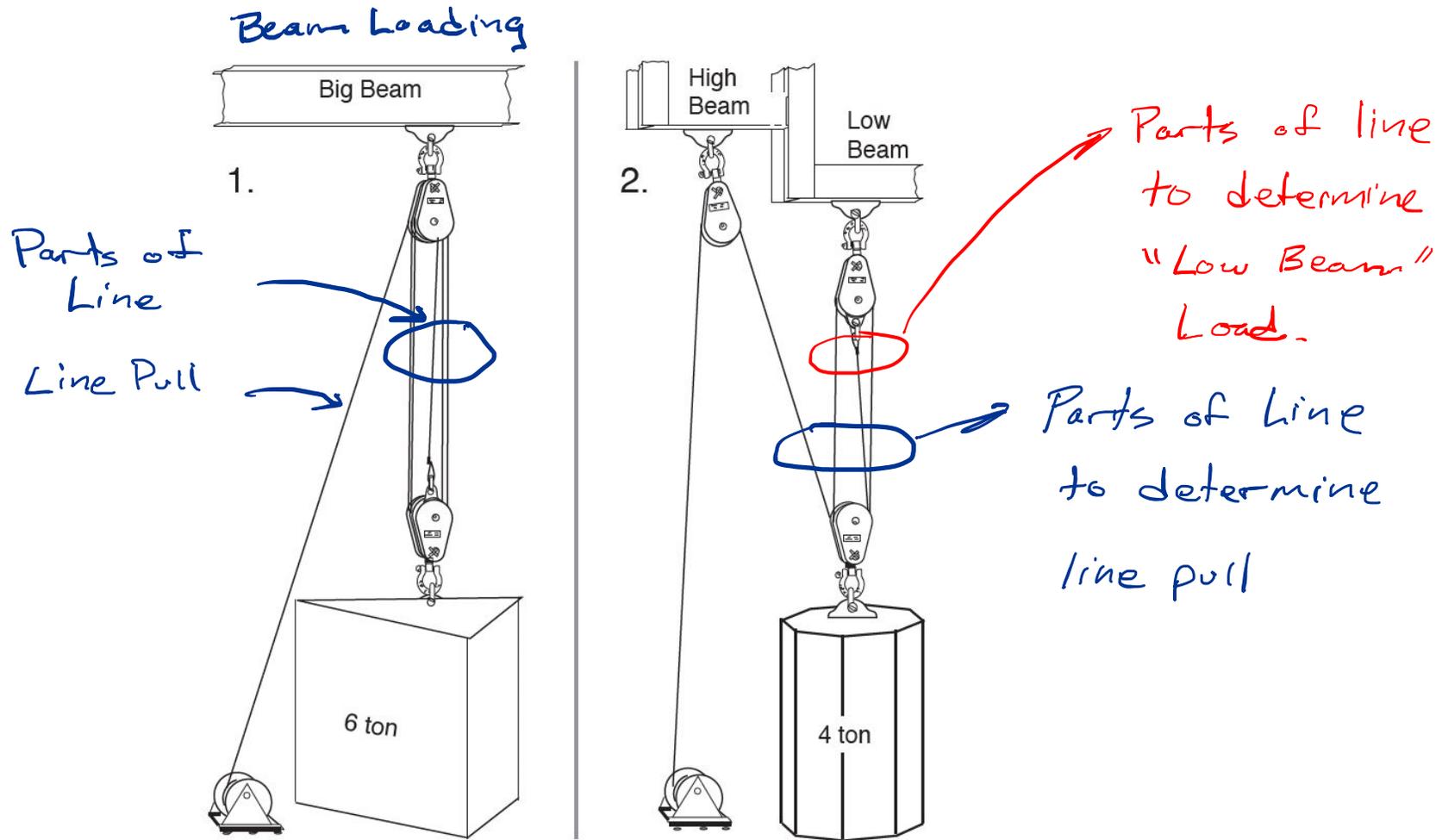


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# Drifting Concepts

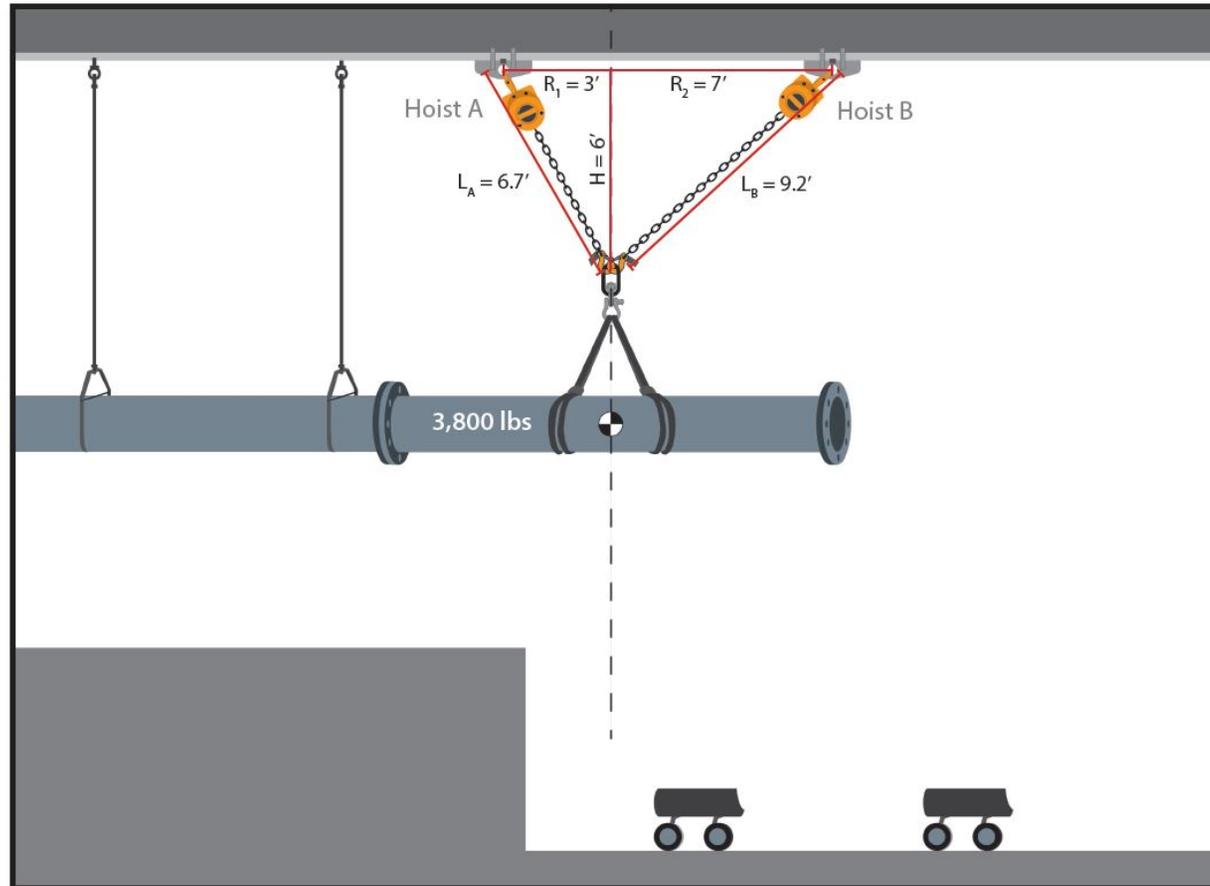
# Line Pull



# Share of Load and Tension

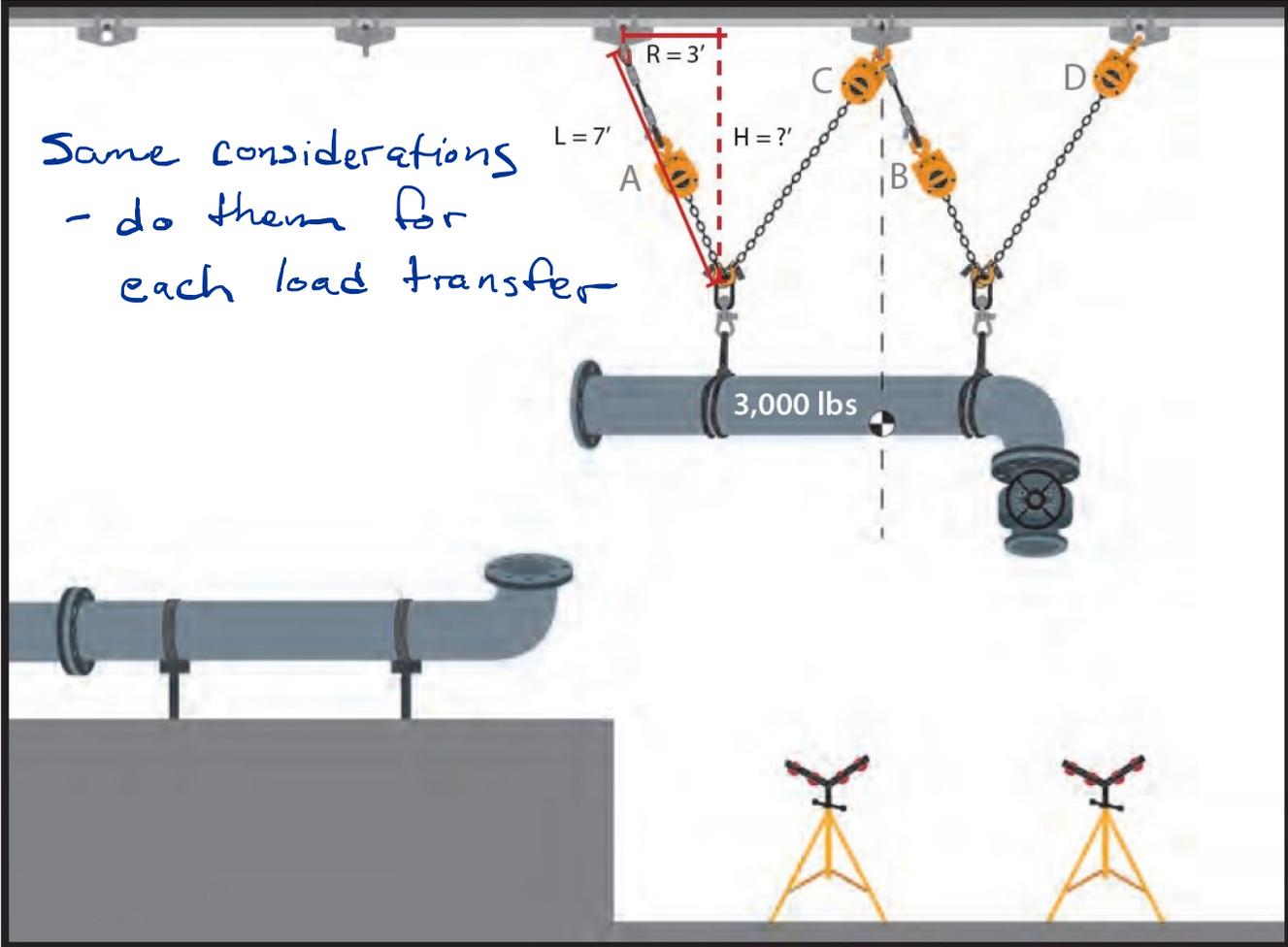
Considerations:

- 1) Share of Load
- 2) Tension
- 3) Beam Loading
- 4) Equipment Capacities



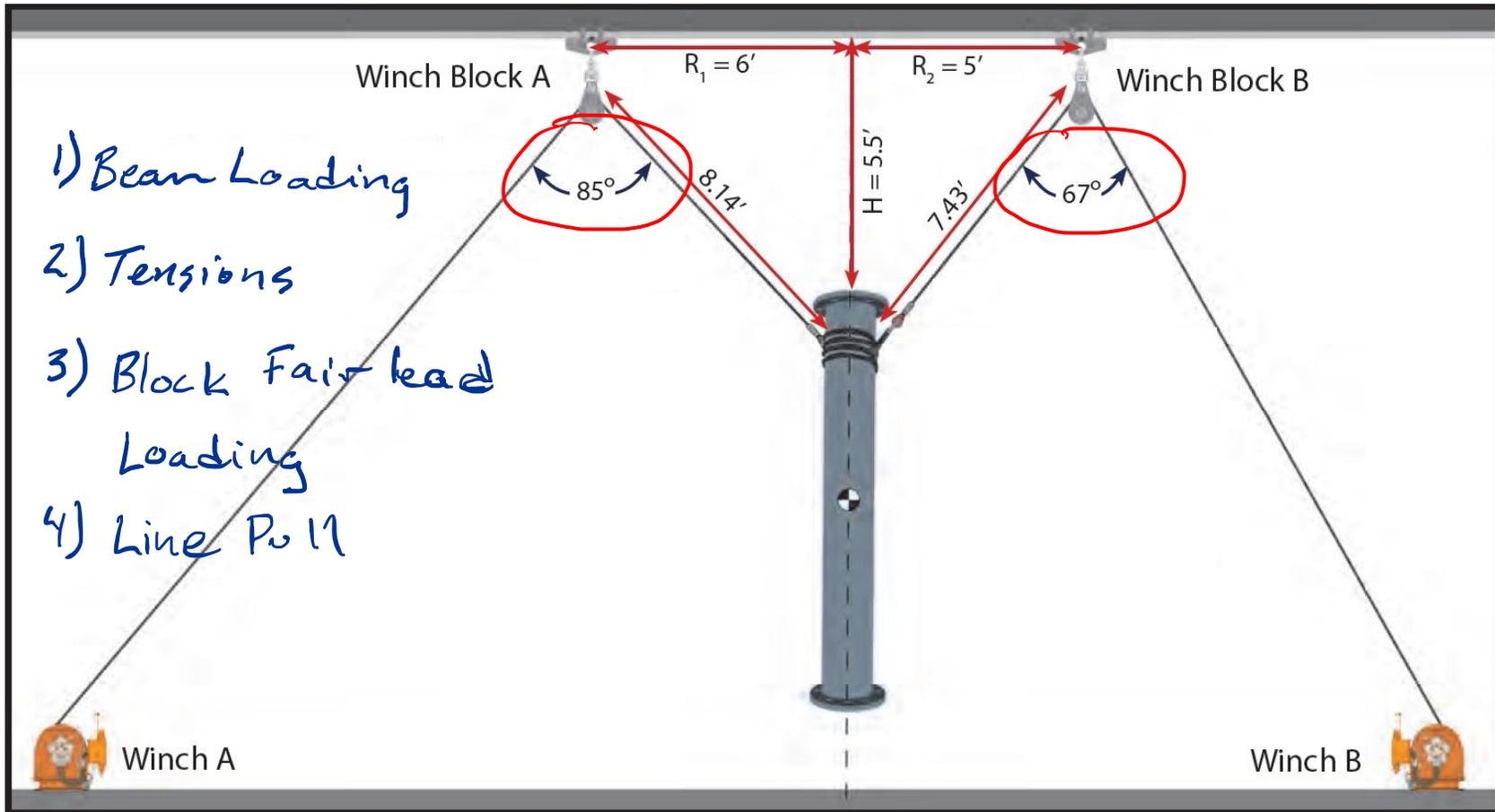
# Load Transfer

Beam Clamp 05   Beam Clamp 04   Beam Clamp 03   Beam Clamp 02   Beam Clamp 01



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# Block and Fairlead Loading



**When you mess with the  
bull, sometimes you get  
the horns.**

**Bull Rigging Gone Bad**

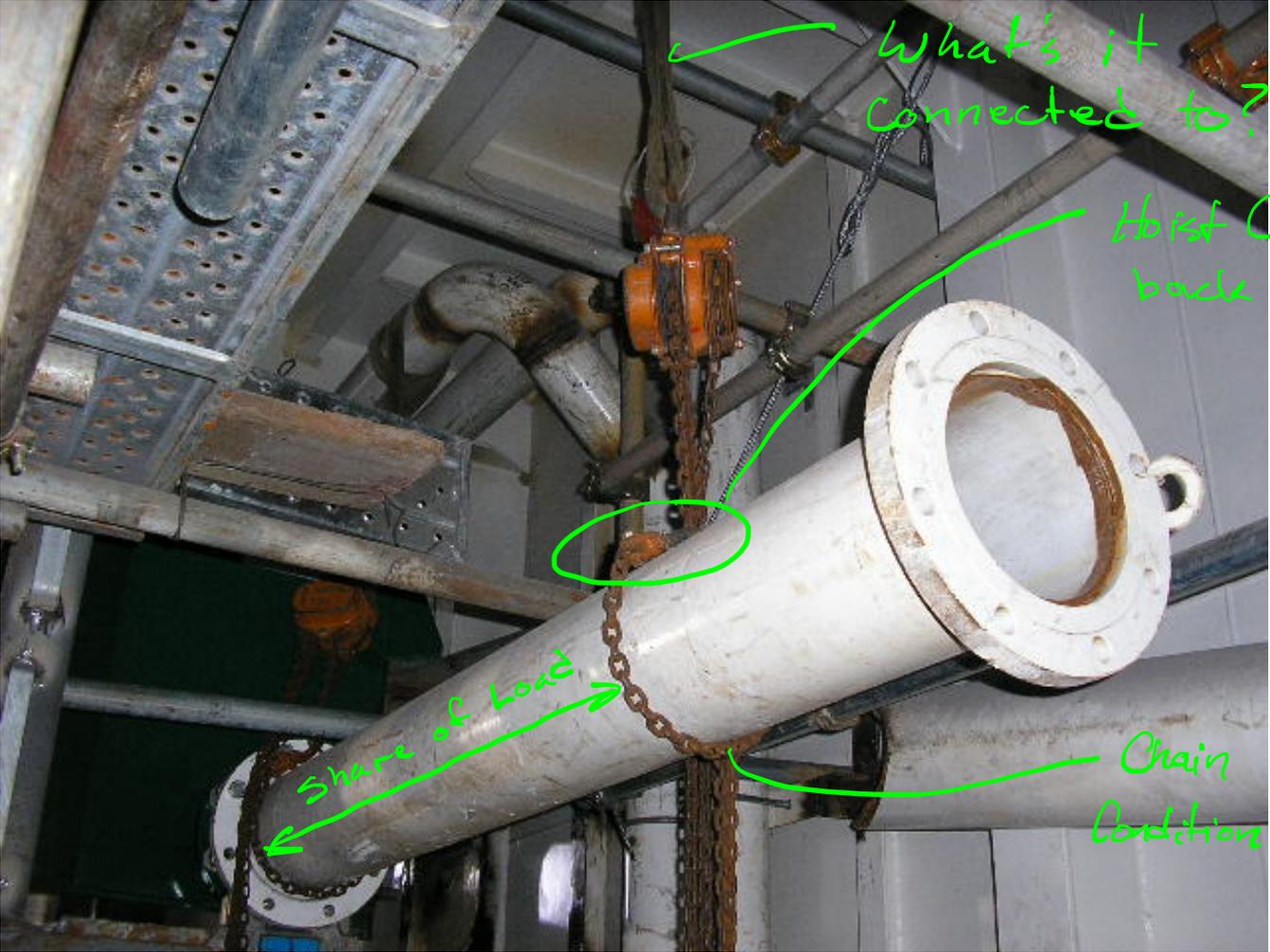
# Hazard Recognition

Hoist chain choked back on itself.



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1) Understand the theories & principals

2) Apply those theories & principals in hands-on, skill-building activities



3) Re-inforce safe & efficient practices

4) Create a positive safety culture



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**Thank you for your time.**

