Load Ring for bolting >VLBG<

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Translation of the original instructions







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According to	the EC-Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC, annex II A and amendments									
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Product name:	Load ring VLBG									
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The following national	norms and technical specifications were applied: BGR 500, KAP2.8 : 2008-04									
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Please read user instruction before initial operation of the bolt-on lifting point VLBG. Make sure that you have comprehend all subjected matters.

Non observance can lead to serious personal injuries and material damage and eliminates warranty.

1 Safety instructions



ATTENTION

Wrong assembled or damaged VLBG as well as improper use can lead to injuries of persons and damage of objects when load drops.

Please inspect all VLBG before each use.

- Remove all body parts (fingers, hands, arms, etc.) out of the hazard area (danger of crushing or squeezing) during the lifting process.
- The VLBG must be used only by authorised and trained people in adherence to BGR/DGUV regulations 100-500, Chapter 2.8 and, outside Germany, when observing the relevant specific national regulations.
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- Do not exceed the working load limit (WLL) indicated on the lifting point.
- VLBG must be rotatable in the screwed tight status through 360 °.
- No technical alterations must be implemented on the VLBG.
- No people may stay in the danger zone.
- Jerky lifting (strong impacts) should be prevented.
- Always ensure a stable position of the load when lifting. Swinging must be prevented.
- · Damaged or worn VLBG must never be utilised.

2 Intended use

VLBGs must only be used for the assembly of the load or at load accepting means

Their usage is intended to be used as lifting means.

The VLBGs can also be used as lashing points for the fixture of lashing means.

The VLBGs must only be used in the here described usage purpose.

3 Assembly- and instruction manual

3.1 General information

· Effects of temperature:

Due to the DIN/EN bolts that are used in the VLBG, the working load limit must be reduced accordingly:

-40°C to 100°C --> no reduction (-40°F to 212°F) 100°C to 200°C minus 15 % (212°F to 392°F) 200°C to 250°C minus 20 % (392°F to 482°F) 250°C to 350°C minus 25 % (482°F to 662°F) Temperatures above 350°C (662°F) are not permitted.

Please observe the maximum usage temperature of the supplied nuts (optionally):

- Clamping nuts according to DIN EN ISO 7042 (DIN 980) must only be used up to +150°C at the max (302°F).
- Collar nuts according to DIN 6331 can be used up to +300°C. Please note also the reduction factors (572°F).
- RUD-Lifting points must not be used under chemical influences such as acids, alkaline solutions and vapours e.g. in pickling baths or hot dip galvanising plants. If this cannot avoided, please contact the manufacturer indicating the concentration, period of penetration and temperature of use.
- The places where the lifting points are fixed should be marked with colour.
- RUD lifting points are delivered with a 100 % crack tested bolt (length up to lmax please see table 3).
- When using your own bolts, the bolts have to be 100 % crack tested.

The average notch bar impact test value at the deepest allowed usage temperature must be at least 36 J. This is required in the test fundamentals for lifting points GS MO 15-04 (Point 6.4.1).



HINT

The min. quality of the hexagon bolt has to be 10.9 accord. EN 24014 (DIN 931) with the nominal diameter.



HINT

The dismantling / assembling for the exchange or inspecting of the bolt may only be executed by a competent person (compare with Section 3.4 Dismantling / Assembling the RUD bolt).

Versions

- VLBG lifting points are either supplied with bolts of strength class 10.9 or with "ICE" material bolts.
 Original bolts are available as a spare part from RUD.
- The type VLBG 7 t M36 is only delivered with a special bolt, therefore it is not possible to use a DIN/EN-bolt.

- RUD supplies the Vario length complete with a washer and crack-detected nut corresponding to DIN EN ISO 7042 (DIN 980) or will be supplied with a crack inspected collar nut acc. to DIN 6331.
- If the VLBG is used exclusively for lashing, the value of the working load limit can be doubled.
 LC = permissible lashing capacity = 2 x WLL



HINT

If the VLBG is or was used as a lashing point, it must not be used for lifting later on!

3.2 Hints for the assembly

Basically essential:

- The material construction to which the lifting point will be attached should be of adequate strength to withstand forces during lifting without deformation.
 The German testing authority BG, recommends the following minimum for bolt lengths:
 - 1 x M in steel (minimum quality S235JR [1.0037])
 - 1,25 x M in cast iron (for example GG 25)
 - 2 x M in aluminium alloys
 - 2,5 x M in aluminium-magnesium alloys
 - (M = diameter of RUD lifting point bolt, for ex. M 20)
- When lifting light metals, nonferrous heavy metals and gray cast iron the thread has to be chosen in such a way that the working load limit of the thread corresponds to the requirements of the respective base material.
- The lifting points must be positioned on the load in such a way that movement is avoided during lifting:
 - For single leg lifts, the load ring should be positioned vertically above the centre of gravity of the load.
 - For two leg lifts, the lifting points must be equidistant to/or above the centre of gravity of the load.
 - For three and four leg lifts, the lifting points should be arranged symmetrically around the centre of gravity in the same plane, if possible.
- · Load symmetry:

The working load limit of individual RUD lifting points are calculated using the following formula and are based on symmetrical loading:

$$W_{LL} = \frac{G}{n \times \cos \beta}$$

W_{LL} = working load limit G = load weight (kg)

= number of load bearing legs

= angle of inclination of the chain to the vertical

The calculation of load bearing legs is as follows:

	symmetrical	asymmetrical				
two leg	2	1				
three / four leg	3	1				

table 1: Load bearing strands (see table 2)



HINT

With unsymmetrical loads, the WLL of each Lifting Point must be at least as high as the weight of the load.

- A plane bolt-on surface (ØD, table 3) with a perpendicular thread hole must be guaranteed. The thread must be carried out acc. to DIN 76 (countersink max. 1.05xd)
- Tapped holes must be machined deep enough so that the bearing surface of the lifting point will be supported. Machine through holes up to DIN EN 20273-middle.
- The VLBG must be rotatable 360° when installed.
 Please observe the following:
 - For a single use hand tightening with a spanner is sufficiant. Bolt supporting area must sit proper on bolt-on surface.
 - For long term application the VLBG must be tightened with torque according to table 3 (+/- 10 %).
 - When turning loads using the VLBG (see chapter 3.3.2 permissible lifting- and turning process) it is necessary to tighten the bolt with a torque (+/- 10 %) acc. to chart 3.
- With shock loading or vibrations, especially at through hole fixtures with a nut at the end of the bolt, accidential release can occure.
 Securing possibilities: Observe torque moment, use liquid securing glue f.e. Loctite (can be adapted to the usage, observe manufacturer hints) or assemble a form closure bolt locking device f.e. a castle nut with cotter pin, locknut etc.
- Finally check the proper assembly (see chapter 4 Inspection / repair).

3.3 User instructions

3.3.1 General information for the usage

 Always regularly observe the appearance of the whole lifting point (e.g. fixed lifting point/slings) before using it (secured bolt seat, strong corrosion, cracks on load-bearing parts, deformations). Refer to chapter 4 *Inspection / repair*.

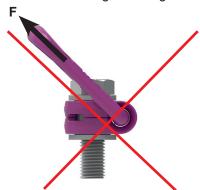


ATTENTION

Wrong assembled or damaged VLBG as well as improper use can lead to injuries of persons and damage of objects when load drops.

Please inspect all VLBG before each use.

- RUD components are designed according to DIN EN 818 and DIN EN 1677 for a dynamic load of 20,000 load cycles.
 - Keep in mind that several load cycles can occur with a lifting procedure
 - Keep in mind that, due to the high dynamic stress with high numbers of load cycles, there is a danger that the product will be damaged
 - The BG/DGUV recommends: For higher dynamic loading with a high number of load cycles (continuous operation), the working load stress must be reduced according to the driving mechanism group 1Bm (M3 in accordance with DIN EN 818-7). Use a lifting point with a higher working load limit.
- When attaching and removing the lifting means (e.g. lifting chains), crushing, shearing, trapping and impact spots must be prevented.
- Prevent damage being caused to the lifting means by loading at sharp edged.
- Set the suspension ring of the VLBG in the direction of force before attaching the lifting means.



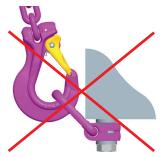
Pic. 1: Forbidden loading direction

 Keep in mind that the lifting means in the VLBG must be freely movable.



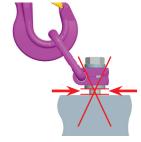
Pic. 2: Use only suitable lifting means for hanging or hooking into the VLBG

A bending load of the suspension ring is not permitted!



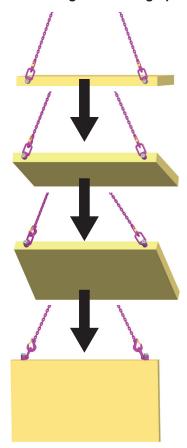
Pic. 3: The load must move freely and must not be loaded at edges

· Always completely engage the lifting point.



Pic. 4: The lifting point must be completely screwed in.

3.3.2 Allowed lifting and turning operations



Pic. 5: Possible turning operation with the VLBG

The following turning operations are allowed

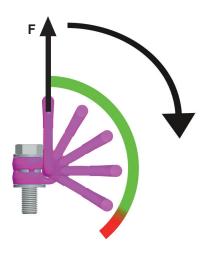
 Turning operations where the load ring will be turned into the load direction



WARNING

The load ring must not support itself at edges or other attachments.

Also the attached lifting mean must not touch the head oft he bolt.



Pic. 6: Pivoting in load direction

 Turning operations where the VLBG will be turned around the bolt axle (exception: see chapter 3.3.3 Forbidden lifting and turning operations). After a full turn by 180° the torque of the bolt must be checked.



WARNING

Observe the requested torque value before each lifting or turning operation.

3.3.3 Forbidden lifting and turning operations

The following operations are forbidden:



WARNING

The turning of the VLBG under load in the direction of the bolt axle (+15°) is forbidden.



Pic. 7: Forbidden turning direction at loading in the direction of the axle.

3.4 Dismantling / Assembling the RUD bolt



HINT

The dismantling / assembling and/or the exchange of the RUD bolt must only be executed by a competent person!

3.4.1 Dismantling the bolt of the VLBG M8-M48 / 3/8" - 2"

- 1. Position VLBG with the thread end upwards at the bushing on the top of the bench vice without clamping the hexagon head of the bolt.
- 2. Slightly hit the bolt from the top to drive it out from the bushing (Pic. 8).



Pic. 8: Dismantling position of the VLBG

3.4.2 Assembling the bolt of the VLBG M8-M10 / 3/8"



HINT

Only the appropriate strength class of bolt for each specific size must be used!

- 1. Insert the bolt into the drill hole in the socket until the retaining ring is positioned on the socket
- 2. Squeeze the retaining ring together with flat pliers so that it sits deeply in the groove of the nut.
- 3. Now insert the bolt with light hits with a hammer fully into the socket.
- 4. Finally, control the tightness of the bolt. The bolt must be easily rotatable by 360°.

3.4.3 Assembling the bolt for VLBG M12-M48 / 1/2" - 2"



HINT

Only the stated strength of class for the respective size of the bolts must be used!

1. Insert the bolt into the bushing at the tapered end, where the chamfer is (refer to Pic. 9).



Pic. 9: VLBG in sectional view. The insertion chamfer is visible on top of the bushing

2. Insert the bolt into the socket in such a way that the retaining ring is circumferential deepened in the socket and seated (refer to Pic. 10).



TIP

Turn the bolt a few times under slight pressure so that it is centered in the retaining ring!



Pic. 10: Retaining ring positioned as circumferential in the recess

- 3. Use a light tap on the head of the bolt so that the bolt can be assembled up to the end stop of the bolt head on the socket.
- 4. Finally, control the tightness and seating of the bolt. The bolt must be easily rotatable by 360°.

4 Inspection / repair

4.1 Hints for periodical inspections

The operator must determine and specify the nature and scope of the required tests as well as the periods of repeating tests by means of a risk assessment (see sections 4.2 and 4.3).

The continuing suitability of the anchor point must be checked at least 1x year by an expert.

Depending on the usage conditions, f.e. frequent usage, increased wear or corrosion, it might be necessary to check in shorter periods than one year. The inspection has also to be carried out after accidents and special incidents.

4.2 Test criteria for the regular visual inspection by the user

- Correct bolt sizes and nut sizes, bolt quality and screw-in lengths
- Always observe tightness of the bolts
 → inspect the torque
- · Comprehensiveness of the lifting point.
- Comprehensive, legible load-bearing information as well as the manufacturer's identification mark.
- Deformations on load-bearing parts such as basic body, hanging or hooking in suspension ring and bolt
- Mechanical damage such as significant notches, particularly in areas subject to tensile stress.
- Easy rotation of the VLBG must be ensured

4.3 Additional test criteria for the competent person / repair worker

- Cross-section alterations caused by wear > 10 %.
- Strong corrosion
- Cracks on load-bearing parts
- function of and damage to the bolts, nut as well a the screw thread (disassembly / assembly of the bolt see section 3.4).
- further checks may be required, depending on the result of the risk assessment (e.g. testing for cracks in load-bearing parts).

Method of lift	G	G B	G G	G B	ß	G	G	G		G	
Number of le	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3/4	3/4	3/4	
Angle of inclin	0°	90°	0°	90°	0-45°	>45-60°	Un- symm.	0-45°	>45-60°	Un- symm.	
Factor		1	1	2	2	1,4	1	1	2,1	1,5	1
Туре	Thread	WLL in n	netric tons	s, bolted a	nd adjuste	d in the dir	ection of p	ull		1	
VLBG 0.3 t	M 8	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.42	0.3	0.3	0.63	0.45	0.3
VLBG 0.63 t	M 10 / 3/8"	0.63	0.63	1.26	1.26	0.88	0.63	0.63	1.32	0.95	0.63
VLBG 1 t	M 12 / 1/2"	1	1	2	2	1.4	1	1	2.1	1.5	1
VLBG 1.2 t	M 14	1.2	1.2	2.4	2.4	1.68	1.2	1.2	2.52	1.8	1.2
VLBG 1.5 t	M 16 / 5/8"	1.5	1.5	3	3	2.1	1.5	1.5	3.15	2.25	1.5
VLBG 2 t	M 18	2	2	4	4	2.8	2	2	4.2	3	2
VLBG 2.5 t	M 20 / 3/4" / 7/8"	2.5	2.5	5	5	3.5	2.5	2.5	5.25	3.75	2.5
VLBG 2.5 t	M22	2.5	2.5	5	5	3.5	2.5	2.5	5.25	3.75	2.5
VLBG 4 t	M 24 / M27 / 1"	4	4	8	8	5.6	4	4	8.4	6	4
VLBG 5 t	M 30 / 1 1/4"	5	5	10	10	7	5	5	10.5	7.5	5
VLBG 7 t	M 36	7	7	14	14	9.8	7	7 14.7		10.5	7
VLBG 8 t	M 36 / 1 1/2"	8	8	16	16	11.2	8	8 16.8		12	8
VLBG 10 t	M 42	10	10	20	20	14	10	10	21	15	10
VLBG 15 t	M 42	15	15	30	30	21	15	15	31.5	22.5	15
VLBG 20 t	M 48 / 2"	20	20	40	40	28	20	20	42	30	20
Туре	Thread		WLL	in lbs, bo	Ited and ad	djusted in t	the direction	n of pull		1	
VLBG 0.3 t	M 8	660	660	1320	1320	925	660	660	1400	990	660
VLBG 0.63 t	M 10 / 3/8"	1400	1400	2800	2800	1940	1400	1400	2910	2080	1400
VLBG 1 t	M 12 / 1/2"	2200	2200	4400	4400	3080	2200	2200	4620	3300	2200
VLBG 1.2 t	M 14	2640	2640	5280	5280	3700	2640	2640	5545	3960	2640
VLBG 1.5 t	M 16 / 5/8"	3300	3300	6600	6600	4620 3300		3300	6930	4950	3300
VLBG 2 t	M 18	4400	4400	8800	8800	6160	4400	4400	9250	6600	4400
VLBG 2.5 t	M 20 / 3/4" / 7/8"	5500	5500	11000	11000	7700	5500	5500	11550	8250	5500
VLBG 2.5 t	M22	5500	5500	11000	11000	7700	5500	5500	11550	8250	5500
VLBG 4 t	M 24 / M 27 / 1"	8800	8800	17600	17600	12320	8800	8800	18480	13200	8800
VLBG 5 t	M 30 / 1 1/4"	11000	11000	22000	22000	15400	11000	11000	23100	16500	11000
VLBG 7 t			15400	30800	30800	21500	15400	15400	32350	23100	15400
VLBG 8 t	M 36 / 1 1/2"	17600	17600	35200	35200	24640	17600	17600	36960	26400	17600
VLBG 10 t	M 42	22000	22000	44000	44000	30800	22000	22000	46200	33000	22000
VLBG 15 t	M 42	33000	33000	66000	66000	46200	33000	33000	69300	49500	33000
VLBG 20 t	M 48 / 2"	44000	44000	88000	88000	61600	44000	44000	92400	66000	44000

table 2: WLL in tons (above / top) and in lbs (below / bottom)

Туре	WLL [t]	weight	A [mm]	B [mm]	C [mm]	D [mm]	E [mm]	F [mm]	G [mm]	H stand	H max	J [mm]	K [mm]	L Stand	L	М	N [mm]	SW	ISK	T [mm]	Torque	RefNo.	
	[t]	[kg]	[]	[]	[]	[]	Liiiii	[mmj	[]	[mm]		[111111]	Liiiii		[mm]		Liiiiii			Liiiiii		Standard	Vario
VLBG 0.3 t M8	0.3	0.3	30	54	34	24	40	12	29	11	76	75	45	40	105	8	32	13	5	75	30 Nm	8500821	8600280
VLBG 0.63 t M10	0.63	0.32	30	54	34	24	39	12	29	15	96	75	45	44	125	10	32	17	6	75	60 Nm	8500822	8600281
VLBG 1 t M12	1	0.33	32	54	34	26	38	12	29	18	116	75	45	47	145	12	32	19	8	75	100 Nm	8500823	8600382
VLBG 1.2 t M14	1.2	0.52	33	56	36	30	39	13.5	36	21	34	86	47	57	70	16	38	24	10	85	120 Nm	8600399	8600399
VLBG 1.5 t M16	1.5	0.55	33	56	36	30	39	13.5	36	22	149	86	47	58	185	16	38	24	10	85	150 Nm	8500824	8600383
VLBG 2.0 t M18	2	1.3	50	82	54	45	55	16.5	43	27	47	113	64	70	90	18	48	30	12	110	200 Nm	8600384	8600384
VLBG 2.5 t M20	2.5	1.3	50	82	54	45	55	16.5	43	32	187	113	64	75	230	20	48	30	12	110	250 Nm	8500826	8600385
VLBG 2.5 t M22	2.5	1.31	50	82	54	45	54	16.5	43	-	57	113	64	-	100	22	48	30	-	110	250 Nm	-	8600385
VLBG 4 t M24	4	1.5	50	82	54	45	67	18	43	37	222	130	78	80	265	24	48	36	14	125	400 Nm	8500827	8600386
VLBG 4 t M27	4	3.1	60	103	65	60	69	22.5	61	39	239	151	80	100	300	27	67	41	17	147	400 Nm	7983658	8600387
VLBG 5 t M30	5	3.3	60	103	65	60	67	22.5	61	49	279	151	80	110	340	30	67	46	17	147	500 Nm	8500828	8600388
VLBG 7 t M36	7	3.4	60	103	65	60	74	22.5	55	52	-	151	80	107	-	36	67	55	-	146	700 Nm	8500829	-
VLBG 8 t M36	8	6.2	77	122	82	70	97	26.5	77	63	223	205	110	140	300	36	87	55	22	197	800 Nm	7983553	8600289
VLBG 10 t M42	10	6.7	77	122	82	70	94	26.5	77	73	273	205	110	150	350	42	70	65	24	197	1000 Nm	7983554	8600290
VLBG 15 t M42	15	11.2	95	156	100	85	109	36	87	63	413	230	130	150	500	42	100	65	24*	222	1500 Nm	7982966	8600291
VLBG 20 t M48	20	11.6	95	156	100	95	105	36	87	73	303	230	130	160	350	48	100	75	27	222	2000 Nm	7982967	8600292
LBG (3) M16 RS 1 t	1	1.1	50	85	50	-	43	16.5	38	25	-	95	45	63	-	16	45	24	-	88	100 Nm	62086	Rost
LBG (3) M20 RS 2 t	2	1.2	50	85	50	-	42	16.5	38	27	-	95	45	65	-	20	45	30	-	88	200 Nm	62813	stainless
Attention: the stain	less	load r	ing i	s not	suit	able	for u	se in o	hlor	ide m	edia	(e.g.	indo	or sw	/imm	ing-p	ools)					
VLBG-Z 0.63 t 3/8"-16 UNC	0.63	0.32	30	54	34	24	39	12	29	16	98	75	45	45	127	3/8"	32	9/16"	1/4"	75	60 Nm	8504256	8600440
VLBG-Z 1 t 1/2"-13 UNC	1	0.36	32	54	34	26	38	12	29	22	123	75	45	50	152	1/2"	32	3/4"	5/16"	75	100 Nm	8502349	8600441
VLBG-Z 1.5 t 5/8"-11 UNC	1.5	0.50	33	56	36	30	39	13.5	36	24	148	86	47	60	184	5/8"	38	15/16"	3/8"	85	150 Nm	8502350	8600442
VLBG-Z 2.5 t 3/4"-10 UNC	2.5	1.3	50	82	54	45	55	16.5	43	28	185	113	64	71	228	3/4"	48	1 1/8"	1/2"	110	250 Nm	8502351	8600443
VLBG-Z 2.5 t 7/8"-9 UNC	2.5	1.25	50	82	54	45	55	16.5	43	27	211	113	64	70	254	7/8"	48	1 5/16"	1/2"	110	300 Nm	8502352	8600444
VLBG-Z 4 t 1"-8 UNC	4	1.5	50	82	54	45	67	18	43	41	211	130	78	84	254	1"	48	1 1/2"	9/16"	125	400 Nm	8502353	8600445
VLBG-Z 5 t 1/4"-7 UNC	5	3.33	60	103	65	60	64	22.5	61	41	278	151	80	102	339	1 1/4"	67	1 7/8"	5/8"	147	500 Nm	8503187	8600446
VLBG-Z 8 t 1 1/2"-6 UNC	8	6.2	77	122	82	70	97	26.5	77	62	270	205	110	140	347	1 1/2"	87	2 1/4"	7/8"	197	800 Nm	8504257	8600447
VLBG-Z 20 t 2"-4 1/2 UNC	20	11.6	95	156	100	95	105	36	87	69	302	230	130	156	389	2"	100	3"	1 1/8"	222	2000 Nm	8504258	8600448

table 3: Dimensioning
*from lenght L= 351mm there is no internal hexagon
SW = wrench size | ISK = internal hexagon

Subject to technical modifications

