

TRAINING MODULES FOR WATERWORKS PERSONNEL



Special Skills 3.3 h Handling, maintenance and repair

of hoisting gear

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Foreword

Even the greatest optimists are no longer sure that the goals of the UN "International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade", set in 1977 in Mar del Plata, can be achieved by 1990. High population growth in the Third World combined with stagnating financial and personnel resources have led to modifications to the strategies in cooperation with developing countries. A reorientation process has commenced which can be characterized by the following catchwords:

- use of appropriate, simple and if possible low-cost technologies,
- lowering of excessively high water-supply and disposal standards,
- priority to optimal operation and maintenance, rather than new investments,
- emphasis on institution-building and human resources development.

Our training modules are an effort to translate the last two strategies into practice. Experience has shown that a standardized training system for waterworks personnel in developing countries does not meet our partners' varying individual needs. But to prepare specific documents for each new project or compile them anew from existing materials on hand cannot be justified from the economic viewpoint. We have therefore opted for a flexible system of training modules which can be combined to suit the situation and needs of the target group in each case, and thus put existing personnel in a position to optimally maintain and operate the plant.

The modules will primarily be used as guidelines and basic training aids by GTZ staff and GTZ consultants in institution-building and operation and maintenance projects. In the medium term, however, they could be used by local instructors, trainers, plant managers and operating personnel in their daily work, as check lists and working instructions.

45 modules are presently available, each covering subject-specific knowledge and skills required in individual areas of waterworks operations, preventive maintenance and repair. Different combinations of modules will be required for classroom work, exercises, and practical application, to suit in each case the type of project, size of plant and the previous qualifications and practical experience of potential users.

Practical day-to-day use will of course generate hints on how to supplement or modify the texts. In other words: this edition is by no means a finalized version. We hope to receive your critical comments on the modules so that they can be optimized over the course of time.

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It is my sincere wish that these training modules will be put to successful use and will thus support world-wide efforts in improving water supply and raising living standards.

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Revised:

1. General guidelines for using hoisting gear

Hoisting gear and cranes which are new or which have undergone major modification may only be put into operation when the acceptance test has been carried out by a competent person in the case of stationary electric cable hoists or by an expert in the case of cranes (trolleys).

Competent persons include, for example, the manufacturers' service fitters; experts include, for example, members of TOV (German Technical Supervisory Authority) personnel.

The system may be operated only with the performance data as given on the rating plate.

The operator is required to maintain the system in a proper condition, to operate it correctly, to monitor it continuously and to carry out necessary maintenance and repair work without delay.

It is advisable to accommodate electric chain hoists operating out of doors under a small canopy roof which provides sufficient protection against the weather.

The equipment must not be allowed to impact against the ends of the track at full speed, because mechanical damage may result.

The accident prevention regulations stipulate that electrical hoists must not be used to pull a load at an angle; nor may they be used to pull or haul loads or to break them loose.

Phase failure or incorrect operation of the control unit (simultaneous actuation of opposite directions of movement) may lead to an undesired change of direction.

Recurring tests:

Information is contained in the "Basic principles for the testing of cranes", published by the Hauptverband der gewerblichen Berufsgenossenschaften (Confederation of Industrial Insurance Associations). It is recommended to have recurring tests performed by a competent person from the manufacturers.

2. <u>Maintenance of chain hoists</u>

2.1 Before any work is performed on an electric chain hoist, it must be ensured that it is not loaded and has been switched off at the mains.

The maintenance table specifies the parts and functions which must be checked regularly and the work to be performed at regular intervals. If faults are found they must be eliminated immediately. The intervals are geared to normal operating conditions. In the case of difficult operating conditions (e.g. multiple-shift operation) the intervals must be reduced accordingly:

		Months Daily		Upon commissioning	
1.	Operation of brakes		· X	X	
2.	Load chain (elongation and abrasion at joints)	•	x		
3.	Operation of emergency limit stop (slipping clutch)		×	x	
4.	Chain mounting	3		x	•
5.	Clean load chain and lubri- cate with low-viscosity grease (use lubricating var- nish if operated in dusty conditions)	3		x	
6.	Oil level (up to centre of oil sight glass)	12	ł	X	
7.	Screw connections, welds, traverse systems (running surfaces, wheel flanges, teeth, buffers, end stops)	12		×	
8.	Lubricate roller teeth with grease	12	• •	X	• .
9.	Load hook and suspension eye (deformation, cracks)	12	••••		
10.	Operation of slipping clutch with rated load	12	:		
11.	Oil change, hoisting mechanism	60			•
12.	Grease change, traverse mechanism	60			
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2.2 Maintenance work

Operation of the brakes, illustrated by a hoisting motor (Fig. 1) The brake lift travel (distance between inoperative position and operating position of motor shaft) is within the permissible tolerance as long as the motor shaft does not project out of the fan cowl when the motor is at a standstill.

If the motor shaft does project out of the fan cowl when the motor is at a standstill, the braking distance of the load will be greater and the brake lift travel must be adjusted.



Fan cowl
Circlip
Fan
Motor cover
Shim rings
Circlip
Brake disc
Woodruff key

Fig. 1: Hoisting motor

- Measure brake lift travel (switch off motor briefly)
- Determine number of shim rings (5) to be moved; it corresponds to the figure in front of the decimal point in the number which corresponds to the measured value in mm reduced by 1 (e.g. measured value 2.3 mm = 1 shim ring)
- Remove fan cowl (1)
- Remove circlip (2)
- Remove fan (3) and Woodruff key (8)
- Unscrew motor cover (4) (do not pull motor shaft with rotor out of motor!)
- Remove circlip (6), pull off shim rings (5) and brake disc (7)
- Fit the number of shim rings (5) determined in Point 2 on the motor shaft
- Fit brake disc (7) and remaining shim rings (5) on motor shaft; fit circlip (6)
- Install motor cover (4), fan (3) and fan cowl (1)

If all the shim rings have been moved and the motor shaft still projects out of the fan cowl when the motor is at a standstill, the brake disc must be replaced.

Load chain

The load chain is to be replaced immediately if the limit values given in the table (see manufacturer's data) are exceeded at any point in the chain. If a loud clicking is heard when the loaded chain runs over the chain sprocket or a guide pulley, not only the chain, but also the sprocket or pulley, must be checked for wear and replaced if necessary.

Replacement of load chain

- Lower chain until just before lowest hook position
- Release chain mounting and remove chain magazine if applicable
- Remove hook block/tackle and, if necessary, chain stop sprocket
- Allow load chain to run through until around 10 cm is left
- Attach new chain to short end of old chain and run it into the chain hoist. If there is no chain in the hoist, the new chain can be drawn in using a flexible wire which is pushed over the chain sprocket.
- Refit hook block/tackle and chain stop sprocket in reverse order to removal
 - If there is no chain magazine, attach chain stop sprocket to ninth link and last link of the non-loaded chain strand at the side chain mounting bolt
 - If there is a chain magazine, attach chain stop sprocket to penultimate link in loose chain strand

The first and last links of the chain must be perpendicular to the hoist with the weld facing outwards.

If, in the case of two-strand reeving, the chain mounting bolt is deformed or slightly worn, it must be replaced.



Adjusting the slipping clutch The clutch must be adjusted regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

The clutch must not be set to more than 1.25 times the rated load. If it can no longer be adjusted it must be replaced.

3. Maintenance and care of pullers

Despite the effective protection afforded by the steel housing, dust and dirt may enter through the opening in the top of the housing, the two openings for the wire rope and the crank shaft bearing. Particularly when working out of doors, therefore, the puller should not be placed on the ground, but always on a board, metal sheet or similar. If the wire rope becomes dirty, it must be cleaned with a cloth, or adhering mud and dirt otherwise removed, before it enters the device.

The device must be cleaned if it becomes extremely dirty. After opening the bottom flap, remove the worst of the dirt (blow out using compressed air), then rinse the device with kerosine or benzine and subsequently lubricate it.

Frequent and generous lubrication is essential to ensure that the puller operates properly. An excess of lubrication is never harmful and does not affect the grip of the clamping jaws on the wire rope. A lack of lubrication, however, will lead to operating problems as a result of wear, jamming and seizure at the bearing points.

We recommend that normal oil (SAE 20 - 50) be used for lubrication. The oil is poured into the device via the open bottom flap shown in Fig. 1 (5) of Module 2.3.h in a quantity sufficient to penetrate to all bearing points. Good lubrication of the clamping-jaw dogs, crank shaft bearings, spring guide pins and sliding points of the spring guide plates is particularly important. In order to help the oil to penetrate to the clamping-jaw dogs, the control handle (3) shown in Fig. 1 of Module 2.3.h is to be alternately pulled and released when lubricating the two clamping locks. When oiling the crank shaft bearings, the advance lever should be moved. In addition, the lubricating nipple on the crank shaft is to be provided with grease.

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Puller rope

The puller requires a special wire rope which can cope with the particular stresses imposed by the device, particularly the clamping jaw pressure which increases in proportion to the load. Ordinary wire ropes are deformed by the clamping-jaw pressure and cause operating malfunctions as a result of crushing in the device. Only the special rope developed for the puller should therefore be used. It is of a double-layer design and is given a particularly reinforced structure by means of an additional manufacturing operation.

An important role in maintenance is played by the regular lubrication of all sliding parts at the correct time.

4 Repairs and spare parts

Repairs should if possible be carried out by specialist personell. Only in this way can proper repair and functioning of hoisting gear be ensured; the high quality of the equipment is maintained.

During the warranty period, warranty claims can be entertained only if repairs are carried out by manufacturer or by personnel authorized by him.

Spare parts

When spare parts are being ordered the information given below must be stated, for only then can the correct parts be supplied:

1. Type and serial number of the hoist

2. Designation and number of the parts (given in the spare-parts list)

Special instructions apply as regards inspection works on controllers; the VDE (Association of German Electrical Engineers) guidelines must also be observed in this case.



Changing the oil

- 1. Drain off old oil while still warm.
- 2. Pour in new oil. The oil level is correct when it reaches oil level plug 1.2 when the chain hoist is horizontal.

5. Safety instructions

The safety instructions issued by the manufacturer and by the relevant professional insurance association must be observed for every type of hoisting gear.

In general, it must be borne in mind that a chain link can snap or a brake fail etc even if the system receives optimum care and maintenance. Provision must be made for such occurrences; no-one should therefore ever work underneath a suspended load or even walk underneath it.

If work has to be carried out on a suspended load, it must be secured by means of a scaffold or timber beams.

It is particularly important not to overload the equipment and, as mentioned at the outset, to observe the data given on the rating plate.



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