

Instructions for the use of: Bar Clamps

The information in this leaflet must be passed to the user of the equipment, who must be suitably trained in the use of this equipment

This document is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, amended March 1988 and the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (Machinery Directive). It provides instruction to the user with regards to the care and safe use of BAR CLAMPS

This information is of a general nature only covering the main points for the safe use of Bar Clamps. It may be necessary to supplement this information for specific applications.

ALWAYS:

- Ensure the operator is properly trained to use bar clamps
- Store and handle all bar clamp components correctly.
- Inspect all bar clamp components before use and before placing into storage.
- Ensure the load placed on the bar clamp does not exceed the WLL.
- Ensure the bar clamp is positioned so that the load is applied in the vertical plane.
- Ensure any fittings are properly secured to the bar clamp
- Ensure fixings are the correct size for the bar clamp

NEVER:

- Overload bar clamps
- Use any component that is damaged or unfit for purpose
- Subject Bar Clamps to a shock load
- Expose Bar Clamps to chemicals, particularly acidic or strong alkali conditions without consulting the supplier

Storing and Handling Bar Clamps

Never return damaged Bar Clamps to storage. They should be clean and, where necessary, protected from corrosion.

Do not attempt to alter, modify or repair any of the Bar Clamp components but refer such matters to a Competent Person or the Manufacturer

Using Bar Clamps Safely

Ensure that all nuts, bolts etc are fitted correctly and have the fixings correctly installed

Bar Clamps should not be subject to a shock load – if this occurs, the bar clamp must be withdrawn from service immediately and referred to a Competent Person for thorough examination

In-service Inspection and Maintenance

Regularly inspect Bar Clamps and, in the event of the following defects, refer the bar clamp to a Competent Person for thorough examination: illegible markings; distorted, worn or damaged parts.

In the case of re-selling and/or hire of equipment, this information must be passed onto the end user

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