

**WARNING**

Before putting tool in service, take the manual to your supervisor.



**RENFROE™**

# MODEL NM CLAMP

APPLICATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL





## Model NM Clamp Operator's Manual

This Operator's Manual covers the application, operation, and maintenance of this RENFROE™ product. Operator's Manuals for other current RENFROE products are available upon request.



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## WARNING

Prior to selection, operation, and/or maintenance of RENFROE products, read and understand the information provided in this manual.

The understanding and use of the definitions are important in determining the limitations and proper application of RENFROE products.

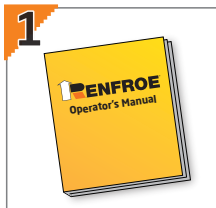
Failure to review and utilize recommended applications, operation, and maintenance instructions may result in serious injury to operator and others.

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# RENFROE™ Clamp Operator



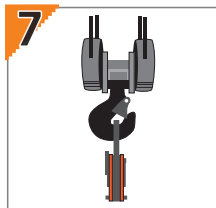
**DO** read and understand the Operator's Manual before using clamp.



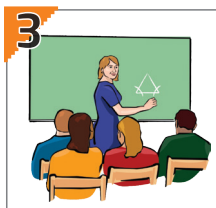
**DON'T** use a connection that may release the clamp.



**DO** consult the Operators Manual or RENFROE when in doubt.



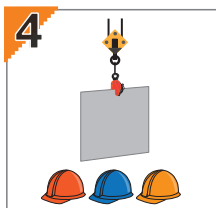
**DON'T** attach clamp directly to crane hook or use a heavy flexible connection.



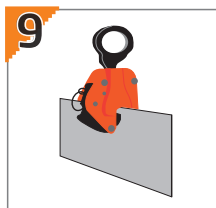
**DO** attend a RENFROE factory training class to establish proper clamp use.



**DO** use a flexible connection between crane hook and clamp shackle.



**DON'T** lift over workers, safety areas, or personnel.



**DO** use correct clamp for job; **DON'T** use large capacity clamps to lift light loads.

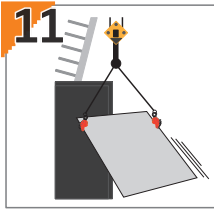


**DO** lock clamp closed with lock; **DON'T** lift with lock in open position.

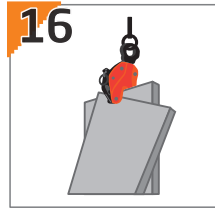


**DO** use clamps within their rated capacity; **DON'T** overload clamps.

# Operation Do's and Don'ts



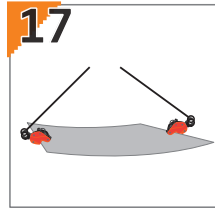
**11** **DO** use enough clamps to balance load; **DON'T** lift loads that are not balanced.



**16** **DON'T** rush—and **DON'T** lift more than one plate at a time with a vertical clamp.



**12** **DO** always refer to pre-lift inspection in Operator's Manual.



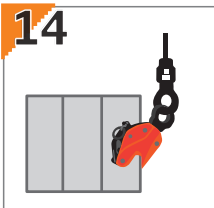
**17** **DON'T** lift plate horizontally with a vertical lift only clamp.



**13** **DO** inspect clamp before each lift and follow inspection & maintenance instructions.



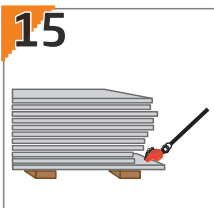
**18** **DON'T** alter the clamp; **DON'T** grind, weld or modify the clamp in any manner.



**14** **DON'T** side load with a straight shackle clamp.



**19** **DO** secure load before attaching clamp.



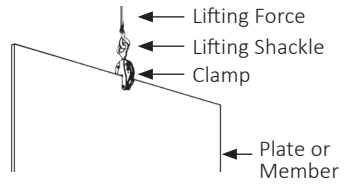
**15** **DON'T** misuse (i.e. **DON'T** lift plate from bottom of plate stack).



**20** **DO** use only RENFROE replacement parts to assure proper operation of the clamp.

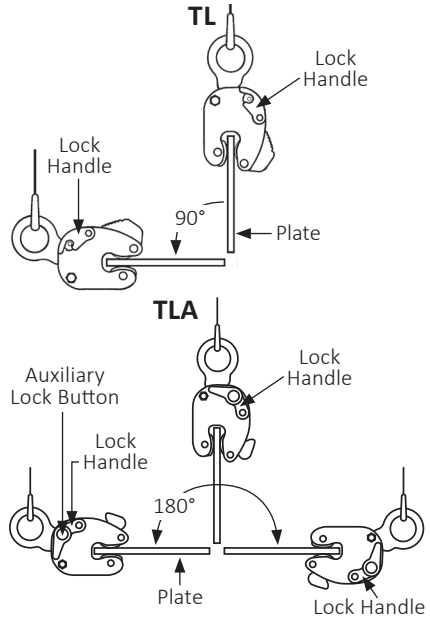
## Vertical Lift

The lifting of a single plate or member in which the lifting force exerted by the rigging is directly above and in line with the lifting shackle as shown in the illustration on the right.



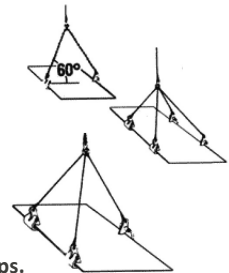
## Vertical Turn/Lift

A vertical turn/lift clamp is a vertical lifting clamp specifically intended to turn a single plate or member through a ninety degree (90°) arc and back to vertical through the same ninety degree (90°) arc or from horizontal to vertical to horizontal through a one hundred and eighty degree (180°) arc. Refer to Application Section of specific Turn/Lift clamps for further detail. During the turning operation, the edge of the plate opposite the edge to which the clamp is attached should always be in contact with a supporting surface such as a factory floor and the load on the clamp not exceed one half rated capacity of clamp—refer to illustrations shown on the right.



## Horizontal Lift

Clamps (used in pairs or multiples) are attached to the side edges of a plate or bundle of plates positioned horizontally to the floor level. The rigging attached to clamps is generally multi-legged slings with the connecting point of the slings being approximately centered between the distance separating the clamps. Refer to illustrations shown on the right. **WARNING: The capacity of all horizontal clamps is based on a sling angle of sixty degrees (60°). Sling angles less than sixty degrees (60°) increase the load exerted on the clamps. Never exceed the rated capacity of a single clamp.**



## Steel Plates

Unless otherwise specified, lifting clamps are manufactured to handle hot-rolled steel plates whose Brinell Hardness does not exceed 300. **WARNING: Do not lift plates with coatings or mill scale that prevent the gripping surfaces of the clamp from making positive contact with the base metal.**

## Finished and Polished Plates

Steel plates in this category have other than hot-rolled surfaces such as stainless steel, etc., and are generally handled using non-marring clamp that incorporate smooth-gripping surfaces. **WARNING: For applications using clamps with serrated gripping surfaces on finished or polished plates, secure written recommendations from CALDWELL/RENFROE.**

## Structural Members Fabricated Sections

Unless otherwise specified, clamps described as capable of handling structural members and fabricated sections are limited to hot-rolled steel whose Brinell Hardness does not exceed 300. **WARNING: For applications not covered by the above information, secure written recommendations from CALDWELL/RENFROE.**

## Rated Capacity

The rated capacity of a RENFROE product is based on the product being in “new or as new” condition and represents the maximum load the product is to be subjected to when utilized in the manner described in this manual. Wear, misuse, abuse, and other factors relating to usage may reduce the rated capacity. Shock loading and the factors listed must be taken into consideration when selecting a RENFROE product for a given application.

## Plate Thickness

The minimum and maximum plate/wall thickness a clamp specified for handling plates is capable of lifting. **WARNING: Never use a clamp for lifting a plate where the plate/wall thickness is less than or greater than the minimum and maximum stenciled on the clamp.**

For applications not covered by the above information, secure written recommendations from CALDWELL/RENFROE.

## Jaw Opening

The minimum and maximum plate/wall thickness a clamp specified for handling plates is capable of lifting. **WARNING: Never use a clamp for lifting a plate where the plate/wall thickness is less than or greater than the minimum and maximum stenciled on the clamp.**

## Operating Temperatures

Unless specified under the Application Section of the individual model, the approved operating temperature of RENFROE clamps is from 0°F (-18°C) to a maximum of 200°F (93°C). The minimum and maximum temperatures apply to both ambient and the material being handled by the clamp. **WARNING: Secure written authorization from CALDWELL/RENFROE before using clamps in temperatures other than shown.**

## Hot Lifts

The Model R and S clamps are available in modifications that are capable of making lifts where the temperatures of the member being lifted exceeds 200°F (93°C). Depending on conditions, a lift may exceed 1000°F (538°C). The exact application and temperatures of the plates to be handled are critical in selecting the proper mode. **WARNING: Secure written instructions from CALDWELL/RENFROE for all hot lift applications.**

## Locking Clamps

Locking clamps are divided into the categories listed below. With the exception of the “Locking Wedge” and “Locking Screw” type, the purpose of the locks is to facilitate the attaching and removing of the clamp from the member being handled.

## Lock Closed

An over-center, spring-loaded mechanism in which the spring exerts a force on the gripping cam when the lock handle is moved to the “Lock Closed” position. When the handle is moved to unlocked position, the force exerted by the spring is relaxed and the gripping cam may be retracted by pushing the lifting shackle into body of clamp. Refer to the Operation Section of specific models of “Lock Closed” clamps for additional details. Typical “Lock Closed” clamps are Models DG, FR, and M.



## Lock Open Only

Normally used on “Hot Lift” clamps and consists of a manually operated “Lock Stop Pin” that is inserted when gripping cam of clamp is retracted and removed when clamp is positioned on the plate. Tag line may be used to permit operator to remove pin from a greater distance from clamp. Refer to the Operation Section of specific model of “Lock Open Only” clamps for additional details. A typical “Lock Open Only” clamp is the Model RO.

## Lock Closed-Lock Open

An over-center, spring-loaded mechanism in which the spring exerts a force on the gripping cam when the lock handle is moved to the “Lock Closed” position. When the handle is moved to the “Lock Open” position, the gripping cam is maintained in the retracted position for ease in installing the clamp on a plate or member. The Model FRD contains individual “Lock Open” and “Lock Closed” mechanisms that must be operated separately. Refer to the Operation Section of specific models of the “Lock Open-Lock Closed” clamps for additional details. Typical “Lock Open-Lock Closed” clamps are Models FRD, R, S, SD, SEA, SX, TL, TLA, TLC, and the J Series.

## Locking Wedge

Locking wedge is a fluted steel wedge that is driven in place with a hammer. The body of the wedge is positioned in a slot in the clamp body with the fluted edges contacting the member to which the clamp is being attached. Refer to Operation Section of specific models of the “Locking Wedge” clamps for additional details. Typical “Locking Wedge” clamps are Model A1, B1, B2, and PB.

## Locking Screw

“Lock Screw” clamps depend on manually adjusting a screw to hold the gripping surface in place for lifting and removing the clamp from member being lifted. Refer to Operation Section of a specific model of “Locking Screw” clamps for additional details. Typical “Locking Screw” clamps are Models AC, ACP, NM, PC, SCP, and SCPA.

## Non-Locking

“Non-Locking” clamps have no mechanisms to aid in attaching or removing clamp from member being lifted. It is necessary to have position of clamp maintained on the member being lifted until a properly applied force is exerted to the lifting shackle. Refer to Operation Section of specific models of the “Non-Locking” clamps for additional details. Typical “Non-Locking” clamps are Model AST, ASTL, BD, LHC, LHD, and WHSR.

## Warning

A pointing out and notice of danger. The purpose of a “WARNING” is to apprise the operator and all other affected persons of the existence of danger of which they should be but may not be aware and to enable the operator to protect themselves and others where applicable against such danger. An attempt is made herein to warn against reasonable and reasonably foreseeable danger in the proper use and possible reasonable misuse of CALDWELL/ RENFROE products described in this manual.

## Designated Person

A person selected by the employer or the employer’s representative as being competent to perform those specific duties.

## Qualified Person

A person who, by possession of a recognized degree in an applicable field or certificate of professional standing, or who, by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve problems relating to the subject matter at hand.



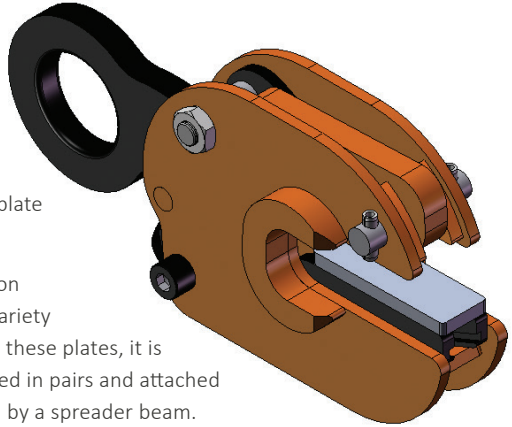
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## Model NM Locking Screw Clamp Series

The Model NM clamp (non-marring) is manufactured with smooth gripping surfaces to prevent marring when gripping stainless steel, copper, aluminum and other polished metal plates. An adjusting screw is used to compensate for various thicknesses of plate and attaching the clamp to the plate.



Refer to Definitions pages for explanation of “Screw Locking” clamp. Due to the variety of conditions that may exist in handling these plates, it is recommended that these clamps be used in pairs and attached to a chain or wire rope sling, supported by a spreader beam. Refer to Illustrations below.

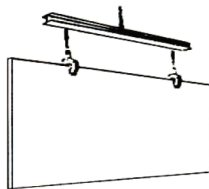
The Model NM is supplied with stainless steel gripping surfaces and is available with steel or bronze upon request. The Model NM may be used to turn plates from horizontal to the vertical and back through the same 90° arc. When used in this manner, the clamp must be positioned with the adjusting screw and wedge on the underneath side of the plate or on the side of the plate next to the floor level.

The Model NM is not intended for use in transportation of plates using mobile equipment where shocking of the load may occur. For an exploded view of the clamp parts, turn to page 25.

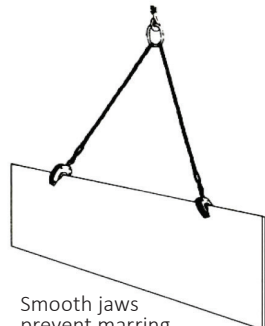
**WARNING: Refer to the sections on Operation and Maintenance for the approved procedures in the operation and maintenance of this product.**



Recommended for use in pairs.



A spreader may be employed for easy handling and positioning.



Smooth jaws prevent marring of polished plates.

## Model NM Locking Screw Clamp Series

### STEP 1

Before using any RENFROE clamp, refer to the Application section to confirm the operation to be undertaken is an appropriate application for this product.

### STEP 2

Select a clamp with appropriate capacity and plate thickness. The model designation, capacity, and plate thickness are stenciled on each clamp. **WARNING: Never exceed rated capacity or use on plates that are not within the range of plate thickness stenciled on the clamp. Lift only one plate on each lift.**

Always use a clamp with maximum plate thickness and rated capacity near equal to the thickness and weight of the plate being lifted. **WARNING: Make certain the beam the clamp is attached to is capable of supporting the rated capacity of the clamp.**

### STEP 3

Inspect clamp before each lift. **WARNING: Do not use if in need of repair.**

If in doubt, refer to the Maintenance section for detailed maintenance instructions and exploded view of the clamp for part identification.

- A. Inspect gripping surfaces for wear and defects. Gripping surfaces must be clean and free of defects or distortions.
- B. Adjusting wedge screw should turn freely by hand—binding could indicate damage that would impair proper application of the clamp.
- C. Inspect operation of linkages and lifting shackle. All components should move freely—binding indicates damaged parts. Check for bent shackle and elongation of shackle eye.
- D. Inspect condition of body for wear and damage; cam pin holes for elongation; and jaw opening for distortion, fractures and excessive wear caused by overloading or excessive side loading.
- E. Inspect for worn or distorted pins and loose body bolts.
- F. Inspect adjusting wedge hold down and retaining bolts. Bolts must be secure.
- G. Remove any clamp from service in need of repair.

**STEP 4**

The clamp is a component of the rigging used in lifting or transporting a plate. It is important to use safe and adequate rigging. The lock is used to hold the clamp in place until the gripping mechanism is actuated by a force applied to the lifting shackle. **WARNING: Improper or excessively heavy rigging may interfere with the operation of the clamp and its ability to maintain a proper position on the plate. Never attach crane hook directly to the clamp—always use a flexible sling between crane hook and clamp.**

**STEP 5**

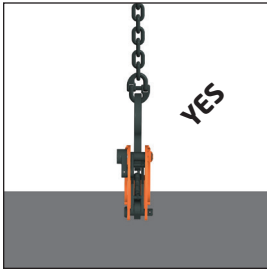
Install clamp on plate to be lifted. When clamp is used for lifting plate from horizontal to vertical, the adjusting screw and wedge must be positioned on underside of plate.



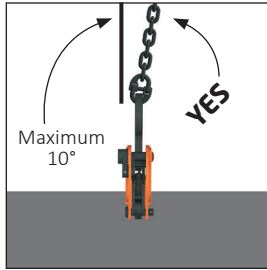
**STEP 6**

Position clamp so direction of force applied by crane is in line with the lifting shackle.

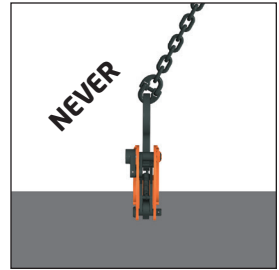
**WARNING: Never exceed 10° side loading.**



Sling directly above and in-line with the lifting shackle.



Maximum allowable side loading.



Excessive side loading.



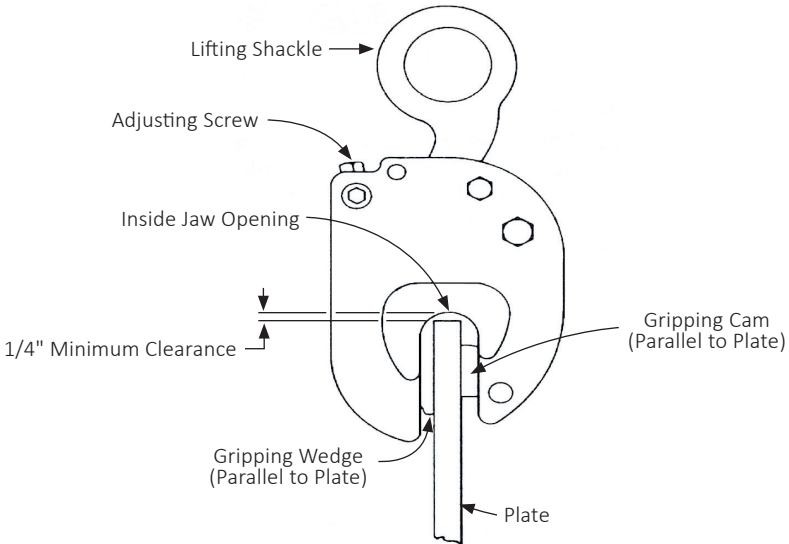
Clamps in-line with sling.



Clamps not in-line with sling.

**STEP 7**

Move lifting shackle to the maximum retracted position (toward body of clamp). Turn adjusting screw until adjusting wedge and gripping cam are parallel and firmly against the surfaces of the plate. Maintain 1/4" clearance between the inside of the jaw opening and the edge of the plate.



**STEP 8**

With both gripping surfaces parallel to the plate and the gripping cam fully engaging the plate, tighten the adjusting screw an additional 3/4 turn using proper sized non-adjustable wrench. The clamp should be firmly attached to the plate and able to hold its position. Check attachment by exerting force on the lifting shackle. If clamp position moves, the clamp is not properly attached. **WARNING: Do not over-tighten the adjusting screw.**



**STEP 9**

Commence lift. **WARNING: The operator should position himself away from and fully clear of the member to be lifted. Do not commence lift until all personnel are clear of the area of the lift. Never stand under or near a member being lifted.**





**STEP 10**

To remove clamp after plate is fully supported and at rest in a stable position, relax the lifting force. Loosen adjusting screw, and manually move gripping cam to “Open” position by actuating the lifting shackle. Remove clamp from plate.

**STEP 11**

Inspect clamp. Remove from service if in need of repair. **WARNING: In the event the stenciling is worn and not legible or the tag containing the model, capacity or other pertinent information is missing—do not use clamp until it has been properly labeled.**

Inspection kits are available from the distributor or RENFROE. Kit contains:



Lifting Clamp Inspection Report

Inventory and Maintenance Record

Danger Tag

Inspection Stickers

RENFROE clamps are constructed so the wearing parts may be replaced by using the RENFROE Repair Kits. Kits contain all parts generally replaced due to normal wear. To order a repair kit, talk to your distributor or call us at 800.628.4263 or 815.229.5667.



## Model NM Locking Screw Clamp Series

The severity of service to which the clamp is subjected in the workplace determines the frequency and type of inspection procedure required for the clamp. The frequency and type of inspection is determined by the clamp owner. RENFROE acknowledges the ASME B30.20 safety standard which sets forth minimum inspection requirements for “Below-the-Hook” lifting devices and the RENFROE Recommended Inspection Schedule meets and/or exceeds the ASME inspection recommendations.

**Before using a clamp, operators should be trained by a qualified person to visually inspect a lifting clamp that will include, but not be limited to, the following:**

### Every-Lift Inspection:

A visual inspection by the operator before and after each lift made by the clamp.

- Check the clamp to be certain the identification and warning tags are present and legible.
- Do not use the clamp if the tags are missing or illegible.
- Inspect the condition of the body for wear, damage, and distortion, particularly in the area of the jaw opening.
- Inspect lifting shackle and all pin holes for wear and damage.
- Remove any clamp from service in need of repair.



### Choose Factory Refurbish & Recertification

Do you currently offer clamp refurbishing and recertifications? Count on CALDWELL/RENFROE to handle refurbishments in total for you or to supplement your in-house capabilities. To begin the quote process or learn more about the program, call our customer service department. We'll explain how things work and get you started right away. If requested, we can also provide a certificate of proof test.

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**WARNING: Do not use the clamp if in need of repair.** If, during the Every-Lift Inspection, the operator believes the clamp exhibits excessively worn parts or is damaged, the clamp should be inspected by a qualified person who will make a determination as to its fitness to make a lift. At this time, the condition of the clamp should be noted and recorded. After inspection by the qualified person, it may be decided that a periodic inspection procedure is necessary.

**Frequent Inspection:**

A visual inspection (see Every-Lift Inspection) by an operator or other designated person timed according to the clamps service class.

Normal Service	Monthly
Heavy Service	Weekly to Monthly
Severe Service	Daily to Weekly

If, during the frequent inspection, the operator believes the clamp exhibits excessively worn parts or is damaged, the clamp should be inspected by a qualified person who will make a determination as to its fitness to make a lift. At this time, the condition of the clamp should be noted and recorded. After inspection by the qualified person, it may be decided that a periodic inspection procedure is necessary.

**Periodic Inspection:**

A recorded inspection by a qualified person as described in the Periodic Inspection Procedure below timed according to the clamps service class.

Normal Service	Annual
Heavy Service	Semi-Annual
Severe Service	Quarterly

If during any inspection a condition is found which leads to a periodic inspection, then the next periodic inspection is due from the time the clamp is returned to service. See the table below.

Normal Service	1 Year
Heavy Service	6 Months
Severe Service	3 Months

**WARNING: If any hazardous condition is found that may cause injury to the operator or other personnel, then the clamp should be subjected to a Periodic Inspection by a qualified person.**

### Repair (Replacement of Worn Parts):

During regular maintenance, when replacing parts that are worn, a record should be made of the parts replaced. After the replacement of worn parts, clamps need not be load tested if using RENFROE parts. Non-RENFROE parts are not approved and shall not be used.

### Repair (Replacement of Damaged Parts):

During a repair in which parts are replaced due to damage, a record should be made of the repair. At this time, the clamp should be marked with the following information as per the ASME B30.20 requirements:

- Name and address of the repairer
- Repairer's unit identification
- Clamp weight (if altered)
- Rated load (if altered)
- ASME BTH-1 Design Category (if altered)
- ASME BTH-1 Service Class (if altered)

### RFID

Some RENFROE clamps are fitted with an RFID chip and can be clearly identified by means of an ID number. This can be captured using the RUD ID EASY-CHECK® (reading device) and transferred to the EYE-D.NET system, for example. The latter application assists you in managing and documenting your components.

Further information can be found online or from your RENFROE contact.



## RENFROE Clamps 101: Repair, Rebuild, or Replace?

Know your options when you find a lifting clamp that's showing wear on the CALDWELL blog here:

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## Model NM Periodic Inspection Procedures

### STEP 1

Verify the identity of the clamp by checking the identification plate on the clamp body. If the identification plate is missing or not legible, an RFID chip (Radio Frequency Identification Device) is embedded in the clamp body or a clamp component. If the identification plate is missing and the RFID chip is unavailable, call the factory for instructions on returning the clamp for recertification.

### STEP 2

Completely disassemble clamp.

### STEP 3

Remove all dirt, grease, and other matter that may inhibit proper inspection of the clamp body or clamp components.

### STEP 4

Body:

- A. Inspect welds, internal surfaces, and external surfaces for fractures and distortions. RENFROE recommends a dye penetrate or similar method of detecting indications on the clamp. If an indication is found, it may be necessary to use a magnetic particle, ultrasonic, or similar methods for determining damage to the clamp or components.
- B. Inspect pin holes for wear and elongation.
- C. Inspect inside jaw opening for displaced metal and distortion. **WARNING: Replace clamps containing fractures, elongated holes, distorted jaw openings, and metal in jaw opening displaced by excessive wear or side loading.**

### STEP 5

Lifting Shackle (NM-1 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect lifting shackle eye for elongation and wear at point where the eye engages the sling attachment.
- B. Inspect lifting shackle pin hole for wear and elongation.
- C. Inspect lifting shackle body for bending.

An elongated shackle eye indicates overloading. Elongated shackle pin holes indicate wear and possible overloading. Bent shackle indicates excessive side-loading. **WARNING: Replace shackles that are bent, show excessive wear at eye, have elongated eye, or shackle pin holes.**

**STEP 6**

Connecting Links (NM-3 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect links for elongated holes, wear, and fractures. **WARNING: Replace links with elongated holes, fractures, or show wear.**

**STEP 7**

Body Bolts (NM-4 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect body bolts for wear and damage. Check tightness. Tighten when necessary.
- B. When replacing body bolt, tighten bolt and nut and centerpunch bolt and nut at thread joint to lock nut in place. **WARNING: Replace body bolt, nut and sleeve if worn or damaged.**

**STEP 8**

Connecting Link Spacer Sleeve (NM-5 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect sleeve for fractures and wear. **WARNING: Replace if fractured or worn.**

**STEP 9**

Adjusting Wedge Assembly and Wedge Hold Down (NM-6 and NM-13 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect screw block and adjusting screw for thread damage.
- B. Inspect surface of adjusting wedge. It must be smooth, free of fractures, and the surface flat and parallel to the gripping surface of the cam grip.
- C. Inspect wedge hold-down and guiding slots in the wedge for distortion and wear. Hold-down should permit wedge to slide freely. Retaining bolt and nut must be tightened. Refer to exploded view. **WARNING: Replace adjusting wedge assemblies with distorted threads, hold-down guides, and damaged gripping surfaces. Replace worn or distorted wedge hold-down.**

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You never know ... we might make you famous on our blog or social media pages!

**STEP 10**

Wedge Screw Assembly (NM-7 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect adjusting wedge screw and threads for distortion.
- B. Inspect head of adjusting wedge screw for distortion and wear.
- C. Inspect adjusting wedge screw for bending.

Adjusting wedge screw should turn freely (by hand) when assembled to the adjusting wedge assembly. If binding occurs, lubrication may be required. During assembly, insert lubricant in threaded hole before installing screw. Recommended lubricant is powdered graphite or Molybdenum Disulfide grease. If binding remains after lubrication, it is an indication of a bent screw or distorted threads. These conditions are caused by overloading or over-tightening the adjusting wedge screw. Distortion or wear of the adjusting wedge screw head is generally caused by over-tightening or use of an improper tool. When attaching the clamp to a plate, the adjusting wedge screw should be hand tightened as firmly as possible and a wrench used for the final 3/4 turn. **WARNING: Replace bent screws, those with distorted or worn heads and distorted threads.**

**STEP 11**

Pins (NM-2, NM-8, NM-9, NM-11 and NM-15 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect all pins for:
  1. Distortion
  2. Surface blemishes
  3. Wear
  4. Fractures

**WARNING: Replace pins that are distorted, have surface scars, are worn, or contain fractures.**

**STEP 12**

Cam Grip (NM-12 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect surface of cam grip. It must be smooth, free of fractures, and the surface flat and parallel to the gripping surfaces of the adjusting wedge.
- B. Inspect pin holes for elongation and wear.
- C. Cam grip must pivot freely with cam link. **WARNING: Replace cam grips with worn or elongated pin holes, and those with damaged gripping surfaces.**

## STEP 13

Cam Link (NM-14 in parts diagrams on page 25):

- A. Inspect cam link for fractures, wear, distortion, and elongated holes. Wear is most prevalent at areas where cam engages link pin (NM-15) and at pin holes. Refer to exploded view. **WARNING: Replace body bolt, nut, and sleeve if worn or damaged.**

## STEP 14

After reassembly, check operation of clamp. All parts should move freely without binding. Refer to exploded view for proper location of component parts. **WARNING: All retaining pins and fasteners must be in place.**

## GENERAL

RENFROE products may be returned to the factory for inspection and refurbishment in accordance with an established fee schedule.

Use only RENFROE replacement parts to insure maximum efficiency and safety factor originally built into the product. Refer to CALDWELL Customer Service for instructions on ordering replacement parts.

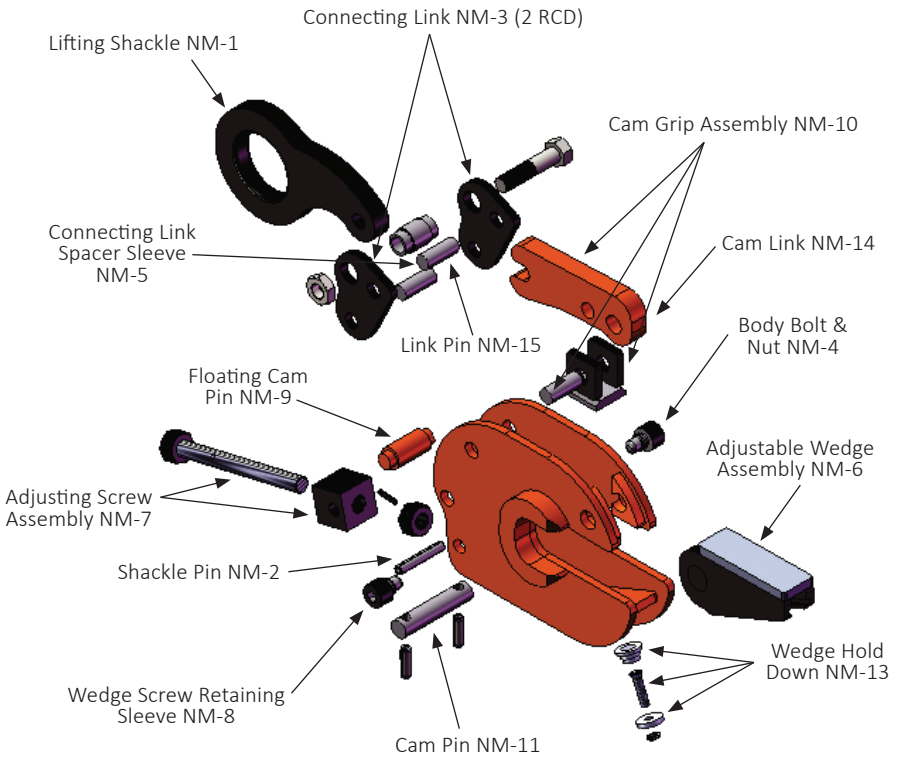
**WARNING: Do not weld, grind, or modify the clamp body or component parts in any manner. In the event the stenciling is worn and not legible or the tag containing the model, capacity, or other pertinent information is missing, do not use clamp until it has been properly labeled. Learn more about RENFROE Inspection Kits on page 17.**



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# 5 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR CLAMP INVESTMENT

1

**Inspect clamps per ASME B30.20 standards.** A visual *Every Lift Inspection* is required each time the clamp is used. A more in-depth *Frequent Inspection* can be required daily, weekly or monthly, depending on the clamp's service class. And, recorded *Periodic Inspections* can be required quarterly, semi-annually or yearly, depending on service class.

2

**Establish a good maintenance protocol.** Ensure all employees know how inspections work. Provide them with adequate time and training to perform those inspections. Clearly identify requirements and get your safety team involved with ongoing monitoring of the program to make sure it continues as designed.

3

**Know when to repair, rebuild or replace.** Know your options when you find a lifting clamp that's showing wear.

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4

**Use RENFROE Rebuild Kits to replace wear parts.** Factory-built replacement parts offer you the best outcome when a replacement of a wear part is needed.

5

**Refurbish and recertify clamps at the RENFROE Service Center.** To begin the quote process or learn more about the program, call our customer service department. We'll explain how things work and get you started. If requested, we can also provide a certificate of proof test. **Call us at 800.628.4263.**

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