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Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops

Ancon LinkPro fibre-cored/steel-cored lifting loops help to facilitate the safe and efficient handling of precast and prestressed reinforced concrete units, including bridge and shell beams.

The Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loop system consists of a range of loops in 12 load classes with working loads reaching from 10t - 65t.

Each Ancon LinkPro loop is manufactured from galvanized, high strength, 1770MPa grade fibre-cored/steel-cored steel wire rope, joined with a swaged ferrule and fitted with a colour-coded tag detailing the product code, working load limit (WLL) and batch number. A colour-coded painted section, designed to be left exposed after installation, provides a visual check that the correct embedment depth has been achieved.

- Safe, reliable, fully engineered solution
- Suitable for axial and diagonal lifting
- Colour-coded for WLL visual check
- Manufactured from corrosion resistant galvanised steel
- No specialist lifting clutches or equipment required
- No recess formers required
- Suitable for use with standard lifting hooks/shackles
- Thimbles available for applications, where standard lifting equipment does not meet requirements
Design Considerations
Ancon LinkPro applications should be engineered to meet the requirements of relevant standards, e.g. AS 3600, AS 3850 for building elements, AS 5100 for bridge elements and TMR MRTS73 for prestressed concrete members, taking into consideration the rigging, element dimensions, weight, concrete strength, reinforcing etc.

System Benefits
Ancon LinkPro provides a safe, reliable, fully engineered solution for the handling of large precast concrete units used in the civil engineering sector. Ancon LinkPro is easily installed, without recess formers, ready for direct connection to standard lifting hooks and shackles.

Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops are suitable for axial and diagonal lifting, with a maximum sling angle of 60° at the hook (maximum 30° to the vertical line), from manufacture until final installation of the precast concrete element.

The multi-stranded, fibre-cored/steel-cored construction of Ancon LinkPro features small diameter outer wires (see table for details), which generate low bending stresses when loaded.

When shackle pins are used in high load designed applications, we recommend a diameter not less than 3.5 times the rope diameter d, see page 9 for further information.

For further information, please contact the Leviat Technical Team for engineered lifting design guidance.
Ancon LinkPro Range, Colour Codes and Dimensions

The Table below shows the dimensions of the Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops.

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Ancon LinkPro Working Load Limits

The Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loop design includes a factor of safety of 3.0, which exceeds the requirements of AS 3850.

Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops can also be used for applications that require a Factor of Safety (FoS) of 4.0.

The table on the left shows the Working Load Limits (WLL) for Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops for factors of safety of 3.0 and 4.0.

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Concrete Capacity Design
Like all other lifting anchors the Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops depend on the tension capacity of the surrounding concrete. When being exposed to tension they activate a cone of concrete. For unrestricted concrete cones with a width of at least 3 times $h_{ef}$, the tension capacity is calculated using the Concrete Capacity Design (CCD) Method as specified in Appendix B of AS 3850.1:2015:

$$N_{b,c}^0 = k_{cr} \sqrt{f_{\text{lift}} h_{ef}^2}$$

where

- $k_{cr}$ = Factor relating to the condition of concrete
  - 13 – non cracked concrete
  - 10 – cracked concrete
- $f_{\text{lift}}$ = characteristic compressive strength of the concrete at time of lift (MPa)
- $h_{ef}$ = effective embedment depth of the insert (mm) – see table on page 6

Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops are often used in slender concrete members, so that the full cone capacity cannot be activated.

The following table shows the minimum width of the concrete member and the required edge spacing that is required to achieve the required Working Load Limit of the Lifting Loop. The values are based on an end spacing $c = 1.5h_{ef}$ and an anchor spacing $s = 3.0h_{ef}$, which means that the concrete cone is un-restricted in the longitudinal direction of the beam and only restricted in the direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

### Minimum Precast Element Dimensions for lifting at 30MPa

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The dimensions in the table above are based on non-cracked concrete, the design relies on the concrete cone only, no effect from supplementary reinforcement is taken into consideration. For concrete members that do not allow the development of the required concrete cone, please refer to page 8 for recommendations on supplementary reinforcement.
Design of Supplementary Reinforcement

In many cases the size of the concrete member is too small to allow for a sufficient concrete cone capacity. In these cases, a design of supplementary reinforcement according to EN 1992-4 – Design of fastening for use in concrete can be done utilising the existing shear reinforcement in the concrete member.

The reinforcement should be evenly distributed in the critical zone either side of a loop over the critical zone width $z = 1.5 h_{ef}$.

Minimum Required Supplementary Reinforcement within Critical Zone

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<th>Part Number</th>
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*All cross sections based on Grade 500N reinforcement bar in accordance with AS/NZS 4671

- The preferred shape for supplementary reinforcement is closed stirrups. Other types of bars like stirrups that are not closed in the first cast to work as a connection to a consecutive cast, might not be fully developed and might only be partially effective.
- The development length of reinforcement bars depends on the concrete strength at the time of lift. A concrete strength of 30MPa is recommended.

All reinforcement must be developed in the concrete member (below the concrete crack) and in the concrete cone (above the concrete crack formed by the anchor). The required cross section in the table above assumes that the supplementary reinforcement is fully developed. If the design shear reinforcing of the precast element $A_s$ is less than $A_{s,min}$ shown in the table, additional reinforcement e.g. harpins, stirrups or hooked bars should be added to increase the area to $A_{s,min}$. The ties should be evenly and closely spaced around the Ancon LinkPro loop at approximately 50mm spacing while complying with bar spacing requirements of relevant design standards.

Reinforcement should be designed by the lifting design engineer, detailed on the shop drawings and placed in accordance with the approved lifting design. Where additional reinforcement is required, ensure it is not in contact with the swaged ferrule.

In the transverse installation, if any bars need to be cut to install the loop, they should be replaced by bars of the same size and lapped in accordance with the relevant design standard.

For applications which fall outside the scope of the table, please contact the Leviat Technical Team for design guidance.
Installation, Lifting and Handling

Pre-Installation
Store to avoid any damage to loops. Check Ancon LinkPro for defects prior to casting. Loops with evidence of mechanical damage, kinking, broken or unravelled wires, crushing, wear, corrosion or other serious damage should be discarded. If in doubt, contact Leviat.

Installation
Carefully place Ancon LinkPro in its correctly measured position between the reinforcement, with the swaged ferrule at the bottom and the coloured section and WLL tag left exposed at the top. Tie to the reinforcement to minimise movement during casting. Ensure the swaged ferrule does not come into contact with the reinforcing bars or prestressing strand.

Ancon LinkPro should be placed and aligned either parallel (longitudinal installation) or perpendicular (transverse installation) to the direction of the expected load in accordance with the shop drawings, as approved by the lifting design engineer. The specified loop capacities, embedment depths, spacing and edge distances should be strictly adhered to. During installation, take care not to damage the exposed lifting section of the loops. When installing Ancon LinkPro ensure the band around the loop is not removed. For guidance, please contact Leviat’s Technical Team.

Notes
- Ensure that the rigging configuration does not result in a lever arm or bending moment during hook up
- When using crane hooks, Leviat recommends lifting with \( D/d = 3.5 \), where \( D \) is the hook diameter and \( d \) is the rope diameter of the Ancon LinkPro.

In addition, when lifting with large Ancon LinkPro sizes (LP20 and above), Leviat recommends lifting with Ancon LinkPro Thimbles so the correct radius is on the loop to ensure safe lifting
- Do not bend Ancon LinkPro to an angle greater than 30° during any lifting, handling or storage of the precast elements prior to the final installation of the precast element
- Where precast elements are to be stacked, sufficient separators must be used between the precast elements to prevent damage to Ancon LinkPro by bending beyond 30°, mechanical damage, crushing or abrasion
- After installation/use, the exposed loop may be cut off as required. Consideration should be given to corrosion protection of the cut ends if they are to remain exposed

Leviat Thimbles for Ancon LinkPro Lifting Loops

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