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MISLABELED NYLON STRAPS



An offshore crew was looking into why their lifts were not level when performing crane operations. The finding was that a nylon strap they were using was eight feet long and labeled ten feet long. The strap was destroyed at the customer's request and a Non-Conformance Report was performed and sent in.

GIS's Quality Department conducted an investigation with the supplier of the straps, and a solution was found to prevent this from happening again.

In the meantime, crews are asked to perform their pre-use inspections with an abundance of caution as there may be more mislabeled slings sent from the GIS Warehouse.

Using slings of **unequal length** during crane lifting operations can create **unstable, unbalanced loads** — significantly increasing the risk of:

- Load shifting or tilting
- Sling failure
- Dropped loads
- Structural damage to the lifted object
- Injury or fatality to personnel nearby

Why It Happens:

- When slings are not the same length, **load weight is distributed unevenly**.
- The shortest sling **takes more load** than the others — possibly beyond its rated capacity.
 - This uneven load path can also cause hooks or lifting lugs to **bend, break, or fail**.



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