



USER MANUAL GUIDE

BUCKET STRAP

Instruction of use
Health and Safety guide

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WARNING! ALWAYS READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THE BUCKET STRAP AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PURPOSE AND AUDIENCE

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. It outlines the care and safe use of lifting equipment and it is based on Section 21 of the LEEA Code of Practice for the safe use of Lifting Equipment.

This document should be read by anyone who intends to use the bucket strap, and/or anyone providing sufficient training to use bucket strap. The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines and instructions on how to use bucket strap correctly and to supply the user with all necessary safety information.

Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure that you know how to safely and efficiently operate the features of bucket strap. Please store the manual in the safe location for future reference.

This information is of a general nature, only covering the main points of the safe use of bucket strap. It might be necessary to supplement this information for specific applications. This document **DOES NOT** contain all the information you need to know about handling, lifting and manipulating materials and loads safely. Strap use is only one part of a lifting system and it is your responsibility to consider all risk factors prior to using any lifting equipment. Failure to do this may result in severe **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

Warnings and important safety information in this manual may not cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It is the user responsibility to use common sense, caution and care when operating and maintaining bucket strap. Focus Factory declines any liability for failure to observe these safety instructions, for inappropriate use of bucket strap.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Bucket strap is a product designed to facilitate easier and safer lifting Gorilla Tub 26 L buckets. It is built using only high quality and tough materials, introducing both safety and efficiency into your workplace. Focus Factory developed these to meet some of the extreme physical demands put on buckets by heavy industry operations. This new approach to lifting creates a faster and safer alternative to traditional handling and makes it easier to balance the load. This means that work becomes more efficient, faster and safer. Professionals have approved through lifting tests, that the bucket strap allows you to lift up to 100 kg.

SAFETY INFORMATION

WHO ARE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR?

These instructions are for anyone, who intends to use the bucket strap and have received sufficient training, and/or anyone providing sufficient training to use bucket strap.

WHO CAN USE BUCKET STRAP?

Bucket strap should only be used by a trained operative, who received training and understands methods of use, operations, safety and risks involved.

THIS TOOL SHOULD NEVER BE USED BY CHILDREN, AND ANYONE WITH REDUCED PHYSICAL, SENSORY, OR MENTAL CAPABILITIES. IT SHOULD NEVER BE USED BY ANYONE WHO HAS A LACK OF EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE OR CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO OPERATE USING BUCKET STRAP?

Two people are needed to safely operate using bucket strap.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT THAT CAN BE LIFTED BY USING BUCKET STRAP?

Bucket strap can lift up to 100 kg.

SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU MUST

- Always read the manual before using, operating, application, safety maintenance of a bucket strap.
- Always ensure you **ONLY** use bucket strap for the purpose for which it is designed.
- Under no circumstances never use bucket strap for any other purpose than described.
- Take account of the working conditions and health and safety risks in the workplace before using bucket strap (Risk Assessment).
- Ensure bucket strap is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.
- Where a bucket strap has a maintenance log, keep this up to date.
- **BUCKET STRAP MUST ALWAYS BE INSPECTED** before and after use, **SEE NEXT PAGE TO KNOW HOW TO INSPECT BUCKET STRAP.**
- Where bucket strap is exposed to deteriorating conditions liable to result in dangerous situations, it must be inspected to ensure faults are detected in good time so the risk to health and safety is managed.
- Where there is any damage to bucket strap in **MUST BE** removed from service.
- Ensure that all people using, supervising or managing the use of bucket strap are provided with adequate, clear health and safety information. This will include, where necessary, written instructions on its use and suitable equipment markings and warnings.
- Ensure that all people who use, supervise or manage the bucket strap have received adequate training, which should include the correct use of the equipment, the risks that may arise from its use and the precautions to take.
- Where the use of bucket strap is likely to involve a specific risk to health and safety ensure that the use of the bucket strap is restricted to those people trained and appointed to use it.
- Take measures to prevent or control the risks to people from parts and substances falling or being ejected from bucket strap, or the rupture or disintegration of bucket strap.
- Ensure bucket strap is installed correctly and accordingly to these instructions before lifting to avoid any health and safety risks.
- Take appropriate measures to ensure maintenance operations on bucket strap can be carried out safely without exposing people undertaking maintenance operations to risks to their health and safety.
- Always ensure bucket strap is free from defects – and that it remains so during its working life.

SAFETY INFORMATION

1. ALL BUCKET STRAP USERS MUST BE TRAINED AND KNOWLEDGABLE.

All bucket strap users must be properly trained on the proper use of strap, its selection, inspection, cautions to personnel, effects of the environment and safe lifting practices. It is important that all strap users be knowledgeable about the safe and proper use and application of strap and be thoroughly familiar with the manufacturer's recommendations and safety materials provided with each product. If you are unsure whether you are properly trained and knowledgeable **DO NOT USE** the bucket strap as lack of skill, knowledge and care can result in severe **INJURY** or **DEATH** to you and/or others.

2. BUCKET STRAP MUST BE REGULARLY AND PROPERLY INSPECTED.

Even a minor damage to bucket strap can significantly reduce its capacity to hold or lift objects and pose the risk that strap will fail during use. Therefore it is very important that bucket strap is regularly and properly inspected before and after use to ensure it meets all the requirements for its intended use. If you are not sure whether strap is damaged **DO NOT USE IT**. You should perform a visual inspection of the entire strap and also feel along the entire length, as some damage may be felt more than seen. You should look and feel for any of the types of conditions listed below, and if any are detected you **MUST** remove bucket strap from service. Bucket strap must be removed from service if ANY of the following are detected:

- **Label is missing or not readable**
- **Holes, tears, cuts, snags or embedded materials.**
- **Broken or worn stitches.**
- **Knots in any parts of the strap**
- **Acid or alkali burns**
- **Melting, charring or weld spatter**
- **Excessive abrasive wear**
- **Signs of UV light degradation**
- **Distortion, excessive pitting, corrosion**
- **Any condition that causes doubt as to the strength of the strap**

If you identify **ANY** of these types of damage in a strap, remove it from service immediately, even if the damage you see or feel is not very excessive. Straps that are removed from service must be destroyed and rendered completely unusable. Never ignore strap damage or attempt to perform temporary field repairs of damaged strap. If you are not sure whether or not a strap is damaged **DO NOT USE IT**.

3. AVOID ACTIONS THAT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE STRAP.

You should always avoid action that causes the types of damage identified above, including:

- Pulling strap from under load when the load is resting on the strap
- Dropping or dragging strap on the ground, floor or over abrasive surfaces.
- Shortening or adjusting strap using methods not approved by strap manufacturer
- Twisting, kinking or knotting the strap
- Exposing strap to damaging acids and alkalis
- Exposing strap to heat damage or weld spatter
- Using strap or allowing exposure to temp above 90° C or below - 40° C.
- "Tip loading" a strap on a hook instead of placing it in the centre of the hook
- Using hardware that have edges or surfaces that could damage strap
- Never use the strap to lift more load than it is recommended by manufacturer
- Never use strap in extreme weather conditions such as extreme wind
- Always ensure the content of the bucket do not protrude over the rim of the bucket

BEFORE USE YOU MUST:

1. Perform an inspection of the bucket strap to ensure bucket strap is in efficient working order (see previous page to know how to perform proper inspection). This inspection must be carried out by trained and qualified person.
2. Ensure there are at least TWO operators, who will be operating with the bucket strap.
3. Ensure bucket strap operators are fully trained and have read and understood these instructions.
4. Ensure bucket strap operators wear safety clothing: helmets, goggles, harnesses, safety shoes and gloves.
5. Ensure the workplace is large and safe, free from unnecessary objects.
6. Perform risk assessment to ensure the environment is safe to perform operations using bucket strap. Identify the hazards, evaluate the risks and take the action to prevent them, record your findings and review the risk assessment.



Always ensure **BOTH** handles of the bucket strap are placed in the middle of the hook.

Always ensure the content of the bucket do not protrude over the rim of the bucket.
NEVER OVERLOAD THE BUCKET !

MAINTENANCE, CLEANING AND STORAGE

MAINTENANCE

Bucket strap requires proper care and maintenance, not only for longevity but also to remain useful and safe for the task at hand. Using a bucket strap for the task it is intended helps to keep it in its best shape. This reduces unnecessary damage and protects the user. Ensure bucket strap is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair. Where a bucket strap has a maintenance log, keep this up to date. Bucket strap must ALWAYS be inspected before and after use, always ensure it is in perfect order. Where bucket strap is exposed to deteriorating conditions liable to result in dangerous situations, it must be inspected to ensure faults are detected in good time so the risk to health and safety is managed.

STORAGE

Proper storage entails bucket strap from harsh weather conditions, damage and theft. Always store bucket strap in a dry, climate-controlled environment. Make sure the place is:

Dry to prevent the growth of mould, mildew, which can degrade synthetic fibres

Cool to prevent damage resulting from exposure to excessive temperatures

Dark to prevent deleterious effects of prolonged exposure to sources of UV light

Free of environmental / mechanical damage ventilated and not exposed to heat and chemical exposure, sunlight, weld splatter or grit, and splinters from grinding or machining.

Keep bucket strap away from children, animals, anyone with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities!

CLEANING

Storing bucket strap without cleaning can cause it to deteriorate. Routine cleaning can reduce the rate of wear and tear. Ensure bucket strap gets cleaned on regular basis. A clean, free of dirt strap is easier to inspect for damage. Mild soap and water can be used for this purpose. Hard bristle brushes damage webbing, consider using a sponge. Soaking a bucket strap in mild soapy water for short periods of time is non damaging. After cleaning rinse bucket strap thoroughly and allowing it to completely dry before returning it to storage.

Steam cleaning, washing machine and power or pressure washing can significantly damage the bucket strap!

DISPOSAL

Separate collection and recycling helps conserve natural resources and prevent negative consequences for human health and the environment that might result from incorrect disposal. Dispose bucket strap in accordance with local waste disposal regulations. For further information contact the retailer, manufacturer or the local authorities in charge of waste management.

The packaging material is 100 % recyclable. It must therefore be disposed of responsibly and in full compliance with local authority regulations governing waste disposal. The packaging material must be kept away from babies and children to avoid danger or suffocation.

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MANUFACTURERS GUARANTEE


We will repair or replace products that are defective within the 6 months period where the product is used and maintained in accordance with the instructions.

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