

Position the grab so the load will be evenly balanced.

Lift the load until it is clear of the ground, then move it to where it is required and lower gently. The load should not be suspended at a great height as the grab is designed to aid manoeuvring the load into position and not for raising loads to a greater level.

Always position yourself so you can control the grab while staying clear of the suspended load.

When the load is lowered, the grab's jaws will automatically open to allow it to be lifted clear. When placed over the next load, the jaws will again close onto the load.

Take your time and don't overdo it. You are more likely to have an accident if you are tired or rushing.

## EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease and speed, assume you have the wrong tool for the job. Contact your local HSS Lift & Shift Depot for advice.

Keep the equipment clean, you will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves and unauthorised users.

## FINISHING OFF

Gently lower the load and move the grab onto a firm surface. Detach the grab from the lifting equipment then give the unit a final clean up ready for return, to your local HSS Lift & Shift Depot.



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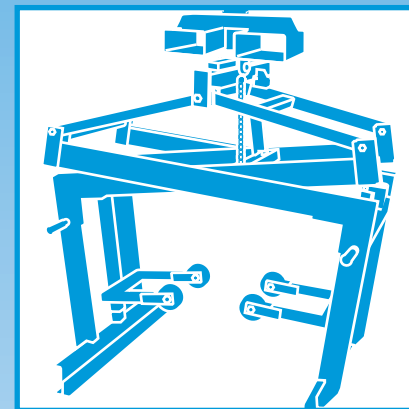
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# HSS Lift & Shift



## Block Scissor Grabs

Scissor-action grabs designed to lift a variety of kerbstones or pre-cast concrete sections.



## GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Lift & Shift Depot.


There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.


The hirer has a responsibility to ensure that all necessary risk assessments have been completed prior to the use of this equipment.


This equipment should only be used by an operator who has been deemed competent to do so by his/her employer.


This equipment is designed to be used by an able bodied, competent adult who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability should seek expert advice before using it.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area. Cordon off a NO GO area using cones and either barriers or tape, available for hire from your local HSS Lift & Shift Depot.

 Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

 Wear practical, protective clothing, gloves, footwear and a protective hard hat. Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could catch in moving parts, tie back long hair.

 Use this equipment for vertical lifts only and use on a level area able to take the combined weight of the load and the equipment.

 Ensure the load is balanced, stable and that personnel stand clear of the raised load.

Make sure you know how to operate this equipment safely and are aware of its limitations before you use it.

Make sure that anyone in the immediate work area is warned of what you are doing.

Never use the grab near overhead power lines or similar hazards.

Be aware of the raised load when close to ceilings or other overhead obstructions.

Do not shock load this equipment.

Never leave the equipment loaded or unattended.

Make sure the landing area is unobstructed and able to accept the load in size and weight.

Never exceed the equipment's safe working load of 1800kg.

Check the condition of the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Lift & Shift Depot.

## Safety Warning

This equipment **MUST NOT** be used to carry or lift personnel.

## GETTING STARTED

Take the unit to the area where it is required and double check the following...

1. The grab you have hired is rated at the correct SWL required for the job.
2. The grab has a sufficient size jaw opening for the item being lifted.
3. The lifting equipment has been tested and is capable of supporting the grab and its load.

Attach the grab to the lifting equipment's hook and ensure the hooks gate is correctly closed.

If using the forklift sleeve, make sure that the sleeve is positioned on the forks in accordance with the forklift trucks instructions.

When used with a telescopic handler, keep the sleeve central to the forks and use a restraining clamp to secure the sleeve to the carriage plate.

Adjust the position of the contact wheels to suit the height of the load to be lifted. The distance from the grab jaws to the wheels should be the same as the loads height.

Rest the unit on the ground, with the jaws fully open. Unlock the contact wheel retaining pin by turning it ninety degrees, lower the wheels as required then relock the pin. Repeat the adjustment to both sets of wheels.

With the unit set for the load size, check that the grip pads are clean and grease free.

The grab should now be ready to use.

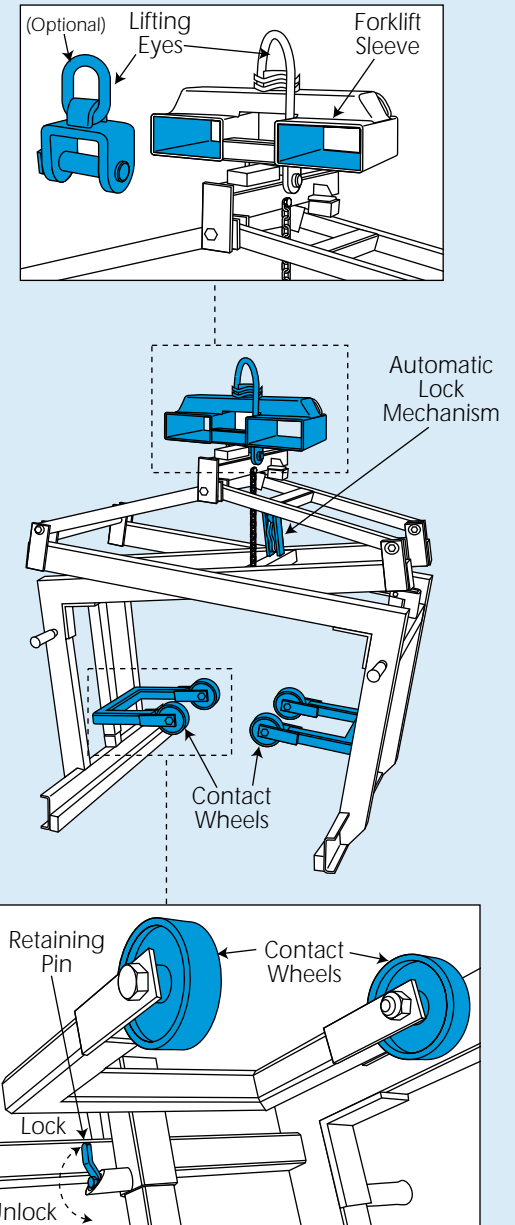
## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### Crush Hazard

Because the grab relies on a crushing force to grip the load and the heavier the load the greater the crushing force, soft material such as building blocks may be damaged and become unsafe during the lift. Carefully inspect the load and make sure it can withstand such forces before you attempt to lift it.

If the load is to be raised to a height above 2 metres, place a safety net (available from your local HSS Lift and Shift Depot) over the load as a safeguard.

## Block Scissor Grab



Raise the block scissor grab and lower over the load and insert to the full depth of the grab's throat. The grab is fitted with an automatic lock and release mechanism.

If attached to a telescopic handler you **MUST** keep the fork horizontal at all times to prevent the fork sleeve from sliding.