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1 Introduction

This manual is intended for truss owners, providers, skilled riggers and any person who has been trained in working safely with trusses.

This manual is Part 1 of the User Manual. The User Manual consists of the following parts:

Part 1: General instructions Part 2: Product-specific instructions

This manual must be read in conjunction with *Part 2: Product-specific instructions* of the User Manual.

If there are discrepancies between *Part 1* and *Part 2*, the information given in *Part 2* is the information that applies to the product and overrides the information given in *Part 1*.

This manual assumes that you have been trained or work under the control of a competent or qualified person who has been trained in safety and assembly.

1.1 About this product

LITEC trusses are structural modules designed to be repeatedly assembled and disassembled to carry loads in temporary or permanent installations. Depending on the application, LITEC trusses can be referred to as lifting accessories or construction products. For information on the related standards, see Chapter 1.5.

We have paid special attention to product safety when designing the product.

The manufacturer is not liable for indirect consequential damage and financial loss. The manufacturer shall not be liable for any changes made to the product nor for any damage resulting from such changes.

1.2 Related information

For more information on the product, see <u>www.litectruss.com/products</u>.

1.3 About this manual

Before working with the product, read this manual carefully and pay attention to the information provided. Use this manual to familiarise yourself with the product, its proper use and safety regulations.

1.3.1 Safety conventions

A DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme situations.

WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.



NOTICE

Indicates information considered important but not hazard-related.

1.4 Terminology

Trusses and truss modules are hereinafter referred to by the term "truss".

Term	Definition
abrasion	Loss of material due to wear.
bent member	A component or assembly that has permanent deviation from
	the intended centre line.
coiled spring pin	A mechanical fastener used to join any type of connector to the
	main chords. See Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 5.
competent person	A person who is capable of identifying existing and predictable
	hazards in the workplace and who is authorised to take prompt
	corrective measures to eliminate them.
component	Part of a whole.
conical pin	A truss pin used with a conical connector. See Figure 1.
connecting hardware	Connecting components such as straight pins, conical pins, bolts,
	washers, and R-clips.
connector	A part of a connection which connects two truss modules.
crack	A crevice type of discontinuity in a material.
cross brace	An element of a truss module that, different from an end brace,
	vertically or horizontally connects the main chords and is at a
	90-degree angle to the main chords.
diagonal	An element of a truss module that is not at a 90-degree angle to
alagorial	the main chords.
DST truss	Stackable truss including a double track that allows to use a
	motorised or slave trolley to move, lift, or turn objects.
end brace	An element of a truss module that is located at the end of the
	truss module, directly after the connector, at a 90-degree angle
	to the main chords.
end-plate	A die-cast aluminium element at the end of the truss that
	includes all female connectors.
end-plated conical	A type of connector that has the following parts: "male
connector	connector", "end-plated female connector", "conical pin", and
	"R-clip". See Figure 1.
end-plated female	A conical socket in the end-plate serving as a part of the end-
connector	plated conical connector. See Figure 1.
flat truss	A truss with two main chords.
high-load female fork	A part of a high-load male-female fork connector. See Figure 3.
connector	
high-load male-female	A type of connector that has the following parts: "high-load
fork connector	female fork connector", "high-load male fork connector",
	"straight pin", and "R-clip". See Figure 3.
high-load male fork	A part of a high-load male-female fork connector. See Figure 3.
connector	
high-load universal fork	A type of connector that has the following parts: "high-load
connector	universal fork connectors", "straight pin", and "R-clip". See Figure 2.
identification sticker	A sticker on the product on which several pieces of information
	about the product can be found.
internal diagonal	An element of a rectangular or square truss that connects
	diagonally the main chords at a 90-degree angle to the main
	chords.



Libera female fork connector	A loose fork similar to a high-load universal fork connector, but with a threaded hole. See Figure 4.
Libera fork connector	A type of connector that has the following parts: "high-load universal fork connectors"," Libera female fork connector", "Libera male fork connector", "straight pin", and "R-clip". See Figure 4.
Libera male fork connector	A loose fork similar to a high-load universal fork connector, but with a threaded bar. See Figure 4.
Libera 4-way fork connector	A connector providing forks in four directions. See Figure 5.
main chord	An element of a truss module that carries the forces associated with bending moments or axial forces, or a combination of them.
male connector	A part of a conical connector. See Figure 1.
member	See "truss member".
node point	A location where the centre line of the main chord intersects with the centre line of the diagonals or end braces.
ovalisation	Deformation of a circular pipe cross-section into an oval, measurable by the deviation of two outer diameters measured at a 90-degree angle to each other.
pin hole	A hole in the connector that accommodates a conical or straight truss pin.
pre-rig truss	A type of truss intended to accommodate moving lights or similar for touring purposes.
qualified person	A person who, by possession of a recognised degree 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 or work. A qualified person supervises the competent persons. See "competent person".
R-clip	A clip used for securing a truss pin or clevis pin, for example. See from Figure 1 to Figure 5.
repetitive use	Assembling and disassembling the same modules or assemblies on multiple occasions.
shall	Indicates that a rule is mandatory and must be followed.
should	Indicates that a rule is a recommendation, the advisability of which depends on the facts and conditions in each situation.
single-span girder	A single truss module or a composition of several connected truss modules, supported at the both ends of the span.
skilled rigger	A person that deals with rigging and has been trained to safety and assembly
straight pin	A truss pin used with any type of fork connector. See Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 5.
truss clamp	A device for supporting objects or fastening them together.
truss member	A part of the truss module.
truss module	Lattice structure intended to be used on its own or in combination with other modules.
truss pin	A pin used for connecting truss modules.
truss structure	An assembly made of truss modules.
user	A person or a company who assembles or uses modules or systems.



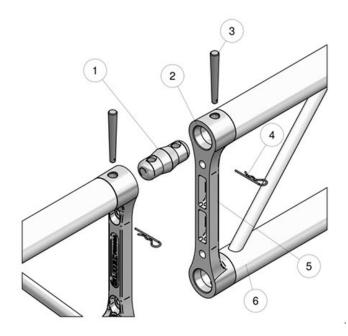


Figure 1: LITEC end-plated conical connector

- 1 Male connector
- 2 End-plated female connector
- 3 Conical pin
- 4 R-clip
- 5 End-plate
- 6 Main chord

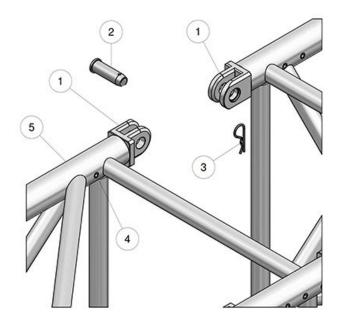


Figure 2: LITEC high-load universal fork connector

- 1 High-load universal fork connector
- 2 Straight pin
- 3 R-clip
- 4 Coiled spring pin
- 5 Main chord



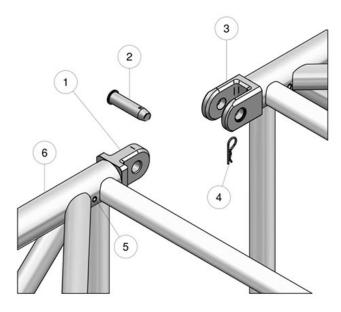


Figure 3: LITEC high-load male-female fork connector

- 1 High-load male fork connector
- 2 Straight pin
- 3 High-load female fork connector
- 4 R-clip
- 5 Coiled spring pin
- 6 Main chord

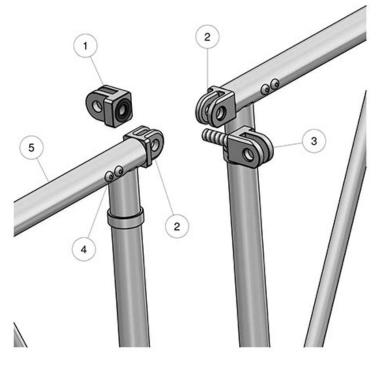


Figure 4: LITEC Libera fork connector

- 1 Libera female fork connector
- 2 High-load universal fork connector
- 3 Libera male fork connector
- 4 Screws
- 5 Main chord



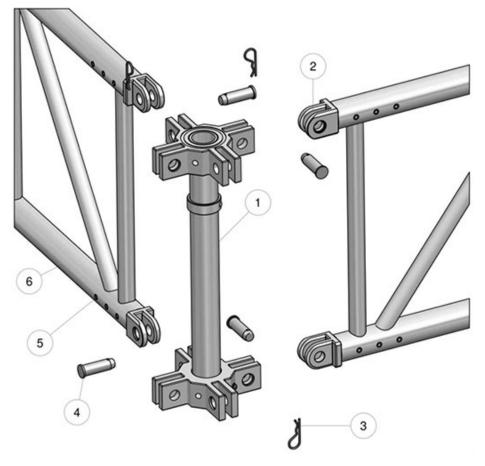


Figure 5: LITEC Libera 4-way fork connector

- 1 Libera 4-way fork connector
- 2 High-load universal fork connector
- 3 R-clip
- 4 Straight pin
- 5 Coiled spring pin
- 6 Main chord



1.5 Standards

If used as lifting accessories, trusses are subject to the European Machine Directive 2006/42/EC. If used as an integral part of a permanent structure, trusses are subject to the European Construction Product Regulation 305/2011/EC.

For information on the declarations of conformity and performance, see Chapter 16.

NOTICE

It is the sole responsibility of the owner or provider to check with the local authorities if the legislation used by LITEC is acceptable in the country of use.

For manufacturing, the following standards are considered:

- 2006/42/EC, European Machine Directive
- 305/2011/EC, European Construction Product Regulation
- EN 1990, Eurocode O: Basis of structural design
- EN 1991, Eurocode 1: Actions on structures
- EN 1993, Eurocode 3: Design of steel structures
- EN 1999, Eurocode 9: Design of aluminium structures
- EN 1090-1, Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures Part 1: Requirements for conformity assessment of structural components
- EN 1090-3, Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures Part 3: Technical requirements for aluminium structures
- ANSI E1.2-2006, Entertainment Technology: Design, Manufacture and Use of Aluminium Trusses and Towers
- EN 17115:2018, Entertainment technology Specifications for design and manufacture of aluminium and steel trusses
- EN ISO 10042-2006, Arc welded joints in aluminium and its weldable alloys Guidance on quality levels for imperfections
- EN ISO 3834-1& 3, Quality requirements for welding Fusion welding of metallic materials -Part 1: Guidelines for selection and use Part 3: Standard quality requirements
- EN 754 (all parts), Aluminium and aluminium alloys Cold drawn rod/bar and tube
- EN 755 (all parts), Aluminium and aluminium alloys Extruded rod/bar, tube and profiles
- EN 515:2017, Aluminium and aluminium alloys Wrought products Temper designations
- EN 573 (all parts), Aluminium and aluminium alloys Chemical composition and form of wrought products
- EN 10204:2004, Metallic products Types of inspection documents



2 Safety

NOTICE

Read these safety texts carefully before working with the product.

NOTICE

Make sure manuals are available at all times for all users and employees.

Truss data published before January 2016 can be based on calculations according to the German DIN 4113 standard or Eurocode EN1999, while truss data published after this date is based exclusively on Eurocode EN1999. Due to a different safety principle in each standard, data such as allowable bending moment, shear force and normal force cannot be compared.

Do not mix structural data from different standards without knowing their respective safety principle.

Be cautious when using data of structures based on Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) standards, such as Eurocodes or data based on Allowable Stress Design (ASD). A structural engineer can provide help.

Trusses and structures from assembled trusses shall always be checked for their structural stability and strength by a structural engineer. The provided technical specifications should never be exceeded.

Do not use damaged or malfunctioning parts.

Mark any damaged or worn material clearly and discard the material immediately.

2.1 Electrical safety

2.1.1 Electrical potential bonding



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Truss structures that are in contact with electrical equipment might develop dangerous touch voltages in the event of an electrical fault. Before energising any of the electrical equipment, the user must ensure that the truss structure is properly earthed. This applies to all modules made of electroconductive material that have equipment placed on or attached to them, or across wire and cable runs that, if damaged, could make electrical contact with metal parts.

It is extremely important to earth the truss structures because the audience and installers very often come into direct contact with the truss structures when the suspended fixtures are electrically charged.



2.2 Personal protection equipment

For health and safety reasons, people moving, assembling, disassembling, maintaining or transporting the product should wear adequate Personal Protection Equipment such as, but not limited to, gloves, sound protection, hard hats and safety shoes.

All people working with trusses should be instructed and informed about the correct usage and possible dangers before use.

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Always wear hard hats, safety shoes, sound protection, and protective gloves when moving, assembling, disassembling, maintaining or transporting the product.

WARNING

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Follow your local noise level regulations when assembling and disassembling the product.

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Follow your local regulations of the maximum allowed weight per person when carrying or moving the product.



3 Limitations of use

The truss shall always be used within the limits of the structural report and the declarations provided.

All our trusses are calculated according to the Eurocode 9 (EN 1999) standard. Eurocodes are standards based on Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD).

The structural data provided before January 2016 could be based on the German DIN 4113 or Eurocode 9 standards. As this standard had a different safety principle, the structural values cannot be compared.

NOTICE

TÜV certificates issued after January 2013 are all based on Eurocode 9.

The trusses described in this manual are not specifically designed for lifting people. Adequate load reduction and safety precautions, according to local legislation, must be considered when people are lifted.

Use the product only for its prescribed purpose. Any use other than that mentioned is considered to be a case of misuse. The user or operator and not the manufacturer shall be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such cases of misuse.

3.1 Load charts

All truss loading calculations and TÜV certifications are based on the following:

- The self-weight is already taken into account
- Static loads only
- Installation as a single-span girder, tower or cantilever, if applicable to the individual truss type. All other structures made of trusses need dedicated structural reports.
- Loads applied in the node points
- Spans can be assembled of several modules
- The interaction of shear force and bending moment at the connector is considered
- Considered safety factors: self-weight 1.35 / variable load 1.5

3.2 Load reduction factor for repetitive use

To meet the BS 7905-2, ANSI E1.2-2006 and EN 17115 standards for truss modules in repetitive use, all loadings shall or should (depends on the standard) be multiplied by 0.85.

The truss calculations consider only static or virtual-static loads and no fatigue loads due to a high number of load cycles.

3.3 Compatibility with other products

Some products within our range fit with those of other brands. However, trusses can differ considerably depending on their design, layout and manufacture (for example, material properties, alloy, diameter, thickness or layout of the bracing or system tolerances).

We provide comprehensive technical support and structural data for all our truss systems. The structural integrity of an assembled structure of different brands and the legal compliance is



the sole responsibility of the user. Their combined use must always be certified by a structural engineer case by case. LITEC declines all responsibilities for products manufactured by third parties used in combination with its own ones. Our design and quality assurance certifications are based on the latest European standards including EN-1999 and EN-1090, and they are at least equal to other truss manufacturer specifications within the EU and US markets.

3.4 Environmental influences

3.4.1 Temperature

Trusses can be used in environmental conditions varying from -20°C up to +80°C. However, take special care if trusses are used in temperatures below 0°C.

The open heel of the welds, and capillary action of pin holes, on some of our truss models can cause water intrusion inside the truss chords and diagonals.

In temperatures below 0°C, the captive water may freeze and cause damage to the truss members.

To avoid this situation, LITEC can provide the same trusses with drainage holes.

3.4.2 Aggressive environments

Take special care when trusses are used in aggressive environments or in the near vicinity. The aluminium alloys used in trusses might not be suitable for this environment.

Avoid direct contact with concrete by using a sealant.

The alloy used has good properties in a salt water environment, however, oxidation or painting can occur on the surface. Clean regularly with fresh water.

The material used for the connectors is especially vulnerable to salt water. Anodise, coat or treat it with a sealant in such a way that no salt water particles can come in contact with the material.



4 Transport, handling and storage

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Always wear hard hats, safety shoes, sound protection, and protective gloves when moving, assembling, disassembling, maintaining or transporting the product.

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Vertical transportation or storage of the product can be hazardous for reasons of falling.

Handle the product with care. Do not drop it or drag it around. Do not throw truss modules on top of each other. Prevent damage from sharp edges such as the forks of a forklift.

Dedicated dollies can be a highly effective means for transportation and storage, while providing large truss modules or sections with some extra protection.

Make sure the product cannot move or shake during transport. The abrasive motion of moving or shaking can lead to severe damage.

5 Identification

LITEC products can be recognised by identification stickers.

Make sure only LITEC original components are used. For more information, contact your distributor or the manufacturer.

NOTICE

There is always an identification sticker delivered with the product. Replace any missing identification stickers. Contact the manufacturer or its representative for information on the correct procedure.

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Figure 6: Old example of an identification sticker (left, without product info) and currentversion on the right hand side.



6 Technical specifications

For information on technical specifications, see Part 2: Product-specific instructions.

7 Load capacity

For information on load capacity, see Part 2: Product-specific instructions.

8 Approved accessories

For a complete overview of approved accessories, see our brochures or <u>www.litectruss.com</u>.

By using excessive force when tightening accessories such as lamp hooks or truss clamps, you may cause damage to the truss chords.

Pay special attention when using lamp hooks or truss clamps. Their inside radius may not meet the tube they need to be attached to. This can lead to severe damage.

NOTICE

You should never allow accessories to damage other products.

9 Coatings and surface treatments

Coatings and surface finishes should only be applied after consulting with the coating or finish manufacturer or other party qualified to evaluate the possible effects of the coating or surface finish on the structural properties and load bearing capabilities of the truss.

Powder coating is only allowed with max. 180°C (356°F) for up to 20 minutes. If it's necessary to renew the powder coating, the process shall be coordinated with LITEC..

Records should be kept detailing the application of any coating or surface finish, with particular attention to processes requiring the application of heat.

Chemical removal of coatings and surface finishes shall be carried out only after consulting with the chemical manufacturer to ensure that the chemical will not affect the mechanical properties of the aluminium.

Abrasive blasting should not be used, because it can cause loss of material.



10 Slinging methods

The load capacities listed in the load tables refer to truss that is loaded and suspended or supported under optimum conditions. Since the method of attachment can generate local stress that reduces the global strength, it is important to use the correct slinging method, especially with high payloads.

It is therefore recommended that you pay attention to the following points when slinging:

- Make sure the attachment point is in the node of the diagonal or end brace with the main chord or directly next to it.
- Make sure the hanging point is above the centre of gravity of the truss.
- Minimise the horizontal compression of the main chords by choosing the correct slinging positions and avoiding flat bridle angles.

Apply slinging solely to the main chords, not to the connectors, diagonals or internal diagonals.

Apply slinging to node points, aside end braces or aside horizontal cross braces.

NOTICE

Slinging equipment shall be made from non-abrasive and fire-retardant materials.

Use slinging devices that have a soft cover.

Direct contact between a steel wire rope and the truss chord should be avoided because of the abrasive surface of the steel wire rope.

For stability reasons, wrap at least 2 main chords.

Trusses can be suspended from either the top or bottom chords. The best method depends on the application.

NOTICE

Suspending and supporting have the same effect on the truss.

If the truss is not supported or loaded in the node point, the main chords will be subjected to an additional local bending moment. This effect should be considered in the structural analysis and could lead to reduction of the load capacity.

For a simple supported span at both ends, this might be less of a problem as the bending moment at the ends is almost zero.

In a multiple supported truss, the main chords at the mid-span supports are subjected to a bending moment and shear at the same time.

For optimum performance, suspensions should be attached to the node points. If not, the load capacity of the truss might be substantially reduced. Slinging to all main chords does not change this. The correct load can only be determined by studying each load case individually. This should be done by a structural engineer.



10.1 Recommended slinging methods

10.1.1 Recommended slinging methods for LITEC end-plated trusses

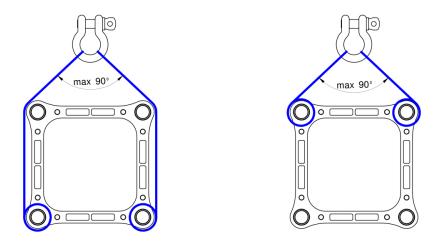


Figure 7: Slinging methods for LITEC square end-plated trusses

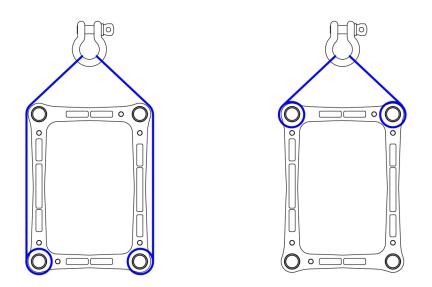


Figure 8: Slinging methods for LITEC rectangular end-plated trusses

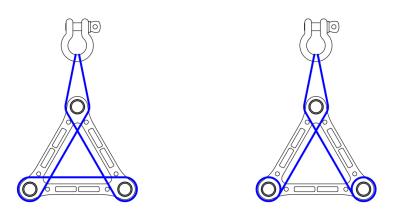


Figure 9: Slinging methods for LITEC triangular end-plated trusses



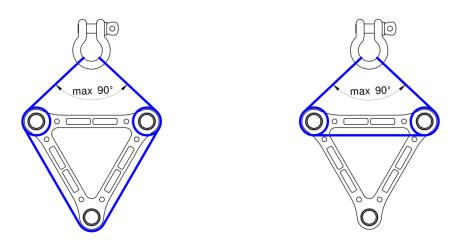


Figure 10: More slinging methods for LITEC triangular end-plated trusses

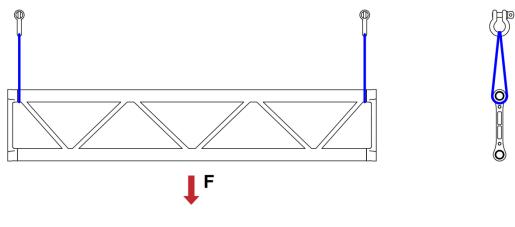


Figure 11: Flat truss pick-up

NOTE: Flat truss pick-up should only be done from the top chord.



Flat trusses or ladder trusses need very special attention when slinging. The top chord must be stabilised because of risk of lateral torsional buckling. Only load the bottom chord. Other types of loading need structural analysis before use.



10.1.2 Recommended slinging methods for LITEC fork trusses (LITEC high-load trusses)

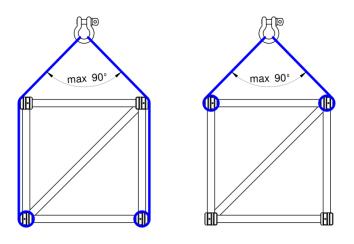


Figure 12:Slinging methods for LITEC square fork trusses

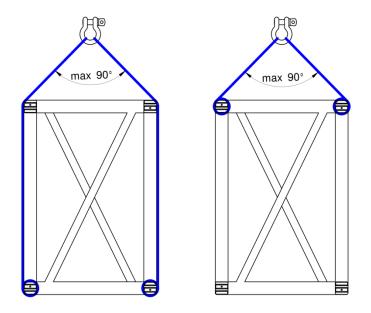


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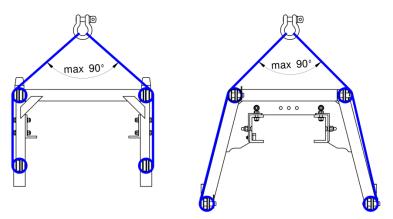


Figure 14: Slinging methods for pre-rig and DST trusses.



11 Assembly and disassembly

11.1 Safety when assembling and disassembling

A competent person or sufficiently instructed personnel under the supervision of a competent person, should always assemble the product.

Before assembly, use and disassembly, the competent person is responsible for, but not limited to:

- Carrying out all the instructions as described in this manual and in the specific instructions of the applicable truss product.
- Instructing the people doing the assembly and ensuring that all trusses and loads are suspended correctly.

You are strongly advised to show people carrying out the assembly or disassembly how to physically assemble and disassemble trusses, how to orientate connectors and which tools to use.

11.2 Before you start

With LITEC end-plated conical connectors, you can only place the pin from the outside inwards. Make sure that the conical hole in the connector is correctly placed, in other words, that the larger side of the hole faces outwards.

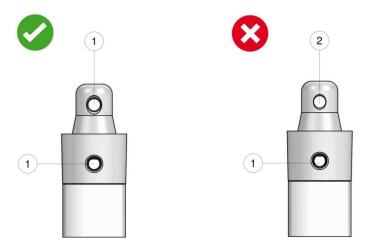


Figure 15: Holes in LITEC end-plated conical connectors. 1: Large hole. 2: Small hole.

When trusses with end braces or end-plates are being assembled, it does not have any significance if the diagonals follow the alternating zigzag pattern.

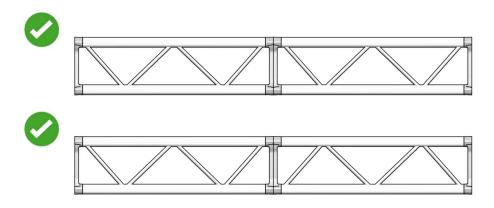


Figure 16: For trusses with end braces or end-plates, both zigzag patterns can be used.



11.3 Required tools

- Torque wrench
- Copper hammer

11.4 Torque

Use a torque wrench to tighten all bolts and nuts under tension. When bolts are connected with threaded aluminium components, use the following torque settings:

- M10: 10 Nm
- M12: 20 Nm
- M16: 45 Nm

Always make sure the connected components are drawn properly together to get a firm contact.

11.5 Assembling a truss

- 1. Slide both truss modules towards each other.
- 2. Align the pin holes of the female and male connectors. Adjust the male connectors, in case the holes are not aligned. Do not use excessive force.
- 3. Assembling the truss pin
 - a. when using a pin with an R-clip:

Insert the pin through the pin holes, preferably with a copper hammer. Tip: Place the pin in such a way that the hole for the R-clip is perpendicular to the length of the truss. This makes it easy for you to mount the R-clip. Secure the pin with the R-clip.

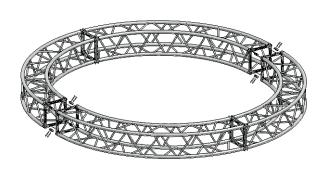
- b. when using a pin with thread and nut: Insert the pin through the pin holes, preferably with a copper hammer and deep enough, so that it won't be necessary to pull in the pin by means of the nut and fix the nut.
- 4. Sling the truss as instructed in Chapter 10.
- 5. Check that all connections are made properly.
- 6. Attach loads as instructed in Chapter 11.6.
- 7. Lift the truss to working height and inspect all the connections. Correct if necessary.
- 8. Lift the truss to the required height. When lifting, avoid "bumping", as it will lead to increased forces in the truss and load.

11.6 Assembly instructions for truss circles

- 1. Start with assembling two or more truss modules together to create two half circles.
- 2. Assemble the truss pins in both half circles as described in chapter 11.5. Note: To achieve a certain flexibility to react to connectors that are not perfectly aligned, it is recommended not to hammer the truss pins in tightly yet, but to insert them loosely into the pin holes.
- 3. Slide the half circles together and connect them to a full circle.



4. After all junction points are connected, hammer the pins to final tight position.



Connecting of two half circles



Loose connection

11.7 Attaching a load



Before applying loads, a competent person should check if all trusses are connected properly.

Make sure loads are equally divided over both bottom and top chords. Loading a truss on one side leads to internal torsional forces which are not considered in the loading data provided.

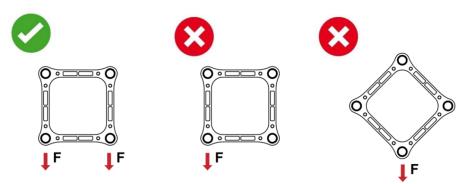


Figure 17: Attaching loads to a LITEC square truss

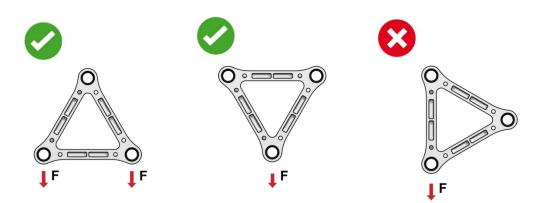


Figure 18: Attaching loads to a LITEC triangular truss



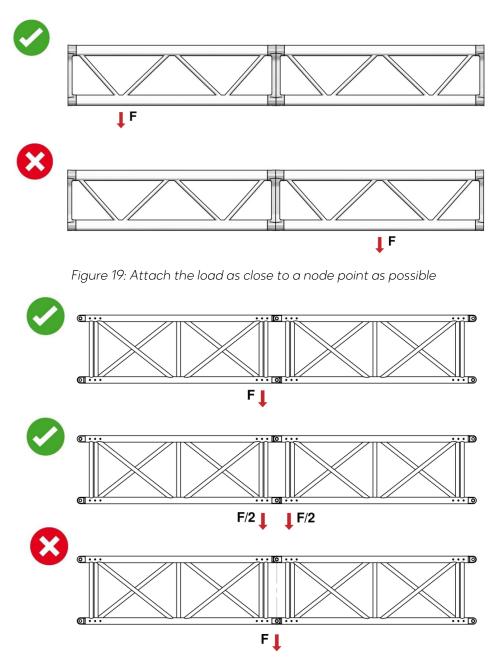


Figure 20: Attaching loads near the connector

NOTE: It may be possible to use some of the denied methods, but only after consulting a structural engineer.

11.8 Disassembling a truss

- 1. Lower the truss to working height.
- 2. Detach the loads.
- 3. Inspect the truss for any damage. Mark the truss accordingly and discard it, if necessary.
- 4. Lower the truss to the floor level.
- 5. Disconnect the slings or lifting accessories.
- 6. Remove the R-clip from truss pins.
- 7. Hit the pins firmly to remove them.
- 8. Inspect the components for damage. Mark the components accordingly and discard them, if necessary.



12 Maintenance

Although aluminium may not develop corrosion the way many steel alloys do, ambient influences can have a corrosive impact on aluminium. Take special care with trusses that are placed outdoors for an extended period of time, especially in areas with a high level of industrial pollution, near salt water, near tram lines or near swimming pools. Trusses should be individually inspected before each use to find out if the expected pollution has had a corrosive effect.

Repairs should be carried out and warranted by either the manufacturer or a suitably qualified person approved by the manufacturer.

Do not repair the product without first consulting the manufacturer.

Smooth the surface of coupling parts regularly. Use fine sandpaper or conventional abrasive materials.

Keep the coupling parts slightly lubricated with oil, silicone spray or similar lubrication. Lubricants should not be sticky, to avoid gathering dirt, dust or small debris.

Avoid painting the inner surface of the connector and pin holes. This has a negative effect on the fit.

Remove any kind of debris and dirt from truss and its components. Do not use any abrasive methods other than an abrasive cloth or sand paper grain 240 or higher.

13 Inspection

Depending on local regulations, we recommend that either a competent person or a certified body carries out a careful, documented inspection at least once a year or as often as required by the circumstances or the intensity of use..

Perform the inspections as instructed in chapter 14 to ensure the safe use of the product. Please see sample of inspection report at the end of this document.

In case of an accident, misuse or malfunction, the product should be marked, discarded and inspected by a qualified person to establish its structural integrity for re-use. The product should be identified accordingly, and records of identification numbers and photos should be kept.

Do not use damaged trusses, connectors or pins.

Responsibility and liability for the safe use of the product lies predominantly with the user.

The open heel in the diagonal welds in the FX, TX, QX, TH, QH and RH series are part of the design and TÜV approved.

For information on the discard criteria, see Chapter 14.



13.1 Inspection levels

13.1.1 Regular inspection

A competent person shall visually perform regular inspections prior to each use. You do not have to keep records. The regular inspection includes a visual inspection for signs of external damage and wear. If any damage is detected during the visual inspection, a qualified person shall carry out a detailed inspection based on the criteria described in Chapter 14.

13.1.2 Periodic inspections

A qualified person shall perform periodic visual inspections on behalf of the user in accordance with Chapter 14, and a record of the inspections shall be maintained.

13.2 Inspection frequency

13.2.1 Initial inspection

When first acquired, whether new or used, inspect the product as instructed in Chapter 14. Keep a record of the inspections and identification numbers.

13.2.2 Inspections after accident, incident or malfunction

If the truss modules were subjected to any accidents, inspect the modules as instructed in Chapter 14.

Examples of accidents, incidents or malfunctions are:

- Dropping a truss on the floor from a height
- Lifting a truss with pins missing in joints, which might cause overloading
- Subjecting a truss to shock loads
- Tightening a truss during lifting

13.2.3 Truss in regular and non-regular service

Perform regular inspections prior to every use, or, when not in use for a period of one month or more, and periodic inspections at least once a year.

13.2.4 Permanent installations (stationary)

Perform periodic inspections on all truss modules permanently installed in a stationary configuration. A qualified person shall determine the frequency of inspections based on the prevalent conditions.

13.2.5 Permanent installations (moving)

Perform periodic inspections on all truss modules permanently installed in a configuration where movement of the truss is an integral part of use. Periodic inspections shall be carried out every three months, or in accordance with an inspection routine established by a qualified person.

13.3 Records

The owner shall keep records of initial and periodic inspections for each truss, which should be signed and dated by the person carrying out the inspections.

Please see sample of inspection report at the end of this document.



14 Discard criteria

All the discard criteria must be considered when doing the inspection.

In addition to the normal requirements related to use, professional assembly and disassembly, transportation and storage of the product, regular inspections are vital. Carefully inspect each individual module visually before each use, regardless of the respective field of use.

For information on the required frequency of inspections, see Chapter 13.2.

If any damage is noted during an inspection of the product that precludes further safe use, the product must be discarded and disposed of. In most cases, it is not enough to just identify the damage.

Disposal through the manufacturer, supplier or a metal recycling company is the only safe way of protecting others from risks associated by damaged material.

Due to fabrication, the truss can have some dimensional deviation from the theoretical dimensions provided. These deviations are within the limits given in EN 1090-3.



14.1 Overview of discard criteria

See the following table.

Inspection	Failure symptoms	smo						
Geometry	Bending	Twisting						
Identification	ldentificatio n sticker missing							
Main chords	Breaks, cracks	Bending	Deformations that do not allow easy assembly	Corrosion	Scratches, indentations, signs of attrition	Holes	Ovalisation	Distortion, constriction
Diagonals, end braces	Breaks, cracks	Missing	Bending	Corrosion	Scratches, indentations, signs of attrition	Holes	Ovalisation	
Connectors	Cracks in welds	Deformations that do not allow easy assembly	Corrosion	Scratches, cuts, hammer strokes	Oval signs of wear in pin holes	Ovalisation of pin holes due to overload		
Connecting hardware	Pressure area on pin or bolt	Bending	Deformation on R-clip hole	Reused self- locking nuts	Damages an smooth surface of pin	Mushroom heads	Corrosion	

14.2 General criteria

If any part of the product shows significant visible damage or is suspected of containing a damaged module, visible or not, the product must be discarded and marked accordingly. A qualified person should assess the product.

If in doubt when assessing individual damages, contact the manufacturer, supplier or a gualified person.

Mark any damaged or worn material clearly and discard the material immediately.

Part	Failure symptoms
Truss	Welds which have cracks or other irregularities. Note that the incomplete welding seams around the diagonal braces are production-related and their stability has been TÜV approved.
Truss	Missing identification sticker that has the name of the manufacturer, the truss type and the date of production.
Truss	Excessive corrosion whereby the total cross-sectional area of the truss is reduced by more than 25% of the thickness or more than 10% of the cross-sectional area of the component.

14.3 Geometry of the truss

If any part of the product shows any of the following damages, the product is unfit for further use and must be discarded.

Part	Failure symptoms
Truss	The lasting deformation of the truss by twisting is more than 0.15° per meter of the truss length. Check the twisting with a digital leveller. The angular difference between the measurements at the both ends of the truss, divided by the length of the truss, shall not exceed 0.15°.
Truss	The lasting deformation of the truss by bending exceeds the following limits: Max. Δ = 3 mm (0.12 in) if L < 2250 mm (7.38 ft) Max. Δ = L/750 (length divided by 750) if L > 2250 mm (7.38 ft) See Figure 21.

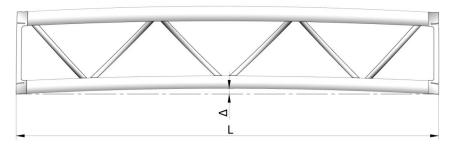


Figure 21: Limits for the lasting deformation of the truss by bending



14.4 Main chords

If any part of the product shows any of the following damages, the product is unfit for further use and must be discarded.

Part	Failure symptoms
Main chord	Breaks or cracks in the main chord.
Main chord	The main chord is bent more than 3 mm (0.12 in) between two node points. See Figure 22.
Main chord	The end of the main chord or connector is deformed to such an extent that the truss can only be connected to another truss by using considerable force.
Main chord	Scratches or signs of attrition on the surface of the main extrusions that reduce the wall thickness by more than 25% or the cross-sectional area of the tube by more than 10%".
Main chord	Indentation/dent deeper than the wall thickness.
Main chord	Holes appearing in the main chord after the truss was taken into use.
Main chord	The deformation of the main chord to an oval shape by more than 5% of the respective diameter.
Main chord	The main tube is distorted or constricted next to the welds due to excessive tensile force.
Main chord	Corrosion causing loss of material.

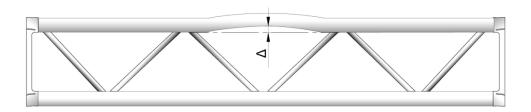


Figure 22: Main chord bent between two node points

14.5 Diagonals and end braces

If any part of the product shows any of the following damages, the product is unfit for further use and must be discarded. The term "brace" refers to a diagonal brace or an end brace.

Part	Failure symptoms
Braces	Breaks or cracks in a brace.
Braces	A brace no longer exists.
Braces	A brace is displaced from the original centre line by L/300 (length divided by 300) or 3 mm (0.12 in), whichever has the smallest value. See Figure 23.
Braces	Scratches, indentations or signs of attrition on the surface of the section that reduce the wall thickness by more than 25% or the cross-sectional area of the tube by more than 10%.
Braces	Indentation/dent deeper than the wall thickness.
Braces	Holes appearing in the brace after the truss was taken into use.
Braces	A brace shows a deformation to an oval shape by more than 5% of the respective diameter.
Braces	Corrosion causing loss of material.



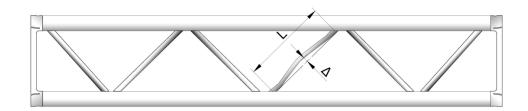


Figure 23: Bent diagonal

14.6 Connectors

If any part of the product shows any of the following damages, the product is unfit for further use and must be discarded.

Part	Failure symptoms
Connectors	Cracked or partially broken welding seams between the main tube and the connector.
Connectors	Oval signs of wear in the pin hole greater than 10% of their respective diameter. See
Connectors	Any visible ovalisation of pin holes due to overload.
Connectors	If a connector is deformed to such an extent that the truss can only be connected to another module by using considerable force.
Connectors	Corrosion causing loss of material.
Connectors	Scratches, cuts or hammer stroke indentations on the connector to a depth of more than 2 mm (0.08 in) and that are longer than 10 mm (0.39 in), regardless of the direction.

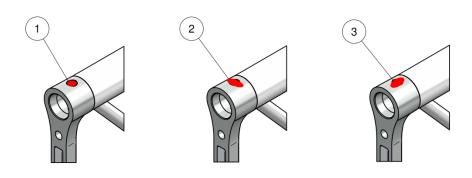


Figure 24: LITEC end-plate conical connectors

- 1 Normal conical drill
- 2 Oval signs of wear in the pin hole
- 3 Oval signs of wear in the pin hole



14.7 Connecting hardware

Connecting hardware is subjected to wear when inserted and removed frequently, especially due to hammer strokes. Connecting hardware can be regarded as consumables.

Do not re-zinc truss pins as they are made of high-grade steel. Re-zincing may cause hydrogen embrittlement.

If the connecting hardware shows any of the following damages, replace the connecting hardware in question.

Part	Failure symptoms
Connecting hardware	Signs of galvanic corrosion.
Pin or bolt	Signs of pressure areas on the pin or bolt.
Pin or bolt	A bent pin or bolt.
Pin	Any damage to the smooth surface of the pin.
Pin	Burrs, mushroom heads or other protruding, sharp or pointed edges at the narrower end of the pin. See Figure 25.
R-clip hole	Deformations on the R-clip hole make it impossible to fit the R-clip.
Self-locking nut	A re-used self-locking nut. Self-locking nuts are for single use only.



Figure 25: Mushroom head on the pin

15 Warranty

For a period of 12 months, we undertake to repair, free of charge, any damage attributable to faulty materials or workmanship, provided that the product is forwarded, freight paid, to our factory or one of our contract service organisations.

The warranty period begins on the day of delivery, proven by a purchase receipt like an invoice, delivery note or their copies.

The warranty only is applicable for new products.

The warranty does not cover damage due to transport damage, negligent handling, overload or parts subject to normal wear and tear. Nor damages that originate from a case of misuse because of non-observance of the instructions in this manual.

The fitting of replacement parts not supplied by us, or modifications of our design by third parties, also invalidates the warranty.

Warranty repairs do not renew nor extend the warranty period.



16 Certificates

16.1 CE Declaration of Conformity







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Truss inspection documentation

Inspection date

Inspector

Reason for the inspection

First purchase

Inspection after accident, incident or malfunction

Periodic inspection

Truss system

Type of component

Serial number

Overview of criteria to be checked for discard

(in accordance with the LITEC Truss User Manual Part 1: General instructions)

		A	В	С	D	E	F	G
1	Identification sticker	Sticker is missing						
2	Global geometry	Bending	Not easy to connect	Torsion				
3	Main chords	Breaks / Cracks	Bending	Not easy to connect	Corrosion	Scratches, Indentations, Abrasions	Ovalisation	Distortion, constriction
4	Diagonals / End frames	Breaks / Cracks	Not existing	Bending	Corrosion	Scratches, Indentations, Abrasions	Ovalisation	
5	Connector	Not easy to connect	Corrosion	Scratches, Indentations, Abrasions	Oval signs of wear in pin hole	Ovalization of pin hole due to overload		

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If failure mode present:

Cell number	Description of failure mode					
Should the co	component be discarded? Yes No					



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