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T-HOOK SLOTS FOR SECUREMENT IN SHIPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

1. PURPOSE:

This standard is to provide standardized restraining slots, in accordance with product weight category and test requirements, to be incorporated in agricultural equipment that will be shipped, utilizing a T-hook and slot method of tiedown.

2. SCOPE:

This standard is to provide a means of securement in shipment of agricultural equipment on railroad flat cars and flat-bed trucks by utilizing a T-hook and slot method.

3. SPECIFICATIONS:

3.1 Slot dimensions are shown in Fig. 1.

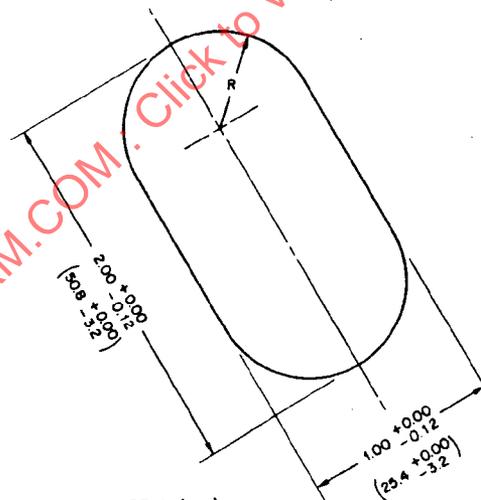


FIGURE 1 - Restraining Slot for T-Hook

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- 3.2 Restraining slot shall be capable of withstanding impacts, in accordance with Association of American Railroads, Recommended Procedure for Conducting Field Impact Tests of Loaded Freight Cars.
- 3.3 T-hooks are designed to secure through product up to 19 mm (0.75 in) thick. They shall be provided by the originating carrier.
- 3.3.1 Attached T-hook commonly used on rail equipped flat cars is shown in Fig. 2.



FIGURE 2 - Attached T-Hook

- 3.3.2 Grab T-hook commonly used on truck shipments is shown in Fig. 3.

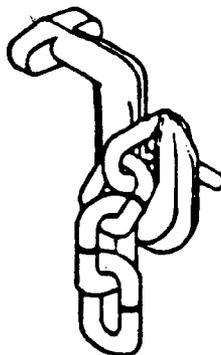


FIGURE 3 - Grab T-Hook

4. REFERENCE:

Association of American Railroads, 1960. General rules governing the loading of commodities on open top cars. February 1960.

5. CITED STANDARD:

AAR, Recommended Procedure for Conducting Field Impact Tests of Loaded Freight Cars.