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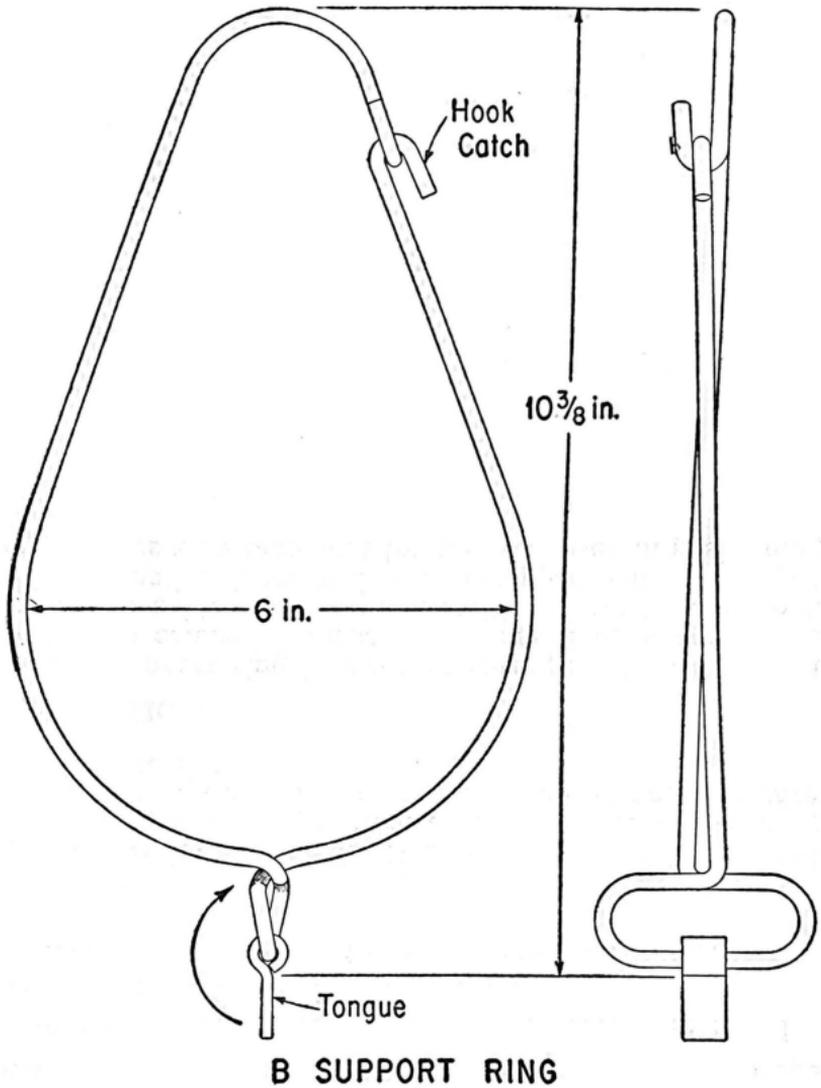
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1. GENERAL

1.01 This section covers the B Support Ring which is used for temporarily supporting aerial cable prior to lashing and for placing or removing cable, suspension strand and wire at hazardous locations.

2. DESCRIPTION

2.01 The support ring is made of spring steel wire formed in two connected loops. The larger loop supports the wire, strand or cable and is provided with an interlocking hook catch. The smaller loop, which is equipped with a hinged tongue, provides an attachment for the rope used in positioning the rings.



2.02 3/8-inch, 1/2-inch and 5/8-inch ropes may be used for positioning the rings.

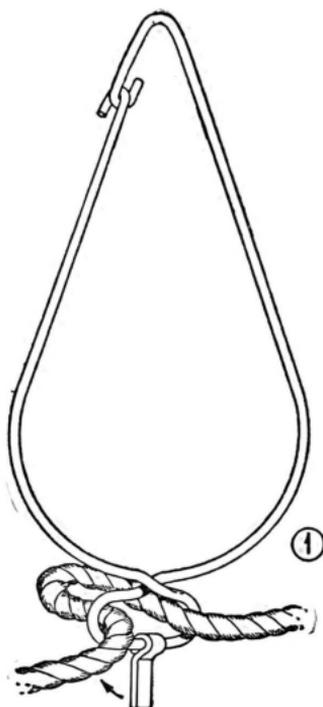
2.03 Each ring will support a maximum of 50 pounds.

3. ATTACHING THE RINGS TO THE RING ROPE

3.01 For ease of installation and removal it is desirable to have all rings in a span opening on the same side of the line. Care should be taken to place the rings with the hook

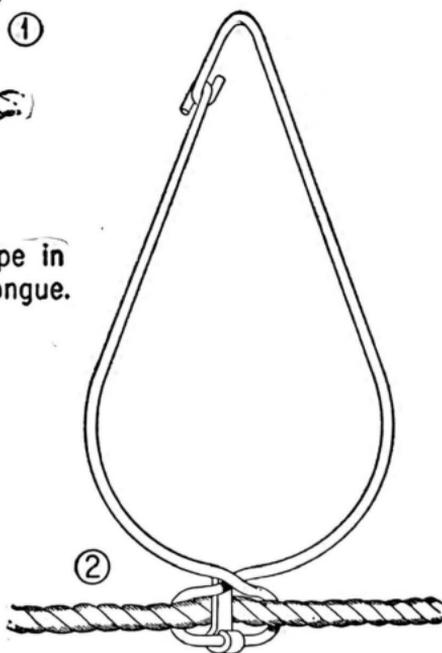
catches on the same side when attaching the rings to the ring rope.

3.02 Attach the rings to the ring rope by inserting a bight of the rope through the small loop and around the tongue and pulling the rope tight as indicated in the following figures:



① Insert bight of rope in loop and raise tongue.

② Pull rope tight.



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