

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF: MUD SKIPS

This document is issued in accordance with the requirements of DNV 2.7-1 and EN 12079 or ISO 10855. It outlines the care & safe use of **Mud Skips** & is based on the Oil & Gas UK "Best Practice for the Safe Packing & Handling of Cargo to & from Offshore Locations". It should be read in conjunction with the instructions for the safe use of Wire Rope Slings & safe use of Shackles.

This information is of a general nature only covering the main points for the safe use of Mud Skips. It may be necessary to supplement this information for specific operations.

ALWAYS

- Always ensure operators wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), e.g. gloves, hard hat, safety glasses, & safety footwear.
- Always ensure operators are trained & competent.
- Always ensure dangerous goods are shipped in compliance with the requirements of the IMDG code.

NEVER

- Never use equipment without carrying out a pre-use inspection.
- Never use equipment that has not been periodically inspected & certified.
- Never replace lifting sets without the approval of a competent person.
- Never use equipment out with its intended purpose.

PRE-USE INSPECTION

- Ensure lids function correctly with hinges & locking gear free moving & undamaged.
- Ensure the chain & carabiner are in place & fit for purpose where applicable.
- Ensure the data plate is legible & demonstrates sufficient certification.

- Ensure the safety, identification, & information markings are clear & legible.
- Ensure the lifting set is correctly fitted with shackles & split pins fully engaged.
- Ensure the lifting set is free of obvious signs of damage, e.g. abrasion, corrosion, wear, chemical attack, & mechanical damage.

LOADING & OPERATION

- To fill the mud skip with waste drill cuttings, use the man lid or open the lid.
- When full ensure the man lid & all lids are closed & secured using the locking device provided.
- If vacuum filling / emptying, ensure the specific unit is vacuum rated. Do not exceed the vacuum rating stated on the Offshore Container Certificate.
- If emptying using a rotating forklift, ensure slings do not restrict the opening lids.
- If emptying a non-vacuum rated mud skip using a vacuum pump, ensure minimum of one lid remains open during this process.
- Mud skip must be emptied of waste drill cuttings & cleaned at an appropriate process facility.
- On completion of cleaning ensure drainage cap is secured on outlet pipe & all lids are locked in the closed position.

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MOVEMENT & TRANSPORT

- Ensure all signs & placards are in place & in compliance with the IMDG Code.
- Ensure roof, forklift pockets, frame, etc., are free of potential dropped objects.
- Ensure the total weight does not exceed the maximum gross weight of the unit.
- Ensure all lifting is performed using the forklift pockets or dedicated lifting set.
- Lifting must be carried out by competent persons in accordance with an appropriate lifting plan.
- Ensure all lids are closed with locking gear fully engaged.
- Ensure drainage cap is hand tight.
- Utilise tag lines when lifting as required.

MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

Moving parts such as hinges, locking gear, shackles, etc. must be regularly lubricated to ensure free movement & combat corrosion.

Any surface damage must be regularly treated to combat corrosion.

Lifting sets shall be subjected to as a minimum as per requirements:

- Visual examination of complete lifting set at intervals not exceeding 12 months.
- Non-destructive examination including visual examination of components & joining links excluding legs at intervals not exceeding 48 months.
- Visual examination of shackles & wire rope legs at intervals not exceeding 6 months.
- Non-destructive examination, & visual examination of chain sling legs at intervals not exceeding 48 months.

Units shall be subjected to as a minimum as per DNV 2.7-1 requirements:

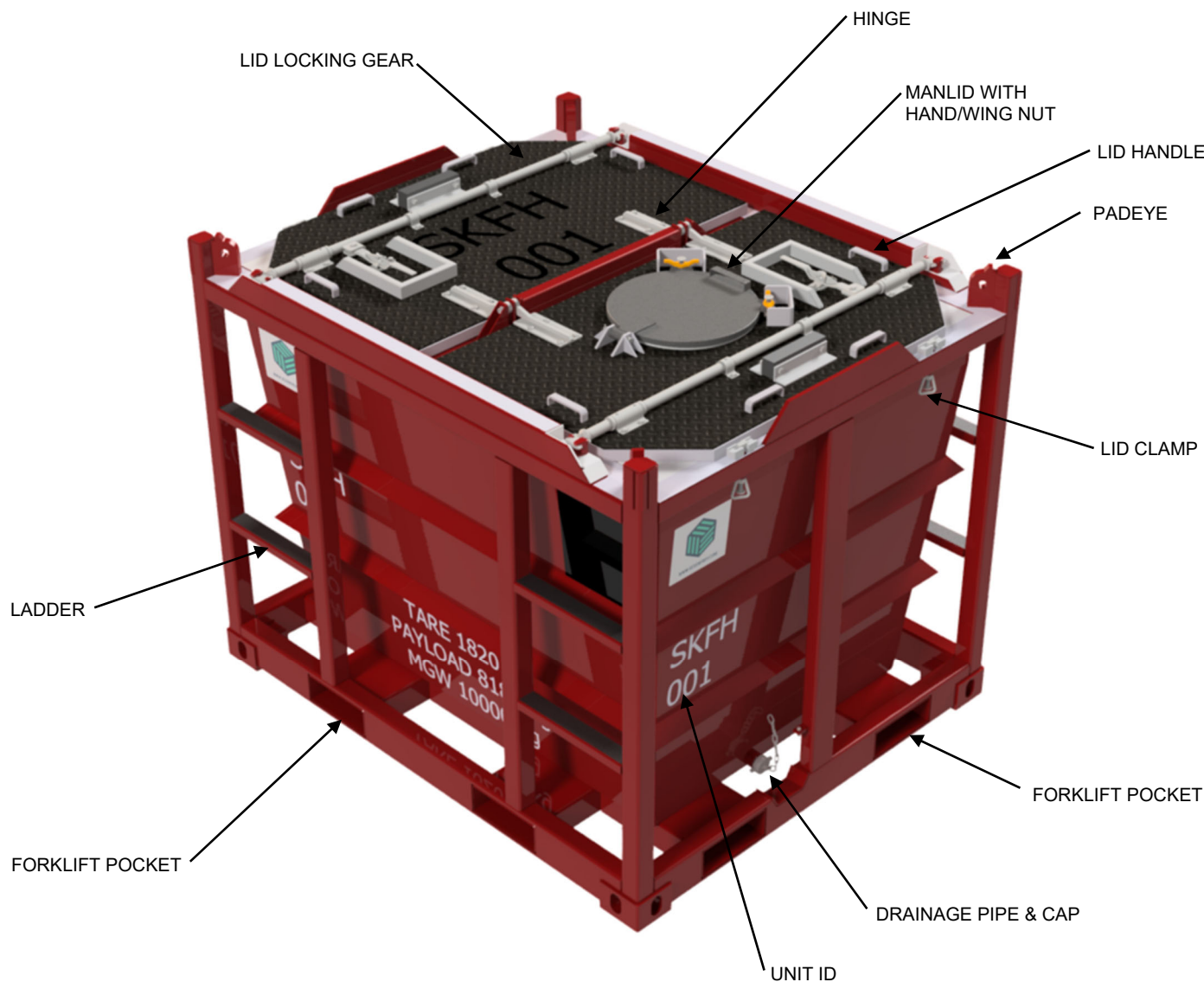
- Visual examination at intervals not exceeding 12 months.
- Non-destructive examination including visual examination at intervals not exceeding 48 months.
- Proof load test, non-destructive examination & visual examination after substantial repair or alteration.

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