


NEW EUROPEAN STANDARDS & BHW GROUP

New Harmonised European Standards: EN14492-1 for power driven winches, EN14492-2 for power driven hoists provide the means for conformity to essential Health and Safety requirements of the EC Machinery Directive.

Conformity to these standards is the joint responsibility of the supplier, the installer and the company operating the product.

 **BHW Group products** are fully compliant and carry a CE mark.
A Declaration of Conformity is also supplied with each winch or hoist.

Selecting the correct winch or hoist for the application is very important not only from the health and safety aspect, but also to maximise product life and value for money.

Our aim at BHW Group is to ensure the correct machine is supplied to suit the application and we welcome the opportunity of discussing the proposed application and offer advice. It will help us considerably if information regarding the maximum and average loads to be lifted or pulled - and approximate frequency of use can be provided.

For recovery vehicles the permissible standard of wire rope MBF** to winch rating can be a minimum 2:1 and the ratio of wire rope to mean drum ratio* only 10:1. This minimum standard is permitted because the running time is so short and the winch rarely sees maximum load.

Wire rope capacities the maximum amount of wire rope on the drum must leave a freeboard to the top of the drum flange of 1.5 x wire rope diameter to prevent the wire rope coming off the drum.

For hoisting applications the minimum breaking force (MBF**) of the wire rope must be 5 x the lifting capacity of the hoist. The ratio of wire rope diameter to mean drum diameter* is usually at least 15:1. This will vary according to the application, the average operating time per day and the average and maximum weights being lifted.

For pulling applications (for example, in factories) as a general rule requires a wire rope with a MBF** relative to winch capacity of 3:1 and a rope to mean drum ratio* of 12:1.

Winches and hoists with capacities over 1000kg must be load limited.

* Mean drum diameter = the drum diameter plus the diameter of the wire rope.

** MBF = the Minimum Breaking Force of the wire rope.