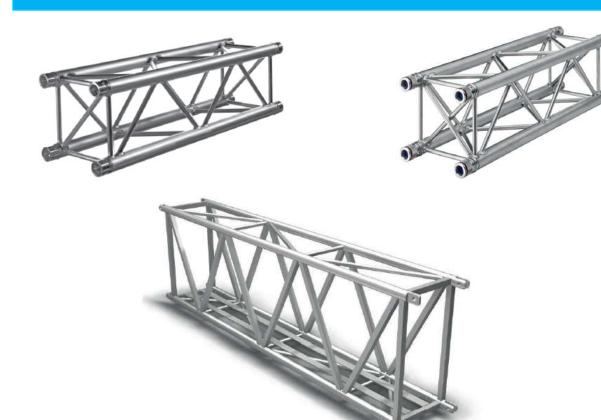


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1 Introduction

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

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

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

The manufacturer is not liable for indirect consequential damage or financial loss. The manufacturer is not liable for any changes made to the product or for any damage resulting from such changes.

1.2 Related information

For more information on the product, see www.prolyte.com/products/aluminium-truss.

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 the safety regulations.

1.3.1 Safety conventions



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.



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.



Indicates information that is considered important but which is not hazard-related.

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1.4 Terminology

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

Term	Definition
Abrasion	Loss of material due to wear.
Bent member	A component or assembly that has permanent deviation from the intended centre line.
Cell clamp	A device that is used to attach loads to the truss or to connect the truss to a suspension point.
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.
Conical connection	A type of connection used for connecting trusses together. See Figure 1.
Conical truss pin	A pin used with a conical connection. See Figure 1.
Connecting hardware	Connecting components such as straight or conical truss pins, bolts, washers and R-clips.
Connector	A part of a connection.
Crack	A crevice-type discontinuity in a material.
Diagonal member	An element of a truss module that is not at a 90-degree angle to the main chords.
End member	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.
Female connector	A part of a conical connection. See Figure 1.
Fork connector	A part of a pin/fork connection. See Figure 2.
Identification sticker	A sticker on the product containing several items of information about the product.
Internal member	An element of a rectangular or square truss that diagonally connects the main chords at a 90-degree angle to the main chords.
Main chord	An element of a truss that carries the forces associated with bending moments, axial forces or a combination of them.
Male connector	A part of a conical and Verto connection. 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.
Pin/fork connection	A type of connection used for connecting trusses together. See Figure 2.

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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 Figure 1 and Figure 2.
Repetitive use	Assembling and disassembling the same modules or assemblies on multiple occasions.
Safety clip	A clip used for securing a connection, for example. See Figure 3.
Single-span girder	A single truss module or a composition of several connected truss modules, supported at both ends of the span.
Straight truss pin	A pin used with a pin/fork connector. See Figure 2.
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 trusses. See Figure 1 and Figure 2.
Truss structure	An assembly made of truss modules.
User	A person or a company who or which assembles or uses modules or systems.
Verto connection	A type of connection used for connecting trusses together. See Figure 3.

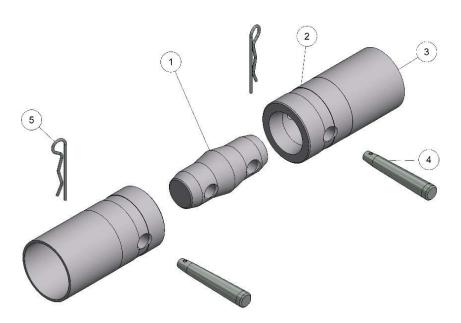


Figure 1: Conical connection

- 1 Male connector
- 2 Female connector
- 3 Main chord
- 4 Conical truss pin
- 5 R-clip

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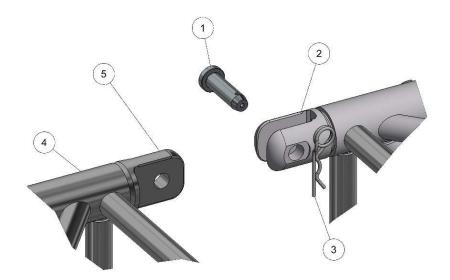


Figure 2: Pin/fork connection

- 1 Straight truss pin
- 2 Female fork connector
- 3 R-clip
- 4 Main chord
- 5 Male pin connector

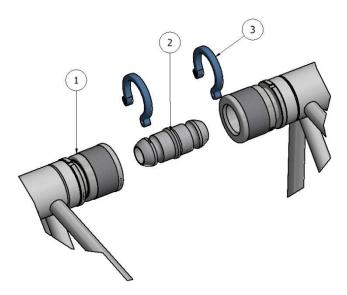


Figure 3: Verto connection

- 1 Female Verto connector
- 2 Male Verto connector
- 3 Safety clip

1.5 Standards

If used as lifting accessories, trusses are subject to the European Machinery 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.

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NOTICE

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

The following standards are taken into consideration for manufacturing:

- 2006/42/EC, European Machinery 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 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 October 2015 was based on calculations according to the German DIN 4113 standard, while truss data published after this date is based on Eurocode EN 1999. Data such as the allowable bending moment, shear force and normal force cannot be compared due to the different safety principle in each standard.



Do not mix structural data (such as bending moment, shear force and normal force) calculated according to different standards as they are based on different safety principles.

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⚠ WARNING

Beware 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 consisting of assembled trusses must always be checked as regards their structural stability and strength by a structural engineer. The technical specifications that are provided 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 Equipotential bonding



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Truss structures that are in contact with electrical equipment can 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 them when the suspended fixtures are electrically charged.

2.2 Personal protective equipment

For health and safety reasons, people moving, assembling, disassembling, maintaining or transporting the products should wear adequate personal protective equipment such as, but not limited to, gloves, hearing 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, hearing protection and protective gloves when moving, assembling, disassembling, maintaining or transporting the products.



PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Comply with your local noise level regulations when assembling and disassembling the products.

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PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Comply with your local regulations for the maximum weight allowed per person when carrying or moving the products.

3 Limitations of use

The trusses must always be used within the limits of the structural report and the declarations provided.

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



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

NOTICE

TÜV certificates issued after February 2015 are all based on Eurocode 9.

PROLYTE trusses described in this manual are not specifically designed for lifting people. Adequate load reduction and safety precautions according to local legislation must be taken into consideration when people are lifted.

Use the product only for its specified purpose. Any use other than the specified use is regarded as misuse. The user or operator, not the manufacturer, is liable for any damage or injury resulting from such misuse.

3.1 Load charts

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

- The self-weight is already taken into account
- Static loads only
- Single-span girders (all other structures made of trusses require dedicated structural reports)
- Loads applied at the node points
- Spans can consist of several modules
- The interaction of shear force and bending moment at the connector is taken into consideration
- Safety factors taken into consideration: self-weight 1.35 / variable load 1.5

3.2 Load reduction factor for repetitive use

See Part 2: Product-specific instructions to find out whether a load reduction factor for repetitive use needs to be taken into account to comply with the BS 7905-2, ANSI E1.2-2006 and EN 17115 standards for truss modules in repetitive use. According to these standards, all loads must or should (depending on the standard) be multiplied by 0.85.

The truss calculations only give consideration to static or virtual static loads, not fatigue loads based on a high number of load cycles.

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3.3 Compatibility with other products

PROLYTE explicitly states that PROLYTE trusses must not be connected to the trusses or associated structural components of any other manufacturer in one span.

Truss modules from PROLYTE, such as the H3OV, which have a redesigned main chord with dimensions of 48.1x3.05 mm (1.89x0.12 in), are allowed to be connected to truss modules with a round 48x3-mm (1.89x0.12-in) main chord in one span since they have the same characteristics.

3.4 Environmental influences

3.4.1 Temperature

Trusses can be used in environmental conditions varying from -20°C to +80°C (-4°F to +176°F). However, take special care if trusses are used at temperatures below 0°C (32°F).

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

At temperatures below 0°C (32°F), the captive water can freeze and cause damage to the truss members.

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

3.4.2 Aggressive environments

Take special care when trusses are used in, or in the vicinity of, aggressive environments. 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 saltwater environment. However, oxidation can occur on the surface. Clean regularly with fresh water or with a dedicated protection product.

The material used for the connectors is especially vulnerable to saltwater. Anodise, coat or treat it with a sealant so that no saltwater particles can come into contact with the material.

4 Transport, handling and storage



PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

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



PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Vertical transportation or storage of the products can be hazardous due to the products falling over.

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

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

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

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5 Identification

PROLYTE products can be recognised by identification stickers.



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

NOTICE

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

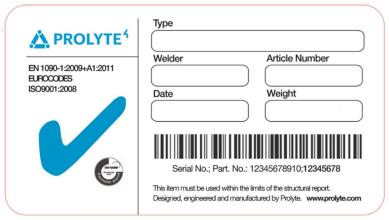


Figure 4: Example of an identification sticker (without product information)

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 www.prolyte.com.



Use of excessive force when tightening accessories such as lamp hooks or cell clamps can damage the truss chords.



Pay special attention when using lamp hooks or cell clamps. Their inner radius might not meet the tube to which they need to be attached. This can lead to severe damage.

NOTICE

You should never allow accessories to damage other products.

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9 Coatings and surface treatments

Coatings and surface finishes should only be applied after consulting the coating or finish manufacturer or another 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 permitted at a maximum temperature of 180°C (356°F) for up to 20 minutes. If it becomes necessary to renew the powder coating, the process must be coordinated with PROLYTE.

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

Chemical removal of coatings and surface finishes may only be carried out after consulting 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 trusses that are 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.

Paying attention to the following points when slinging is therefore recommended:

- Make sure the attachment point is at 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 only to the main chords, not to the connectors, diagonals or internal diagonals.



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

NOTICE

Slinging equipment must 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 slinging equipment around at least 2 main chords.

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

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NOTICE

Suspending and supporting have the same effect on the truss.

If the truss is not supported or loaded at the node point, the main chords will be subjected to an additional local bending moment. This effect should be taken into consideration in the structural analysis and could reduce the load capacity.

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

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

For optimum performance, suspensions should be attached at the node points. If this is not done, 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 examining each load case individually. This should be done by a structural engineer.

10.1 Recommended slinging methods

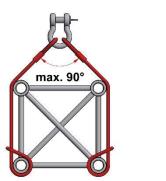




Figure 5: Slinging methods for PROLYTE square and rectangular trusses





Figure 6: Slinging methods for PROLYTE triangular trusses

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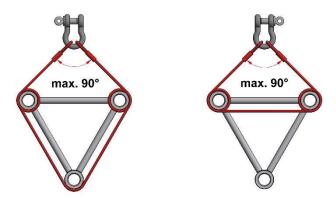


Figure 7: More slinging methods for PROLYTE triangular trusses

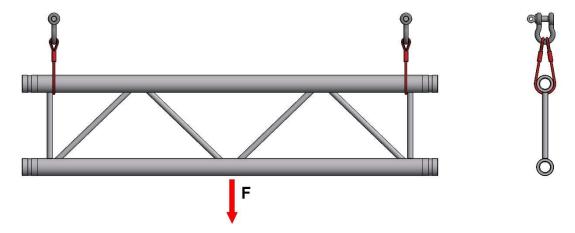


Figure 8: Ladder truss pick-up

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



Particular attention must be paid to ladder trusses during slinging. The top chord must be stabilised because of a risk of lateral torsional buckling. Only load the bottom chord. Other types of loading require structural analysis before use.

11 Assembling and disassembling

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 the following, amongst other tasks:

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

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

11.2 Before you start

The pin can only be inserted from the outside inwards on trusses with conical connectors. Make sure that the conical hole in the connector is positioned correctly, i.e. that the larger side of the hole faces outwards.

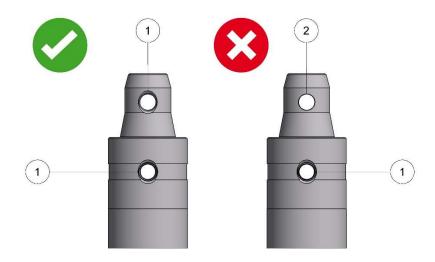


Figure 9: Holes in conical connectors

- 1 Large hole
- 2 Small hole

When two trusses with conical connectors are assembled, you can see a gap between them. This is done on purpose and has no negative influence on strength or function.

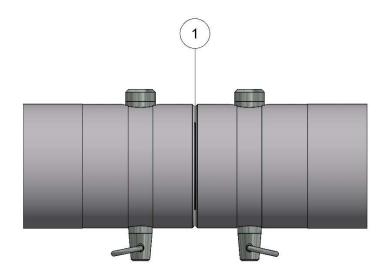


Figure 10: A gap between trusses assembled with a conical connector

1 Gap

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When trusses with end braces are being assembled, it is irrelevant whether the diagonals follow the alternating zigzag pattern.

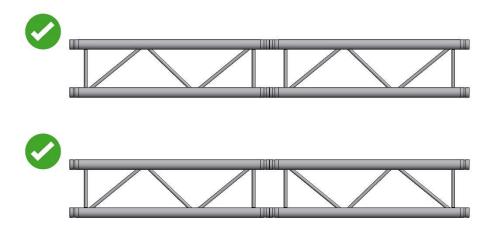


Figure 11: Both zigzag patterns can be used for trusses with end braces

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 to threaded aluminium components, use the following torque settings:

- M12: 25 Nm
- M16: 50 Nm

11.5 Assembling a truss

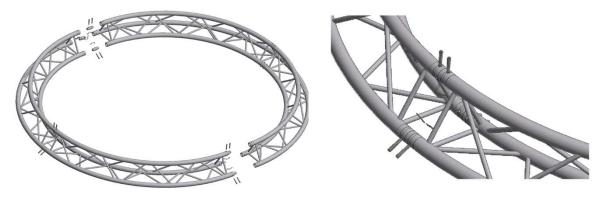
- 1. Slide both truss modules towards each other.
- 2. Align the pin holes of the female and male connectors. Adjust the male connectors if the holes are not aligned. Do not use excessive force.
- 3. Assembling the truss pin
 - a. When using a pin with an R-clip:
 Insert the pin through the pin holes, preferably with a copper hammer.
 Tip: position the pin so 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 that it is not necessary to pull in the pin using the nut. Slide the rubber washer and washer onto the pin and secure the nut. (See Section 1.4, Figure 1 "BM8 connection"). Use self-locking nuts only.
- 4. Sling the truss as instructed in Section 10.
- 5. Check that all connections are made properly.
- 6. Attach loads as instructed in Section 11.7.
- 7. Lift the truss to working height and inspect all connections. Correct if necessary.
- 8. Lift the truss to the required height. When lifting, avoid "bumping", as this leads to increased forces in the truss and load.



11.6 Assembling truss circles and ellipses

- 1. Start by assembling two or more truss modules to create two half circles.
- 2. Assemble the truss pins in both half circles as described in Section 11.5. NOTE: To allow a degree of 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 form a full circle.
- 4. Once all junction points have been connected, hammer the pins in to their final, tight position.



Connecting two half circles

Loose connection

11.7 Attaching a load

! WARNING

Before applying loads, a competent person should check whether 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 taken into consideration in the loading data that is provided.

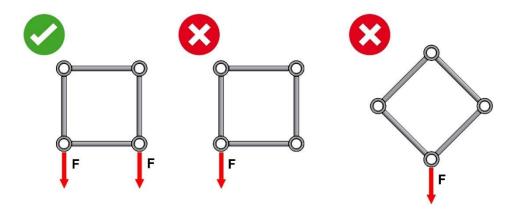


Figure 12: Attaching loads to a PROLYTE square truss

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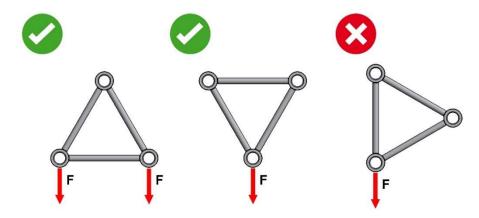


Figure 13: Attaching loads to a triangular truss

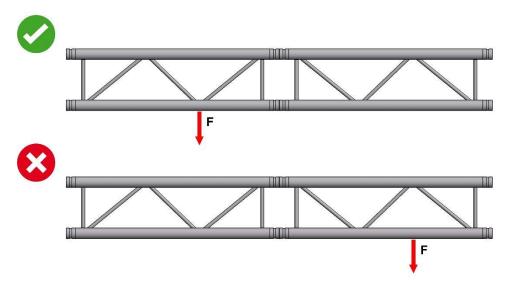


Figure 14: Attach the load at or as close to a node point as possible

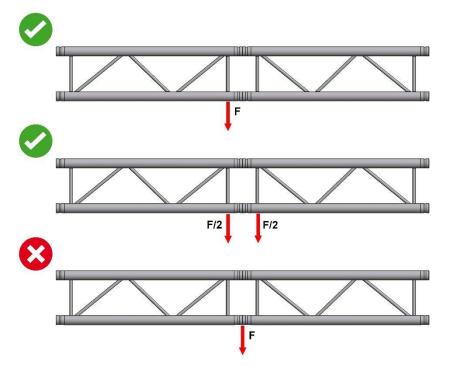


Figure 15: Attaching loads near the connector

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NOTE: It may be possible to use some of the methods marked as incorrect, 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 floor level.
- 5. Disconnect the slings or lifting accessories.
- 6. Remove the truss pins/clevis 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 does not corrode in the same way that 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 saltwater, near tram lines or near swimming pools. Trusses should be individually inspected each time before being used to determine whether any 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 products 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 a similar lubricant. Lubricants should not be sticky, in order to prevent the accumulation of dirt, dust or grit.

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

Remove any grit or dirt from trusses and their components. Do not use any abrasive methods other than an abrasive cloth or sandpaper with a grain size of 240 or higher.

13 Inspection

Depending on local regulations, we recommend that either a competent person or a certified body carries out a careful and 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 Section 14 to ensure the safe use of the product.

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

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Do not use damaged trusses, connectors or pins.

The user is responsible and liable for the safe use of the product.

The open heel of the diagonal welds is part of the design of conical truss and is TÜV-approved.

For information on the discard criteria, see Section 14.

13.1 Inspection levels

13.1.1 Regular inspection

A competent person must perform regular visual inspections each time before the product is used. 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 must carry out a detailed inspection based on the criteria described in Section 14.

13.1.2 Periodic inspections

A qualified person must perform periodic visual inspections on behalf of the user based on the criteria described in Section 14, and a record of the inspections must be maintained.

13.2 Inspection frequency

13.2.1 Initial inspection

No matter whether the product is new or used when it is first purchased, inspect the product based on the criteria described in Section 14. Keep a record of the inspections and identification numbers.

13.2.2 Inspections after an accident, incident or malfunction

If the truss modules have suffered any accidents, inspect them based on the criteria described in Section 14.

Examples of accidents, incidents or malfunctions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 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 each time before the product is used or when it is 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 that are permanently installed in a stationary configuration. A qualified person must determine the frequency of the inspections based on the prevailing conditions.

13.2.5 Permanent installations (moving)

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

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13.3 Records

The owner must keep records of initial and periodic inspections for each truss. These records should be signed and dated by the person carrying out the inspections. An example of an inspection report can be found at the end of this user manual.

14 Discard criteria

All discard criteria must be taken into consideration when performing inspections.

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

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

If any damage that prevents the continued, safe use of the product is noted during an inspection, 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 manufacturing, the dimensions of the truss can deviate from the theoretical dimensions that are provided. These deviations are within the limits specified in EN 1090-3.

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14.1 Overview of discard criteria

Inspection	Failure symptoms							
Geometry	Bending	Twisting						
Identification	Identification sticker missing							
Main chords	Fractures, cracks	Bending	Deformations that prevent easy assembly	Corrosion	Scratches, indentations, signs of abrasion	Holes	Ovalisation	Distortion, constriction
Diagonals, end braces	Fractures, cracks	Missing	Bending	Corrosion	Scratches, indentations, signs of abrasion	Holes	Ovalisation	
Connectors	Cracks in welds	Deformations that prevent easy assembly	Corrosion	Scratches, cuts, hammer strokes	Oval signs of wear in pin holes	Ovalisation of pin holes due to overloading		
Connecting hardware	Pressure area on pin or bolt	Bending	Deformation on R-clip hole	Reused self- locking nuts	Damage on smooth surface of pin	Mushroom heads	Corrosion	

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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 marked accordingly and discarded. A qualified person should assess the product.



If in doubt when assessing individual damage, contact the manufacturer, supplier or a qualified 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 bearing 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 damage, the product is unfit for further use and must be discarded.

Part	Failure symptoms
Truss	The permanent deformation of the truss by twisting is more than 0.15° per metre (3.28 ft) of the truss length. Check the twisting with a digital leveller. The angular difference between the measurements at both ends of the truss, divided by the length of the truss, must not exceed 0.15°.
Truss	The permanent 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 16.

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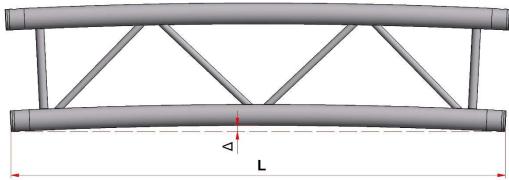


Figure 16: Limits for the permanent deformation of the truss by bending

14.4 Main chords

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

Part	Failure symptoms
Main chord	Fractures or cracks in the main chord.
Main chord	The main chord is bent by more than 3 mm (0.12 in) between two node points. See Figure 17.
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 abrasion 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	Indentations/dents deeper than the wall thickness.
Main chord	Holes appearing in the main chord after the truss has been put into use.
Main chord	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.

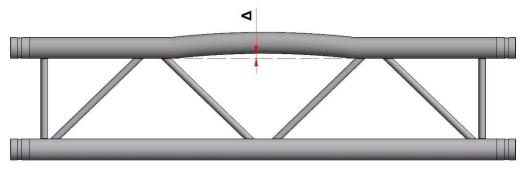


Figure 17: Main chord bent between two node points

14.5 Diagonals and end braces

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

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Part	Failure symptoms
Braces	Fractures 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 value is the lowest. See Figure 18.
Braces	Scratches, indentations or signs of abrasion 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 has been put into use.
Braces	A brace shows deformation to an oval shape by more than 5% of the respective diameter.
Braces	Corrosion causing loss of material.

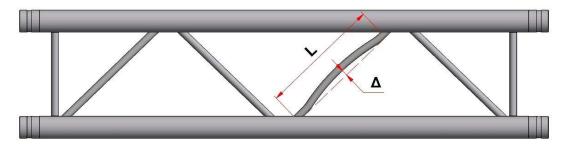


Figure 18: Bent diagonal

14.6 Connectors

If any part of the product shows any of the following damage, 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 the respective diameter. See the figures below.
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 which are longer than 10 mm (0.39 in), regardless of the direction.

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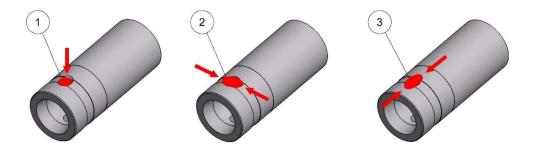


Figure 19: Conical connections

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

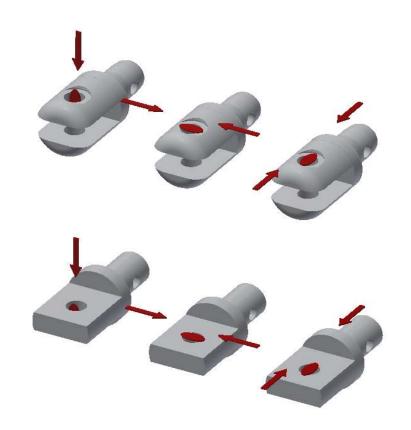


Figure 20: Pin/fork connections

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

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14.7 Connecting hardware

Connecting hardware is subject 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 damage, 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 20.
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 20: Mushroom head on the pin

15 Warranty

For a period of 24 months, we undertake to repair any damage attributable to faulty materials or workmanship free of charge provided that the product is forwarded freight paid to our factory or one of our contract service organisations.

The warranty period begins on the date of delivery, proved by a purchase receipt such as an invoice, a delivery note or a copy of one of these.

The warranty is applicable to new products only.

The warranty does not cover damage due to transport, negligent handling, overloading or parts subject to normal wear and tear. Nor does it cover damage resulting from misuse due to 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 invalidate the warranty.

Warranty repairs do not renew or extend the warranty period.

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Truss inspection documentation

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