Basic Sling Configurations with Vertical Legs

**Form of Hitch**

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<th>Choker Hitch</th>
<th>Basket Hitch (Alternates have identical load ratings)</th>
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**Notes:** Angles 5° or less from the vertical may be considered vertical angles.

For slings with legs more than 5° off vertical, the actual angle as shown in Figure N-184-5 must be considered.

**Explanation of Symbols:**

- Represents a contact surface which shall have a diameter of curvature at least double the diameter of the rope from which the sling is made.
- Represents a contact surface which shall have a diameter of curvature at least 8 times the diameter of the rope.
- Represents a load in a choker hitch and illustrates the rotary force on the load and/or the slippage of the rope in contact with the load. Diameter of curvature of load surface shall be at least double the diameter of the rope.