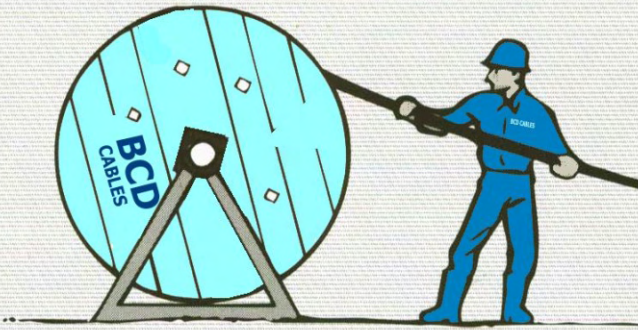
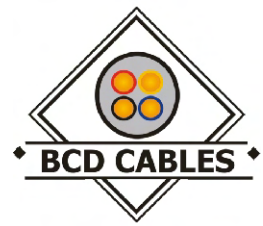


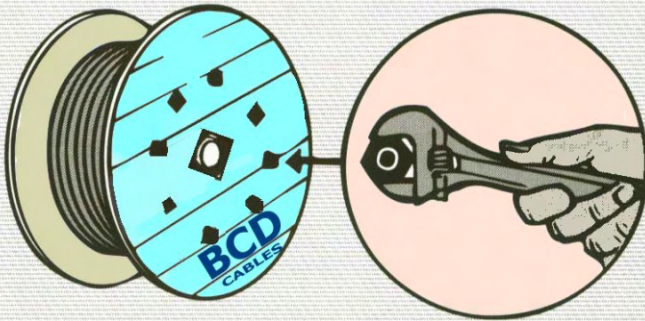
Safe Handling Of Cable Drums

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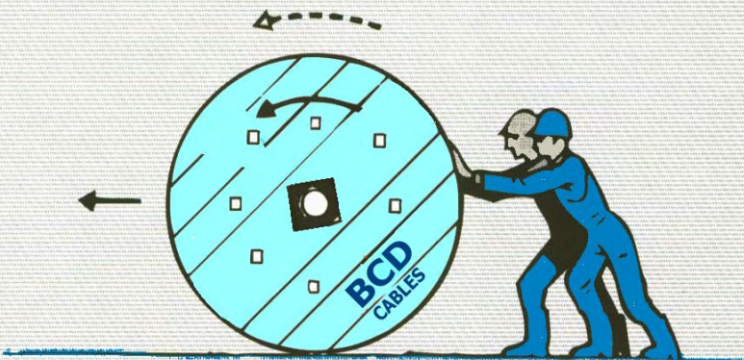
It is important for the safety of operatives and to prevent damage to our cables that cable drums are handled in the correct manner



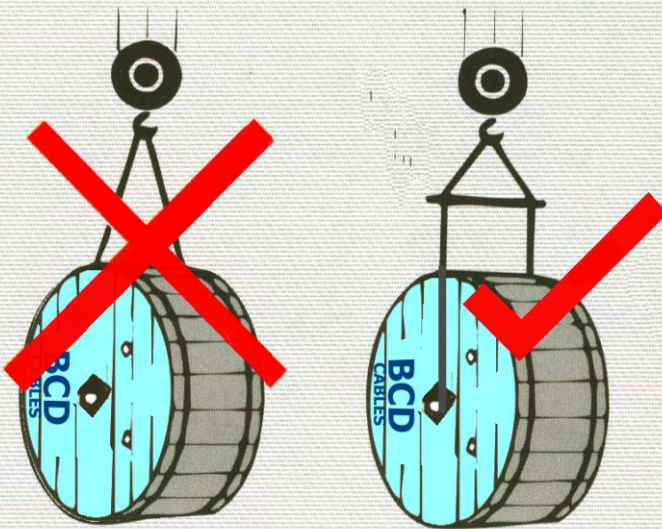
Although cables in general are able to withstand "rough" handling they can be damaged by impact, pinching and abrasion. Correct pay-out from the cable drum should prevent this. However, through faulty handling cables may slide or shift on the drum resulting in pinching and excessive tension being applied which may cause damage.



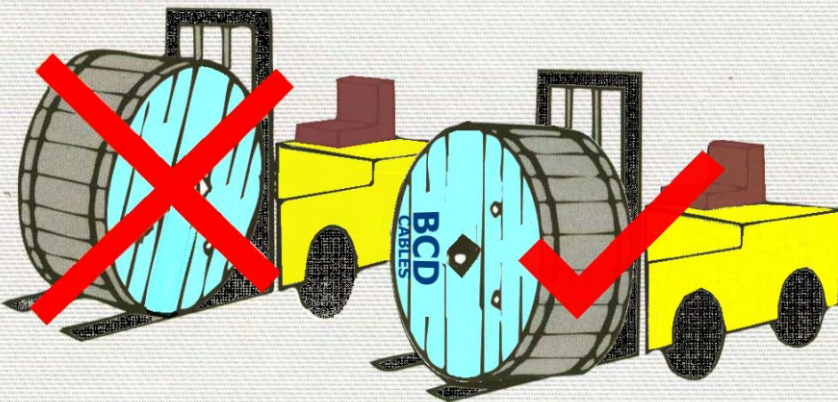
Constant movement during storage and transportation along with any changes in weather conditions can cause the drum fixings to become loose which will require the flange nuts to be re-tightened.



To prevent cable "crawl", drums must be rolled in the direction indicated by the arrows when marked on the flange. Where roll indication arrows are not identifiable drums should be rolled in the same direction as the cable has been wound onto the drum.



When using slings or chains for lifting a spreader bar must be used to avoid inward pressure on the flanges.



When using a fork lift truck the forks must across the flanges and have sufficient reach. Drums must be raised and lowered carefully with the fork lift truck stationary and the hand brake applied.



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