

**With the unique challenges that the wind industry is facing, The Crosby Group helps to solve key problems through lifting clamp innovation.**

The wind industry is one of the world's most demanding industries with unique challenges the face those involved with manufacturing and installing towers, monopiles and transition pieces. However, there are common elements with many other end markets: heavy materials to lift from various angles, concern about equipment damage during handling, and a top focus on safe lifting and rigging operations.

As a leading manufacturer of rigging, lifting, and load securement hardware, The Crosby Group works to provide solutions that directly address these concerns of the wind industry. Their extensive portfolio for the renewables market includes a range of vertical and horizontal lifting clamps and pipe hooks specifically designed for the demands of wind energy applications. A standout special feature of CrosbyIP-branded standard and custom clamps is the availability of minimal-marring camsegments and pivots, the clamping pieces of a clamp.

Kees Gillesse, product marketing manager at The Crosby Group, said: "When handling steel plates with lifting clamps, the clamping camsegment and pivot usually leave an indentation in the material surface—known as marring. Because of the high standards in the wind energy industry, these indentations have to be ground away from the surface. This rework costs time and money. By reducing the height of the teeth of the camsegment and pivot, the pitch between the teeth can be decreased and more teeth can be in contact with the material surface, reducing the depth of the indentations."