

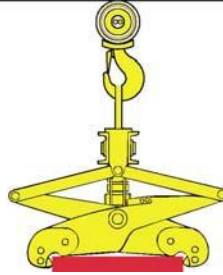


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John Barney and JBS Cranes & Accessories (JBS) are pleased to announce the granting of United States Patent No. 7,424,998 for the Vector Tong™ flux vector controlled hoist operated slab tong. The patent was filed September 22, 2003 and will remain in force through January 25, 2024. Unless/until other licensing arrangements are made, JBS will be happy to work with manufacturing companies who wish to manufacture a new or retrofit an existing hoist operated slab tong equipped with a flux vector controlled hoist arrangement. Mr. Barney can be reached at 724.941.1433 or jb@jbscranes.com for any inquiries. Please visit our website at www.jbscranes.com.