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Foreword

This document (EN 12385-3:2004+A1:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 168 “Chains, ropes, webbing, slings and accessories - Safety”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2008.

This document includes Amendment 1, approved by CEN on 2008-02-14.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annexes ZA, ZB and ZC, which are integral parts of this document.

The other Parts of this European Standard are:

Part 1: General requirements

Part 2: Definitions, designation and classification

Part 4: Stranded ropes for general lifting applications

Part 5: Stranded ropes for lifts

Part 6: Stranded ropes for mine shafts

Part 7: Locked coil ropes for mine shafts

Part 8: Stranded hauling and carrying-hauling ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons

Part 9: Locked coil carrying ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons

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Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN 1070.

This document has been prepared to support the other Parts of this standard that concern themselves with the particular requirements for steel wire ropes to be used in specific applications.

The types of ropes concerned and the extent to which hazards are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those which are stated in type A and B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards, for information for use and maintenance according to the provisions of this type C standard.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the type of information for use and maintenance of steel wire ropes to be provided by the rope manufacturer or to be included in the manufacturer's handbook that accompanies a machine, piece of equipment or installation of which the steel wire rope forms a part.

The particular hazards covered by this document are identified in clause 4.

For steel wire ropes conforming to Parts 8 and 9 used on cableway installations designed to carry persons, additional information for use and maintenance is given in prEN 12927-7.

For steel wire rope slings, specific information on use and maintenance is given in EN 13414-2.

This document is not applicable to steel wire ropes manufactured before the date of publication of this document by CEN.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1050:1996, *Safety of machinery — Principles for risk assessment.*

EN 1070:1998, *Safety of machinery — Terminology.*

EN 12385-2:2002, *Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 2: Definitions, designation and classification.*

EN ISO 12100-2:2003, *Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design - Part 2: Technical principles (ISO 12100-2:2003)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1070:1998, EN 12385-2:2002 and the following apply.

3.1

inspection

visual check on the condition of the rope to identify obvious damage or deterioration which might affect its fitness for use

3.2

thorough examination

visual examination carried out by a competent (trained and experienced) person, and where necessary, supplemented by other means, such as measurement or electro-magnetic non-destructive testing, in order to detect damage or deterioration which might affect the fitness for use of the rope

4 List of significant hazards

Table 1 contains all the significant hazards, hazardous situations and events, as far as they are dealt with in this standard, identified by risk assessment and which require action to eliminate or reduce the risk.

Table 1 — Hazards and associated requirements

Hazards identified in Annex A of EN 1050:1996	Relevant clause of Annex A of EN ISO 12100-2:2003	Relevant clause of this standard
Insufficient instructions for the user of the steel wire ropes and the machinery manufacturer	1.7.4 4.4.1	5

5 Safety instructions and information for use and maintenance

5.1 General

Information shall be provided on the subjects listed in 5.2 to 5.4.

5.2 Use and maintenance

This information shall include temperature limits, use in exceptionally hazardous conditions, first use, handling and installation and maintenance.

An example of such information is given in Annex A.

5.3 Rope selection

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For stranded ropes this information shall include guidance on rope construction in relation to abrasion and wear, type of core in relation to crushing of the rope at the drum, wire finish in relation to corrosion, direction of lay and type in relation to direction of coiling, rotational characteristics in relation to use of a swivel and fleet angle effects.

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An example of such information is given in Annex B.

5.4 Material health and safety information on steel wire rope and its component parts

This information shall include details of all the individual materials that form part of the finished rope and general information relating to occupational protective measures, emergency medical procedures, safety (including any fire or explosion hazards) and disposal.

An example of such information is given in Annex C.

Annex A (informative)

Example of general information for use and maintenance

A.1 Limitations on use due to adverse environmental conditions

A.1.1 Temperature

A.1.1.1 Steel wire ropes made from carbon steel wires

Account should be taken of the maximum temperature that may be reached by the wire rope in service. An underestimation of the temperature involved can lead to a dangerous situation.

Stranded ropes with fibre cores or fibre centres can be used up to a maximum of 100 °C.

Stranded ropes with steel cores and spiral ropes (i.e. spiral strand and locked coil) can be used up to 200 °C although some de-rating of the working load limit is necessary, the amount being dependent upon the exposure time at high temperature and the diameter of the wires. For operating temperatures between 100 °C and 200 °C the loss in strength may be assumed to be 10 %.

For temperatures above 200 °C special lubricants may be necessary and greater losses in strength than stated above will need to be taken into account. The rope or machinery manufacturer should be contacted.

The strength of steel wire ropes will not be adversely affected by operating temperatures as low as – 40 °C and no reduction from the working load limit is necessary; however, rope performance may be reduced, depending upon the effectiveness of the rope lubricant at low temperatures.

When the rope is fitted with a termination, also refer to A.1.1.2.

A.1.1.2 Terminations

In addition to the limits stated above for rope, and unless otherwise specified by the rope manufacturer or the manufacturer of the machine, equipment or installation, the following operating temperatures must not be exceeded:

Turn-back eye with aluminium ferrule: 150 °C

Ferrule-secured eye with steel ferrule: 200 °C

Socket filled with a lead-based alloy: 80 °C

Socket filled with zinc or a zinc-based alloy: 120 °C

Socket filled with resin – refer to resin socketing system designer's instructions

A.1.2 Use in exceptionally hazardous conditions

In cases where exceptionally hazardous conditions are known to exist, e.g. offshore activities, the lifting of persons and potentially dangerous loads such as molten metals, corrosive materials or radio active materials a risk assessment should be carried out and the working load limit selected or adjusted accordingly.

A.2 Before putting the rope into first use

A.2.1 Inspecting the rope and documents

The rope should be unwrapped and examined immediately after delivery in order to check its identity and condition and to ensure that the rope and its termination(s), if any, are compatible with the machinery or equipment to which they are to be attached in service.

NOTE If damage to the rope or its package is observed, this should be recorded on the delivery note.

The Certificate of conformity by the rope manufacturer should be kept in a safe place, e.g. with the crane handbook, for identification of the rope when carrying out periodic thorough examinations in service.

NOTE The rope should not be used for lifting purposes without the user having a Certificate in his possession.

A.2.2 Storing the rope

A clean, well-ventilated, dry, dust free, undercover location should be selected. The rope should be covered with waterproof material if it cannot be stored inside.

The rope should be stored and protected in such a manner that it will not be exposed to any accidental damage during the storage period or when placing the rope in, or taking it out of, storage.

The rope should be stored where it is not likely to be affected by chemical fumes, steam or any other corrosive agents.

If supplied on a reel, the reel should be rotated periodically during long periods of storage, particularly in warm environments, to prevent migration of the lubricant from the rope.

The rope should not be stored in areas subject to elevated temperatures as this may affect its future performance. In extreme cases its original as-manufactured breaking force could be severely reduced rendering it unfit for safe use.

The rope should not be allowed to make any direct contact with the floor and the reel should be so positioned that there is a flow of air under the reel.

NOTE Failure to ensure the above may result in the rope becoming contaminated with foreign matter and start the onset of corrosion even before the rope is put into service.

Preferably, the reel should be supported in an A-frame or cradle standing on ground which is capable of safely supporting the total mass of rope and reel.

The rope should be inspected periodically and, when necessary, a suitable rope dressing, which is compatible with the manufacturing lubricant, should be applied.

Any wet packaging, e.g. sackcloth, should be removed.

The rope marking should be checked to verify that it is legible and relates to the certificate.

When removing from store, the principle 'first in, first out' should be applied.

A.2.3 Checking the condition of rope related parts of the machine, equipment or installation

Before installing the new rope, the condition and dimensions of rope related parts, e.g. drums, sheaves and rope guards, should be checked to verify that they are within the operating limits as specified by the original equipment manufacturer.

For ropes working on cranes the effective groove diameter should be at least 5 % above the nominal rope diameter. The groove diameter should be checked using a sheave gauge.

Sheaves should also be checked to ensure that they are free to rotate.

Under no circumstances should the actual rope diameter be greater than the pitch of the drum. In the case of multi-layer coiling, the relationship between the actual rope diameter and the pitch should be assessed.

When grooves become excessively worn, it may be possible to have them re-machined. Before doing so, the sheave or drum should be examined to determine if sufficient strength will remain in the underlying material supporting the rope after the machining has been carried out.

NOTE When grooves become worn and the rope is pinched at its sides, strand and wire movement is restricted and the ability of the rope to bend is reduced, thus affecting rope performance.

A.3 Handling and installing the rope

A.3.1 General

The procedure for installing the rope should be carried out in accordance with a detailed plan issued by the user of the steel wire rope.

The rope should be checked to verify that it is not damaged when unloaded and when transported to storage compound or site. During these operations, the rope itself should not come into contact with any part of the lifting device, such as the hook of a crane or a fork of a fork lift truck. Webbing slings may be helpful.

A.3.2 Rope supplied in a coil

The coil of rope should be placed on the ground and rolled out straight, ensuring that it does not become contaminated with dust, grit, moisture or other harmful material.

The rope should never be pulled away from a stationary coil as this will induce turn into the rope and form kinks.

If the coil is too large to physically handle it may need to be placed on a turntable which will allow the rope to be paid out as the end of the rope is pulled away from the coil. Correct methods of paying out rope from a coil are shown in Figure A.1.