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film, monofilament and multifilament  
(PP2) and polypropylene high-tenacity  
multifilament (PP3) — 3-, 4-, 8- and  
12-strand ropes**

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 1346:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in the Scope, a statement specifying that the document does not cover all variations in strength or product performance has been added;
- in [Clause 3](#), the term "minimum breaking strength" has been added;
- in [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#), the tolerances in linear density have been modified.

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# Fibre ropes — Polypropylene split film, monofilament and multifilament (PP2) and polypropylene high-tenacity multifilament (PP3) — 3-, 4-, 8- and 12-strand ropes

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for 3-strand hawser-laid and 4-strand shroud-laid ropes, 8-strand braided ropes and 12-strand braided ropes for general service made of polypropylene, and gives rules for their designation.

This document does not cover all variations in strength or product performance. The rope manufacturer is consulted to ensure the intended design meets the requirements of the application

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 1968, *Fibre ropes and cordage — Vocabulary*

ISO 2307, *Fibre ropes — Determination of certain physical and mechanical properties*

ISO 9554, *Fibre ropes — General specifications*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1968 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### minimum breaking strength

##### MBS

force a fibre rope shall at least achieve when tested following a recognized procedure/test method

Note 1 to entry: The MBS is set by each manufacturer, as per their own internal statistical methods based on breaking tests. In ISO 9554:2019, Annex D, two statistical methods are given that can be used to determine the MBS.

[SOURCE: ISO 9554:2019, 3.2]

## 4 Designation

Fibre ropes shall be designated by

- the words “fibre rope”,
- the number of this document, i.e. ISO 1346,
- the construction or type of rope (see [Clause 5](#)),

- the reference number of the rope,
- the material from which the rope is made:
  - 1) PP2: polypropylene split film, monofilament and multifilament,
  - 2) PP3: polypropylene high-tenacity multifilament.
- The rope fibres shall be protected against deterioration due to sunlight (UV). See ISO 9554

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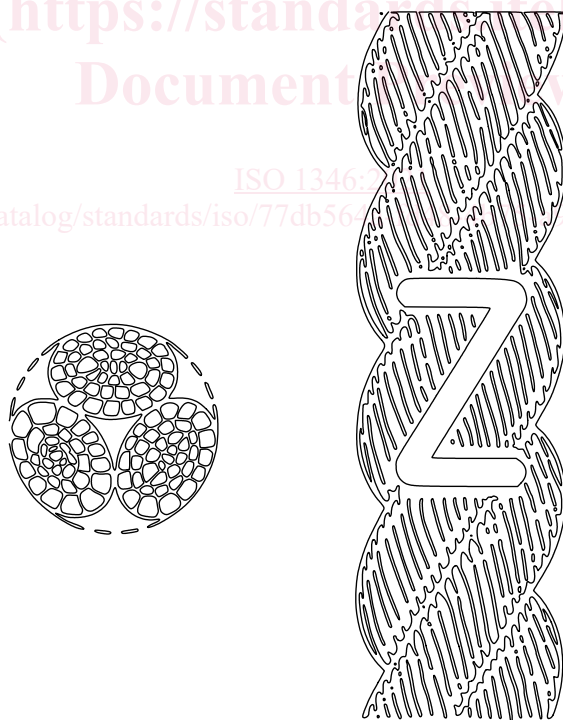
Designation of an 8-strand braided rope (type L) with a linear density of 1 630 ktex, corresponding to the reference number 60 and made of polypropylene monofilament (PP2):

**Fibre rope ISO 1346 - L - 60 - PP2 protected (UV)**

## 5 General requirements

### 5.1 Polypropylene ropes shall be made in one of the following constructions:

- type A: 3-strand hawser-laid rope (see [Figure 1](#));
- type B: 4-strand shroud-laid rope (see [Figure 2](#));
- type L: 8-strand braided rope (see [Figure 3](#));
- type T: 12-strand braided rope (see [Figure 4](#)).



**Figure 1 — Shape of a 3-strand hawser-laid rope (type A)**