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

*Cordages en fibres — Film fibrillé, monofilament et multifilament de
polypropylène (PP2) et multifilament de polypropylène haute ténacité
(PP3) — Cordages à 3, 4, 8 et 12 torons*

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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*

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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

EXAMPLE

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](#)).

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

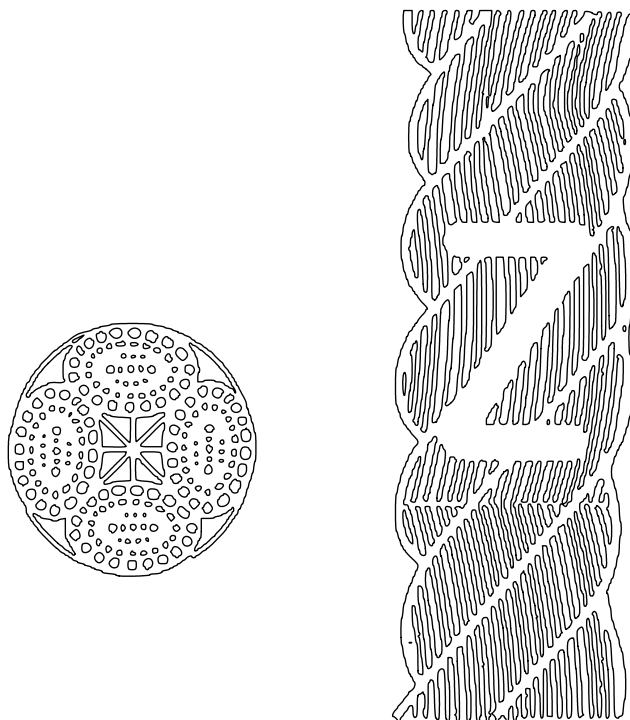


Figure 2 — Shape of a 4-strand shroud-laid rope (type B)



Figure 3 — Shape of an 8-strand braided rope (type L)

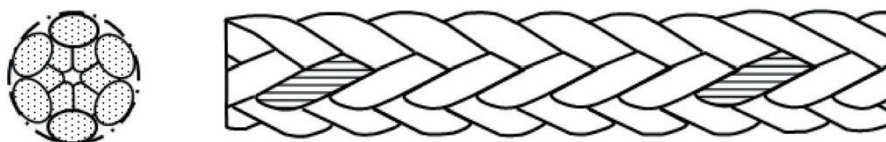


Figure 4 — Shape of a 12-strand braided rope (type T)

5.2 Construction, manufacture, lay, labelling, packaging, invoicing and delivery lengths shall be in accordance with ISO 9554.

6 Physical properties

Linear density and minimum breaking strength shall be in accordance with [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#).

Regarding [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#), the following applies.

- The reference number corresponds to the approximate diameter, in millimetres.
- The linear density, in kilotex, corresponds to the net mass per length of rope, expressed in grams per metre or in kilograms per thousand metres.
- The linear density is under reference tension and is measured as specified in ISO 2307

- The breaking strengths quoted in these tables relate to new dry and wet ropes.
- A force determined by the test methods specified in ISO 2307 is not necessarily an accurate indication of the force at which that rope might break in other circumstances and situations. The type and quality of the termination rate of force application, prior conditioning and previous force applications to the rope can significantly influence the breaking strength. A rope bent around a post, capstan, pulley or sheave could break a significantly lower force. A knot or other distortion in a rope will significantly reduce the breaking strength.

Table 1 — Linear density and minimum breaking strength (MBS) of 3-strand hawser-laid polypropylene ropes, type A

Reference Number	Linear density		Minimum breaking strength kN				
	Nominal ktex	Tolerance %	Split/Mono/Multi PP2 Multi PP2		High-tenacity Multi PP3 Multi PP3		
			Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations	Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations	
4	7,23	±10	2,80	2,52	3,15	2,84	
4,5	9,15		3,55	3,20	4,00	3,60	
5	11,3		4,25	3,83	4,75	4,28	
6	16,3		6,00	5,40	6,70	6,03	
8	28,9		10,0	9,00	11,8	10,6	
9	36,6		12,5	11,3	14,0	12,6	
10	45,2		15,0	13,5	17,0	15,3	
12	65,1		±8	21,2	19,1	25,0	22,5
14	88,6			28,0	25,2	33,5	30,2
16	116			37,5	33,8	42,5	38,3
18	146	45,0		40,5	53,0	47,8	
20	181	56,0		50,4	63,0	56,7	
22	219	67,0		60,3	75,0	67,5	
24	260	80,0		72,0	90,0	81,0	
26	306	90,0		81,0	106	95,4	
28	354	106		95,4	118	106	
30	407	118		106	132	119	
32	463	132		119	150	135	
36	586	170		153	190	171	

Table 1 (continued)

Reference Number	Linear density		Minimum breaking strength kN			
	Nominal ktex	Tolerance %	Split/Mono/Multi PP2 Multi PP2		High-tenacity Multi PP3 Multi PP3	
			Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations	Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations
40	723	±5	200	180	236	212
44	875		250	225	280	252
48	1 040		280	252	335	302
52	1 220		335	302	375	338
56	1 420		375	338	425	383
60	1 630		425	383	500	450
64	1 850		500	450	560	504
72	2 340		600	540	710	639
80	2 890		750	675	850	765
88	3 500		900	810	1 000	900
96	4 170		1 060	954	1 180	1 062
104	4 890		1 250	1 125	1 400	1 260
112	5 670		1 400	1 260	1 600	1 440
120	6 510		1 600	1 440	1 800	1 620
128	7 410		1 800	1 620	2 000	1 800
136	8 360		2 000	1 800	2 240	2 016
144	9 370	2 240	2 016	2 500	2 250	
160	11 600	2 800	2 520	3 000	2 700	

Table 2 — Linear density and minimum breaking strength (MBS) of 4-strand shroud-laid polypropylene ropes, type B

Reference Number	Linear density		Minimum breaking strength kN				
	Nominal ktex	Tolerance %	Split/Mono/Multi PP2 Multi PP2		High-tenacity Multi PP3 Multi PP3		
			Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations	Unspliced ropes	Ropes with eye-spliced terminations	
10	45,2	±10	14,0	12,6	16,0	14,4	
12	65,1	±8	19,0	17,1	22,4	20,2	
14	88,6		26,5	23,9	30,0	27,0	
16	116		33,5	30,2	37,5	33,8	
18	146		45,0	40,5	47,5	42,8	
20	181		53,0	47,7	60,0	54,0	
22	219		60,0	54,0	71,0	63,9	
24	260		71,0	63,9	80,0	72,0	
26	306		80,0	72,0	95,0	85,6	
28	354		95,0	85,5	106,0	95,4	
30	407		106	95,4	125	113	
32	463		125	113	140	126	
36	586		150	135	170	153	
40	723		±5	180	162	212	191
44	875			224	202	250	225
48	1 040	250		225	300	270	
52	1 220	300		270	335	302	
56	1 420	335		302	400	360	
60	1 630	400		360	450	405	
64	1 850	450		405	500	450	
72	2 340	560		504	630	567	
80	2 890	670		603	750	675	
88	3 500	800		720	900	810	
96	4 170	950		855	1 060	954	
104	4 890	1 120		1 008	1 250	1 125	
112	5 670	1 250		1 125	1 400	1 260	
120	6 510	1 400		1 260	1 600	1 440	
128	7 410	1 600		1 440	1 800	1 620	
136	8 360	1 800		1 620	2 000	1 800	
144	9 370	2 000	1 800	2 240	2 016		
160	11 600	2 500	2 250	2 800	2 520		