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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 1969 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 38, *Textiles*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 1969:1976), of which it constitutes a technical revision.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the main characteristics of 3- and 4-strand laid ropes made of polyethylene and gives rules for their designation.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1968:1973, *Ropes and cordage — Vocabulary*.

ISO 2307:1990, *Ropes — Determination of certain physical and mechanical properties*.

ISO 9554:1990<sup>1)</sup>, *Fibre ropes — General specification*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 1968 apply.

## 4 Designation

A rope shall be designated by

- the word “rope”;

1) To be published.

- the reference number of this International Standard;
- the type of rope (type A or B);
- its reference number;
- its nature.

### Example of designation:

A 4-strand polyethylene monofilament rope of reference number 40 (linear mass 785 ktex) is designated as follows:

Rope, ISO 1969, type B, 40, polyethylene

## 5 Types

Polyethylene ropes are classified in two types:

Type A: 3-strand hawser-laid rope;

Type B: 4-strand shroud-laid rope.

## 6 Characteristics

### 6.1 Main characteristics

The main characteristics shall be as given in table 1 (see also ISO 9554, clause 7).

### 6.2 Other characteristics

Other characteristics, concerning construction, manufacture, lay, labelling, packaging, invoicing and delivery lengths, shall comply with ISO 9554.



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

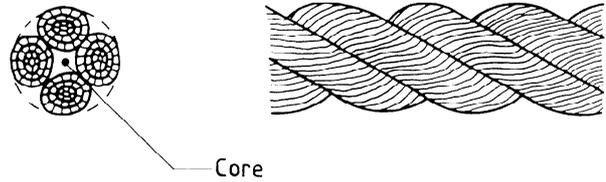


Figure 2 — Shape of a 4-strand shroud-laid rope (type B)

Table 1 — Main characteristics of 3- and 4-strand polyethylene ropes

Ropes		Reference number <sup>1)</sup>	Linear density <sup>2) 3)</sup>		Minimum breaking force daN	
Type A	Type B		nominal ktex	tolerance		
3-Strand		4	8,1	± 10 %	196	
		6	18,2		392	
		8	32,7		686	
		10	49		± 8 %	1 070
		12	72			1 510
		14	95			2 050
	16	128	± 5 %	2 750		
	18	161		3 400		
	20	200		4 190		
	22	243		4 980		
	24	295		5 980		
	26	328		6 800		
	28	393		8 050		
	30	460		9 300		
	32	525		10 500		
	36	660		13 200		
	40	785		16 000		
	44	950		19 250		
	48	1 150		22 400		
	52	1 350		25 900		
56	1 570	29 800				
60	1 800	33 800				
64	2 050	38 300				
72	2 590	48 100				
80	3 210	59 200				
88	3 880	71 100				
96	4 610	83 800				
	4-Strand					

1) The reference number corresponds to the approximate diameter in millimetres.

2) The linear density (in kilotex) corresponds to the net mass per metre (in grams per metre) or to the mass of rope (in kilograms) per thousand metres.

3) The linear density (net mass per metre) is measured under tensile loading for measurement "F<sub>c</sub>" as given in ISO 2307.

## 7 Marking

The identification of the material, quality and origin of a polyethylene rope conforming to this International Standard shall be marked using a yarn or tape yarn of an easily identifiable orange colour placed within the article (see 7.1 and 7.2), so as to remain recognizable despite soiling, soaking and discoloration during use.

### 7.1 Ropes of reference number $<12$

An orange yarn or tape yarn shall be incorporated into a strand.

### 7.2 Ropes of reference number $\geq 12$

An orange tape yarn at least 3 mm wide printed with the reference number of this International Standard and a reference identifying the manufacturer shall be incorporated into a strand.

The maximum distance between two consecutive markings shall be 1 m.

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