

PLASMA® LOCO 12-STRAND

Enhanced Performance with Low Coefficient of Friction.

Plasma® LoCo 12-Strand retains all the strength and performance benefits of standard Plasma® rope with an advanced low coefficient of friction (LoCo) coating. This enhanced surface treatment improves UV resistance, reduces internal heat build-up, and minimizes abrasion caused by:

- Constant tension-tension fatigue
- Relative movement between the rope and fixed surfaces
- Cyclical bending under load

Cortland International's proprietary LoCo coating process ensures superior bonding to the braided Plasma® construction. This results in longer service life, enhanced wear resistance, and consistent performance—even in wet or harsh environments.

The LoCo design can be quickly and reliably spliced using Cortland's recommended splicing techniques for low-friction ropes, maintaining full strength and operational efficiency.

Plasma® 12-Strand ropes represent over 25 years of engineering expertise in high-modulus polyethylene (HMPE) fiber technology. Our ongoing commitment to innovation continues to deliver the strongest, most reliable synthetic lines available for today's demanding applications.

Features & Benefits

- Highest strength
- Lowest stretch
- Lightweight
- Soft hand
- Torque free
- Easy to splice and inspect
- Floats
- Long lengths available
- Excellent UV resistance
- High flex fatigue and abrasion resistance
- Neutrally buoyant in water
- Select sizes are ABS and DNV approved
- Sizes 16mm–36mm are MEG4 approved

Applications

- Face and wing wires for push boats
- Replacement for wire rope
- Vessel mooring lines
- Inland river barge lines
- Recreational vehicle winch lines
- Utility winch and pulling lines
- Theatrical rigging

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Nominal Diameter		Size (circ in.)	Approximate Weight		Minimum Tensile Strength Spliced Rope		Minimum Tensile Strength ISO Unspliced Rope	
inch	mm		lbs/100ft	kg/100m	lbs	MT (tonnes)	lbs	MT (tonnes)
0.04	1	0.12	0.05	0.1	270	0.1	300	0.13
0.05	1.25	0.15	0.07	0.1	390	0.2	430	0.20
0.06	1.5	0.18	0.1	0.1	475	0.2	525	0.23
0.07	1.75	0.21	0.14	0.2	750	0.3	830	0.38
0.1	2.5	0.3	0.27	0.4	1,400	0.6	1,550	0.7
1/8	3	3/8	0.54	0.8	2,800	1.3	3,100	1.4
3/16	5	9/16	1.12	1.7	5,500	2.5	6,100	2.8
1/4	6	3/4	1.6	2.4	8,000	3.6	8,890	4.0
5/16	8	15/16	2.5	3.7	11,700	5.3	13,000	5.9
3/8	9	1-1/8	3.7	5.5	17,500	7.9	19,400	8.8

ABS and DNV Type Approved Sizes

7/16	11	1-1/4	4.2	6.3	21,000	9.5	23,400	10.6
1/2	12	1-1/2	6.4	9.5	31,300	14.2	34,800	15.8
9/16	14	1-3/4	7.9	11.8	37,900	17.2	42,100	19.1
5/8	16	2	10.6	15.8	51,400	23.3	57,100	25.9
3/4	18	2-1/4	13.3	19.8	68,500	31.1	76,300	34.6
13/16	20	2-1/2	15.9	23.7	74,000	33.6	82,200	37.2
7/8	22	2-3/4	19.6	29.2	92,600	42.0	102,900	46.7
1	24	3	23.4	34.8	110,000	49.9	122,100	55.4
1-1/16	26	3-1/4	27.5	40.9	129,200	58.6	143,500	65.1
1-1/8	28	3-1/2	31.9	47.5	147,000	66.7	163,300	74.1
1-1/4	30	3-3/4	36.2	53.9	165,000	74.9	183,100	83.1
1-5/16	32	4	41.7	62.1	196,000	88.9	217,800	98.8
1-1/2	36	4-1/2	51.7	76.9	221,000	100.3	245,500	111.3

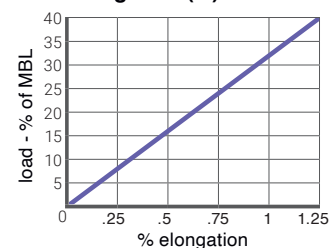
Tensile Strengths are determined in accordance with Cordage Institute 1500.2. Test Methods for Fiber Rope. Minimum Tensile Strength (MTS) published assumes spliced eye terminations at each end of the rope. Weights actually calculated at linear density under stated preload (200d²) plus 4%. Diameter and circumference size published is nominal and reflects rope size after loading (10 cycles) to 50% of MTS. See reverse side for application and safety information.

Technical Information

Specific gravity	0.98*
Melting point	284°F (140°C)
Critical temp.	150°F (65°C)
Elongation at break	3%–4%
Fiber water absorption	0%
UV resistance	good
Wet abrasion	superior
Dry abrasion	superior

* value based on data supplied by the fiber manufacturer for new, dry fiber

Plasma® LoCo 12-Strand Elongation (%)



Type approved product



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Rope Specifications

Minimum Tensile Strength Minimum tensile strengths shown are for new (unused) rope and will decrease after use. All tests are performed in accordance with Cordage Institute Standard CI 1500-02. The rope strength will be reduced after use due to heat, abrasion, ultraviolet or chemical exposure. The tensile strengths may be further reduced by up to 50% as a result of knots or kinks. Minimum tensile strengths are defined as two standard deviations (typical about 10%) below the average.

Maximum Working Loads Maximum working loads are determined by dividing the tensile strength by the safety factor. The safety factor is a function of the physical properties of the rope, the age and history of the rope, the type of service it will be subjected to and the risks involved if failure occurs. For a rope manufacturer to give blanket working load recommendations would be like a car manufacturer giving the "safe driving speed" of their cars. Obviously the conditions of use far outweigh the design characteristics of the rope. Typically safety factors vary from 3:1 (for new rope used in applications with uniform loading and where failure would cause little or no risk to equipment or personnel) to 20:1 (for conditions involving moderate shock loading, possibility of snags or kinks or where failure could cause severe risk to equipment or personnel).

Rope Weights Rope weights shown are average and may vary plus or minus 5%.

Working Elongation Working elongation is shown from a preload tension of 200 times the diameter squared per the Cordage Institute Standard.

Special Requirements

Factory Splicing Various types are available for all of our ropes. Splices can be provided with various types of chafe protection or coatings.

Custom Lengths Special constructions are available on request.

Rope Terminations Cortland International can provide custom terminations such as thimbles, links, rings and custom hardware. Terminations are available in plastic, bronze, stainless steel and galvanized steel. Please call, or email your requirements to contact@cortlandinternational.com for a quotation.

Special Coatings Coatings such as polyurethane, polyethylene and vinylesters may be applied to any of the synthetic ropes to improve snag resistance, sunlight resistance or for color coding. Cortland can provide ropes with a variety of finishes to meet your needs.

Commercial and Military Specifications Certificates of compliance are supplied at no charge if requested when placing the order. Certified test reports can be provided at an additional charge when requested at the time of the order.

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