

# Reduced Recoil Plasma®

Cortland's Plasma® 12-Strand and 12x12 ropes are the culmination of 25 years of engineering expertise in the HMPE industry. Our dedication to providing customers with industry-leading synthetic line is and always has been the goal. Our continued innovation and unwavering desire are to provide the strongest and most reliable product available.

Cortland's Reduced Recoil Plasma is manufactured utilizing a combination of Plasma HMPE and Polyester fiber in either a conventional 12 Strand, or a 12x12 Strand, construction and is tested in accordance with the requirements of the latest version of Cordage Institute CI 1502, Test Methods for Reduced Recoil Risk Rope. In addition it meets or exceeds the requirements of the latest draft of CGSB-40.20-2008, Standard for Reduced Recoil Rope.

## Features

- Lightweight
- Very low stretch
- Very high strength
- Soft on hands
- Torque free
- Easy to splice
- Easy to inspect
- Repairable (12x12)

## Applications

- Mooring line

	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)
12 Strand	5/8	16	2	12	15.8	34,400	15.6	38,200	17.3
	3/4	18	2-1/4	15.1	19.8	45,900	20.8	50,900	23.1
	13/16	20	2-1/2	18.1	26.9	49,600	22.5	55,100	25.0
	7/8	22	2-3/4	22.3	33.2	62,000	28.1	68,800	31.2
	1	24	3	26.6	39.5	73,700	33.4	81,800	37.1
	1-1/8	28	3-1/2	36.2	54.0	98,400	44.6	109,200	49.5
	1-1/4	30	3-3/4	41.1	61.2	110,500	50.1	122,700	55.6
12x12 Strand	1-5/16	32	4	47.4	70.6	131,300	59.5	145,700	66.0
	1-1/2	36	4-1/2	58.7	87.4	148,000	67.1	164,300	74.5
	1-5/8	40	5	74.6	111.1	195,000	88.4	216,500	98.1
	1-3/4	44	5-1/2	89.1	132.6	210,300	95.4	233,400	106.0
	2	48	6	103.8	154.5	237,800	108.0	264,000	120.0
	2-1/8	52	6-1/2	123.8	184.3	286,700	130.0	318,200	144.0
	2-1/4	56	7	138.6	206.3	322,200	146.0	357,600	162.0
	2-1/2	60	7-1/2	168.1	250.2	355,100	161.0	394,200	179.0
	2-5/8	64	8	189.7	282.3	399,300	181.0	443,200	201.0
	2-3/4	68	8-1/2	212.4	316.2	442,200	201.0	490,800	223.0
	3	72	9	243.1	361.8	522,600	237.0	580,100	263.0

Tensile strengths are determined in accordance with Cordage Institute 1502, Test Methods for Reduced Recoil Risk Rope. Weights are calculated at linear density under standard preload (200d<sup>2</sup>) plus 4%.

## Technical Information

Specific gravity	1.11*
Melting point	284°F (140°C)
Critical temp.	150°F (65°C)
Coefficient of friction	0.09–0.15*
Elongation at break	3–4%
Fiber water absorption	<1%
UV resistance	very good
Wet abrasion	excellent
Dry abrasion	excellent

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

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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 1500-2. 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 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 [cortland@cortlandcompany.com](mailto:cortland@cortlandcompany.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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