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## Part 9: Locked coil carrying ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons

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## Foreword

This document (EN 12385-9:2002) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 168, "Chains, ropes, webbing, slings and accessories – Safety", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EC Directive(s).

For relationship of this Part with EU Directives, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral Part of this document.

The other Parts of EN 12385 are:

Part 1: General requirements

Part 2: Definitions, designation and classification

Part 3: Information for use and maintenance

Part 4: Stranded ropes for general lifting applications

Part 5: Stranded ropes for lifts

Part 6: Stranded ropes for mine shafts

Part 7: Locked coil ropes for mine shafts

Part 8: Stranded hauling and carrying-hauling ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons

Part 10: Spiral ropes for general structural applications

Part 1 provides the general requirements of Parts 4 to 10.

This is the first edition of this Part.

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## Introduction

This Part of this European Standard has been prepared to be a harmonized standard to provide one means of complying with the essential safety requirements of the Directive relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons.

During the preparation of this standard, it was assumed that a negotiation would take place between the purchaser and the manufacturer concerning the intended purpose of the rope.

Tables of breaking forces are not given in this Part because of the numerous rope constructions and levels of breaking force that are possible from the various combinations of wire shapes and tensile strength grades.

## 1 Scope

This Part of this European Standard specifies the particular materials, manufacturing and testing requirements for locked coil carrying ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons.

The particular hazards covered by this Part are identified in Clause 4.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revision of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition for the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 10264-3, *Steel wire and wire products – Steel wire for ropes – Part 3: Cold drawn and cold-shaped non-alloyed steel wire for heavy duty applications.*

EN 12385-1:2002, *Steel wire ropes – Safety – Part 1: General requirements.*

EN 12385-2, *Steel wire ropes – Safety – Part 2: Definitions, rope designation and classification.*

prEN 12408, *Safety requirements for cableways for passenger transportation by rope – Quality control.*

ISO 4346, *Steel wire ropes for general purposes – Lubricants – Basic requirements.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 12385-2 apply.

## 4 List of hazards

For the purposes of this part the hazards identified in clause 4 of part 1 apply.

## 5 Safety requirements and/or measures

### 5.1 General

In addition to the requirements given in 5.2 to 5.7, the requirements shall also conform to those given in Part 1.

The manufacturer shall also comply with prEN 12408.

### 5.2 Materials

#### 5.2.1 Wire

Wires before ropemaking shall conform to prEN 10264-3.

#### 5.2.2 Lubricant

The lubricant(s) shall comply with ISO 4346.

NOTE The properties of the lubricant should take account of any carrying rope brake (see introduction).

### 5.3 Rope manufacture

#### 5.3.1 Wire joints

If joints are necessary, the minimum distance between joints shall be at least  $200 \times$  rope diameter ( $d$ ).

The position of any joints shall be documented.

#### 5.3.2 Lubrication

Ropes shall be lubricated at each closing operation.

#### 5.3.3 Construction

The rope shall have an outer layer of full lock shaped wires.

NOTE For practical manufacturing reasons the actual number of wires in the outer layer may vary but should not do so by more than one wire from that specified by the manufacturer.

#### 5.3.4 Waviness

Ropes shall be measured for waviness in accordance with the method specified in annex A. The amount of waviness over a length equivalent to three rope lay lengths shall not be more than  $0,005 d + 0,15$  mm.

### 5.4 Diameter

#### 5.4.1 Tolerances

When measured in accordance with 6.6 the diameter shall be within  $\pm 2$  % of the nominal diameter with the rope under load on the closing machine.

#### 5.4.2 Differences between diameter measurements

The difference between any two of the four measurements taken in accordance with 6.6 and expressed as a percentage of nominal diameter shall not exceed 4 %.

## 5.5 Breaking force

Only the minimum breaking force shall be specified as the breaking force.

The specified minimum value for a given rope size, construction and combination of wire tensile strength grades shall be determined by the rope manufacturer.

Unless stated otherwise by the manufacturer, the spinning loss factor used in the determination of minimum breaking force shall be 0,875.

The manufacturer shall carry out a breaking force test in accordance with Method 1 as described in 6.4.1 of EN 12385-1:2002 on a sample of rope from each production length.

## 5.6 Length mass

The manufacturer shall specify the nominal length mass.

When measured in accordance with 6.7 the length mass shall be in accordance with the specified value, subject to a tolerance of  $\pm 4\%$ .

## 5.7 Designation and classification

Rope designation and classification shall conform to EN 12385-2.

# 6 Verification of safety requirements and/or measures

## 6.1 General

Verification of safety requirements and/or measures shall be in accordance with that given in clause 6 of EN 12385-1 and the additional verification given in 6.2 to 6.7 below.

## 6.2 Lubricant

Compliance with the lubricant requirements shall be through a visual verification of the inspection documents supplied with the lubricant.

## 6.3 Lubrication

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## 6.4 Construction

Compliance with the construction requirements shall be through a visual verification.

## 6.5 Waviness

The method of test for determination of waviness shall be in accordance with annex A.

## 6.6 Diameter

The diameter shall be measured in accordance with 6.3.1 of EN 12385-1 except that the rope shall be under load on the closing machine.



## 6.7 Length mass

The measured length mass shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) the gross mass of rope, reel and ancillary items shall be measured. The mass of reel and ancillary items shall be subtracted from this value to give the rope mass. The rope mass shall be divided by the measured rope length on the closing machine; or,
- b) a sample of rope shall be weighed and the value of the mass shall be divided by the measured length of the rope sample; or
- c) by calculation.

## 7 Information for use

In addition to conforming to clause 7 of Part 1, the Certificate (see 7.2.2 of Part 1) shall also state the measured diameter and the measured breaking force.

The Certificate shall also state the position of any wire joints in the outer layer.

**NOTE** If the results of any post-spin testing (e.g. in respect of diameter, tensile strength, reverse bend, torsion or zinc coating) are required to be given, these can be included on the certificate.

**Annex A**  
(normative)  
**Method of test for determination of waviness**

Tools required:

Straight edge with a straightness of  $\pm 0,05$  mm and a length extending over at least three rope lay lengths.

Feeler type gauge (or other equivalent instrument) having increments of at least 0,05 mm and an accuracy of 0,01 mm.

Method:

At the starting and finishing end of the rope in the closing machine, set the straight edge against the tensioned rope in such a way that the rope weight will have no influence on the results.

Without pressure on the straight edge, determine where the edge makes contact with the rope and secure the edge to the rope at two or more of these positions without affecting the straightness of the straight edge.

With a feeler type gauge measure the clearance (gap) between each strand and the straight edge over 3 rope lay lengths and record the results.

Determination of waviness value:

The rope waviness shall be the maximum recorded value of the clearance (gaps).

**Annex B**  
(informative)  
**Information which should be provided with an enquiry or order**

At least the following information should be provided with an enquiry or order:

- a) Reference to this standard, i.e. EN 12385-9;
- b) Quantity and length;
- c) Nominal diameter;
- d) Rope construction;
- e) Wire finish,

NOTE The finish of the wires is normally bright unless specified otherwise by the purchaser;

- f) Lay direction;
- g) Any particular lubrication requirements;
- h) Any particular marking requirements;
- i) Any particular packaging requirements;
- j) Minimum breaking force required;
- k) Nominal length mass and whether it is required to be measured or calculated.

**Annex ZA**  
(informative)

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**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and EU Directive**

<b>Clauses/sub-clauses of this European Standard:</b>	<b>Corresponding annexes/paragraphs of Directive 2000/9/EC:</b>
All clauses.	Annex II, clause 4.1.1 (the first two dashes).

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