

Vectran® 12 Strand & 12x12

Vectran® 12 strand and 12x12 is a high strength very low stretch braided rope manufactured using Vectran LCP (Liquid Crystal Polymer) high modulus synthetic fiber yarns. This torque-free rope is popular in applications when strength, low stretch, heat resistance and zero creep in fiber are required. Vectran 12 strand and 12x12 has excellent bend and flex fatigue resistance and is easily spliced using the lock-stitch type splice, 4-3-2 or 5-4-3 tuck splice.

Vectran 12 strand and 12x12 rope is typically provided with a clear polyurethane coating. Cortland's 12x12 construction is available on Vectran braided rope from 1-1/2" (36 mm) diameter through 8-1/4" (200 mm) diameter; for strengths and weights above 4" diameter please contact Cortland.

Features & Benefits

- High strength
- Low stretch
- No creep
- Soft hand
- Torque free
- Easy splicing

Applications

- Replacement for wire rope
- Theatrical rigging
- Lifting slings
- Utility winch and pulling lines
- Recreational vehicle winch lines
- Subsea lifting and mooring lines
- Seismic

	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	0.0165	0.419	0.05	0.01	0.01	50	0.02	56	0.03
	0.023	0.584	0.07	0.02	0.03	115	0.05	128	0.06
	0.045	1.143	0.14	0.08	0.12	300	0.14	333	0.15
	0.055	1.397	0.17	0.10	0.15	415	0.2	460	0.2
	1/16	1.588	3/16	0.15	0.22	870	0.4	970	0.4
	0.1	2.540	0.30	0.30	0.45	1,500	0.7	1,670	0.8
	7/64	2.778	21/64	0.46	0.69	2,250	1.0	2,500	1.1
	1/8	3	3/8	.64	0.9	2,800	1.3	3,100	1.4
	3/16	5	9/16	1.3	1.9	5,500	2.5	6,100	2.8
	1/4	6	3/4	2.1	3.1	8,000	3.6	8,900	4
	5/16	8	15/16	3.2	4.8	11,700	5.3	13,000	5.9
	3/8	9	1-1/8	5.3	7.9	17,500	7.9	19,400	8.8
	7/16	11	1-1/4	6.1	9.1	21,000	9.5	23,300	10.6
	1/2	12	1-1/2	9.2	13.7	31,300	14.2	34,800	15.8
	9/16	14	1-3/4	11.4	17.0	37,900	17.2	42,100	19.1
	5/8	16	2	15.3	22.8	51,400	23.3	57,100	25.9
	3/4	18	2-1/4	19.2	28.6	68,500	31.1	76,100	34.5
7/8	22	2-3/4	28.3	41.6	92,600	42	102,900	46.7	
1	24	3	33.8	50.4	110,000	49.9	122,000	55.4	
1-1/8	28	3-1/2	46.0	68.7	147,000	66.7	163,000	74	
1-1/4	30	3-3/4	52.2	77.9	165,000	74.9	183,000	83	
1-5/16	32	4	60.2	89.8	196,000	88.9	218,000	98.9	
12x12 Strand	1-1/2	36	4-1/2	74.6	111.3	221,000	100	246,000	112
	1-5/8	40	5	94.8	141.4	291,000	132	323,000	147
	1-3/4	44	5-1/2	113.2	168.9	314,000	142	349,000	158
	2	48	6	132	196	355,000	161	394,000	179
	2-1/8	52	6-1/2	157	235	428,000	194	476,000	216
	2-1/4	56	7	176	263	481,000	218	534,000	242
	2-5/8	64	8	241	359	596,000	270	662,000	300
	2-3/4	68	8-1/2	270	398	660,000	299	733,000	333
	3	72	9	309	443	780,000	354	867,000	393
	3-1/4	80	10	377	561	940,000	426	1,044,000	474
3-5/8	88	11	468	697	1,250,000	567	1,389,000	630	
4	96	12	569	847	1,520,000	690	1,689,000	766	

Sizes available up to 8-1/4" diameter (200 mm) and 4,900,000 lbs strength. Tensile Strengths are determined in accordance with Cordage Institute 1500, Test Methods for Fiber Rope. Weights are calculated at linear density under standard preload (200d²) plus 4%. See reverse side for application and safety information

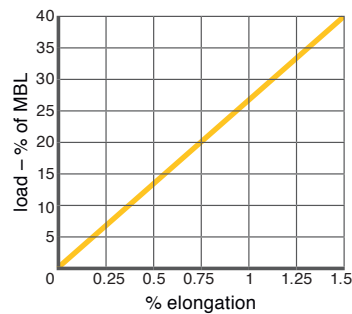
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Technical Information

Specific gravity	1.40*
Melting point	625°F (329°C)
Critical temp.	300°F (149°C)
Coefficient of friction	0.12–0.15*
Elongation at break	3%–4%
Fiber water absorption	<0.1%
UV resistance	moderate
Wet abrasion	excellent
Dry abrasion	excellent

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

Vectran® 12 Strand & 12x12 Elongation (%)



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.

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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 for a quotation.

Special Coatings Coatings such as polyurethane, polyethylene and vinyl esters 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.

