

# Marlow<sup>®</sup> DATASHEET

## D12 78

Manufactured using Dyneema's SK78 fibre, D12 78 sets the standard for high performance lightweight ropes and cores. D12 can be used for strops, lashings, purchase systems, backstays and some halyards. With a cover, D12 is ideal for sheets halyards, runners, control lines etc.



### APPLICATIONS

Sailing, Halyards, Strops, Tacklines, Lashings, Purchase Systems

### MATERIAL

Manufactured from Dyneema SK78  
HMPE (High-Modulus Polyethylene)  
Very light weight - 6x lighter than steel wire for a given strength  
High strength - 60% stronger than steel wire for a given diameter  
Low Stretch - see graph below  
Good resistance to chemicals and UV  
Zero water shrinkage  
Low creep HMPE fibre

### CONSTRUCTION

#### **TWISTED FIBRE CONSTRUCTION: 12 STRAND BRAIDED CONSTRUCTION:**

Improved abrasion resistance  
Optimised pitch to yarn twist - improves strength & longevity  
Firmer rounder rope, aids handling  
Easy to splice  
Flexible product and easily handled  
Torque balanced

#### **HEAT SET AND PRE-STRETCHED:**

Improves strength / diameter ratio  
Reduces initial elongation

### COATING OPTIONS

#### **MARLOW ARMOURCOAT (STANDARD FINISH):**

Specially formulated polyurethane coating  
Improves abrasion resistance and durability  
Increases friction, aids handling & splicing  
Provides colour coding

#### **MARLOW GRIPCOAT:**

Synthetic Polymer Anionic Coating  
Prevents ingress of dirt and abrasive particles  
Provides "self healing" properties  
Increases coefficient of friction

#### **MARLOW COOLCOAT:**

Significantly improves core/cover adhesion  
Enhances bending performance  
Reduces yarn on yarn abrasion and heat generation by a factor of 2  
Applied at rope manufacture stage

### PROPERTIES

#### **RELATIVE DENSITY:**

0.97 (floats)

#### **CHEMICAL RESISTANCE:**

Excellent resistance to most chemicals (additional information available on request)

#### **UV RESISTANCE:**

Very good

#### **MELTING POINT:**

140°C

#### **CRITICAL TEMPERATURE:**

80°C (exposure to temperatures over this will result in permanent strength loss)

## TERMINATIONS

### SPliced EYE TERMINATION:

12 strand splice

An allowance of 60x rope diameter should be made for the overall length of the splice.

To optimise the efficiency of a soft eye splice (without a thimble), the angle formed at the neck of the splice should be 30° or less, meaning that when flat, the length of the eye must be 2.7x the diameter of the object over which the splice will be used.

In a sling configuration, attention must be paid to the distance between the two splices. For optimum strength realisation, Marlow recommend the minimum distance between splices of 35x rope diameter

### GROMMET OR ENDLESS LOOP:

When calculating the strength of a grommet, a factor of 1.65 should be applied to the break load of the rope

It is important to recognise the D/d ratio of the fittings when specifying a grommet or endless loop. Marlow recommends a D/d ratio of 5x rope diameter for optimum strength realisation. The minimum circumference should be a factor of the splice length and optimum distance between splices and calculated as:

$C = 2(d \times 60) + (d \times 35)$ . Divide C by 2 for the finished length

**N.B. KNOTS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE STRENGTH OF ANY ROPE. THIS PRODUCT WILL TYPICALLY RETAIN APPROXIMATELY 30% OF ITS STRENGTH IF TERMINATED WITH A KNOT. THE EXACT FIGURE WILL DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF KNOT USED AND OTHER FACTORS.**

## ELONGATION

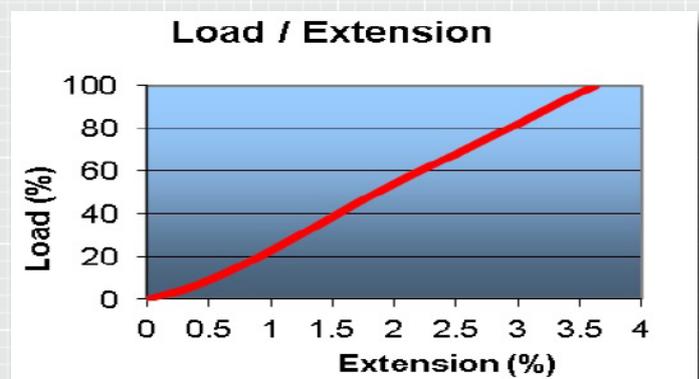
Permanent elongation on first loading: Up to 5%

Typical working elongation (for a bedded in rope):

@ 10% of break load: 0.51%

@ 20% of break load: 0.89%

## PERFORMANCE



DIAMETER		MASS		AVERAGE STRENGTH			MIN STRENGTH		
mm	Inch	g/m	lb/100 ft	kg	lb	kN	kg	lb	kN
2.5	7/64	3.7	0.25	569	1252	5.6	512	1127	5.0
3	1/8	5.3	0.36	995	2189	9.8	896	1970	8.8
3.5	9/64	7.4	0.50	1430	3155	14.1	1291	2839	12.7
4	5/32	9.8	0.66	2060	4523	20.2	1850	4071	18.2
5	3/16	12.8	0.86	2360	5183	23.1	2120	4665	20.8
6	7/32	17.7	1.19	3490	7671	34.2	3138	6904	30.8
7	1/4	28	1.88	5360	11792	52.6	4824	10613	47.3
8	5/16	33	2.21	6330	13926	62.1	5697	12533	55.9
9	3/8	37.6	2.52	6940	15268	68.1	6246	13741	61.3
10	13/32	48.3	3.24	9270	20403	91.0	8347	18363	81.9
11	7/16	58.2	3.90	11600	25502	113.7	10433	22952	102.3
13	1/2	80	5.37	15900	34872	155.5	14266	31385	139.9
15	9/16	98	6.57	18400	40520	180.7	16576	36468	162.6
16	5/8	118	7.91	21100	46418	207.0	18989	41776	186.3
18	3/4	143	9.59	25200	55330	246.7	22635	49797	222.0

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