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*Indian Standard*

**SPECIFICATION FOR  
SCOURED OR DYED COTTON TAPES  
FOR AEROSPACE PURPOSES**

*( First Revision )*

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[ Page 4, Table 1, col 2 ] — For tolerance on width mentioned as '+ 1.5' and '+ 2.0' substitute '± 1.5' and '±2.0' respectively. ' 0  
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( Page 5, clause 3.2 ) — Insert the following Note after the clause:

NOTE - Sulphur dyes shall not be used in production of dyed tapes.'

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*(Page 4, clause 1.1)* — Substitute the following for the existing clause:

**‘1.1** This standard covers scoured and/or dyed cotton tapes used mainly in supply dropping parachutes.’

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**0. FOREWORD**

**0.1** This Indian Standard ( First Revision ) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 15 June 1979, after the draft finalized by the Textile Materials for Aerospace Purposes Sectional Committee had been approved by the Textile Division Council.

**0.2** The cotton tapes covered in this standard are used in supply dropping parachutes and for reinforcement of the canopies.

**0.3** In the present revision of the standard ( formulated in 1965 ) tapes covered in IND/ADE/0069 issued by the Ministry of Defence have also been included at the instance of Chief Inspectorate of Textiles & Clothing, Kanpur.

**0.3.1** Considerable assistance has been drawn from BS 3F 49 'Specification for cotton webbing', issued by the British Standards Institution, in formulation of this standard.

**0.4** To familiarize the industry with International System of Units ( SI units ), the basic as well as the recommended SI units for use in the textile industry are given in Appendix A.

**0.4.1** Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976 also stipulates use of SI units.

**0.5** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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\*Rules for rounding off numerical values ( *revised* ).

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1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers scoured and/or dyed cotton tapes of width 12.7, 19.0, 25.0, 28.5, 31.7, 38.0, 44.4, 50.0, 57.0, 63.5, 75.0, 89 and 102 mm, used mainly in supply dropping parachutes.

2. MATERIAL

2.1 Unsized 3-ply cotton yarn free from spinning defects given in IS : 171-1973\* may be found suitable.

3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The tape shall meet the physical requirements given in Table 1.

TABLE 1 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

LENGTH PER ROLL	WIDTH mm	MASS, <sup>Max</sup>		ENDS IN FULL WIDTH	PICKS/cm	WARPWAY BREAKING LOAD (20cm × FULL WIDTH), <sup>Min</sup>						
		g/m	kg/100-m Roll, Net			( see NOTE )						
						k N	kg f					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)					
100 m unless otherwise specified	12.7	8	0.8	38	12 $\begin{matrix} + \\ - \end{matrix}$ 1	0.54	55					
	19.0							12	1.2	56	0.84	86
	25.0							16	1.6	74	1.22	125
	28.5							18	1.8	84	1.24	127
	31.7	+1.5	2.0	2.0		94	+ 4	1.38	141			
	38.0	- 0	2.4	2.4		112	- 0	1.81	185			
	44.4	2.8	3.1	130		148	2.45	200				
	50.0								31	3.1	148	2.45
	57.0	+2.0	5.5	5.5		2.58	+ 6	2.50	255			
	63.5							36	3.6	168	2.78	284
	75.0							40	4.0	186	3.68	375
	89							47	4.7	222	3.90	398
	102	- 0	6.3	6.3		294	- 0	4.46	455			

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\*Specification for grey cotton yarn ( second revision ).

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TABLE 1 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS – Contd

LENGTH PER ROLL	WIDTH mm	MASS, END IN FULL PICKs/cm		WIDTH	WARPWAY BREAKING LOAD ( 20cm × FULL WIDTH ), <i>Min</i> ( see NOTE )	kN	kgf
		<i>Max</i>	<i>g/m</i> kg/100-m Roll, Net				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
METHOD OF TEST	IS : 1954-1969*	IS : 1961-1970†	IS : 1963-1969‡	IS : 1969-1968§			

NOTE — The test specimens shall be conditioned for 48 hours at 27 ± 2°C and 65 ± 2 percent RH before testing for breaking strength.

- \*Methods for determination of length and width of fabrics ( *first revision* ).
- †Methods for determination of weight per square metre and weight per linear metre of fabrics ( *first revision* ).
- ‡Methods for determination of threads per decimetre in woven fabrics ( *first revision* ).
- §Method for determination of breaking load and elongation at break of woven textile fabrics ( *first revision* ).

3.2 The tape shall also meet the chemical requirements given as under:

Characteristic	Requirement	Method of Test
pH value	6.0 to 8.5	IS : 1390-1961*
Colour fastness:		
Light	5 or better	IS : 686-1967† or IS : 2454-1967‡
Washing	No colour bleeding ( 5 or better )	IS : 764-1979§
Scouring loss, percent, <i>Max</i>	3	IS : 1383-1977   ( Severe Method )
Water solubles, percent, <i>Max</i>	1	IS : 3456-1966¶

- \*Methods for determination of pH value of aqueous extracts of textile materials.
- †Method for determination of colour fastness of textile materials to daylight.
- ‡Method for determination of colour fastness of textile materials to artificial light ( xenon lamp ).
- §Method for determination of colour fastness of textile materials to washing: Test 3 ( *second revision* ).
- ||Method for determination of scouring loss in grey and finished cotton textile materials ( *first revision* ).
- ¶Method for determination of water soluble matter of textile materials.



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**3.3** The tapes shall be uniformly woven with firm selvages in 2 × 2 twill weave and be free from weaving defects and also from sizing and finishing materials.

**3.4** In respect of the requirements not covered in this standard the tapes shall not be inferior to the sealed sample agreed to in the contract or order.

## 4. PACKING

**4.1** Each roll shall be wrapped in kraft paper; further packing of rolls in the case or carton shall be as detailed in the contract or order.

## 5. MARKING

**5.1** Each roll shall carry the following information:

- a) Name and variety of material,
- b) Length/roll ( m ) and mass of roll ( g ),
- c) Width of tape ( mm ),
- d) Month and year of manufacture in suitable code, and
- e) Name of the manufacturer/trade-mark.

**5.1.1** Each roll may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

NOTE — The use of the ISI Certification Mark is governed by the provisions of the Indian Standards Institution ( Certification Marks ) Act and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The ISI Mark on products covered by an Indian Standard conveys the assurance that they have been produced to comply with the requirements of that standard under a well-defined system of inspection, testing and quality control which is devised and supervised by ISI and operated by the producer. ISI marked products are also continuously checked by ISI for conformity to that standard as a further safeguard. Details of conditions under which a licence for the use of the ISI Certification Mark may be granted to manufacturers or processors, may be obtained from the Indian Standards Institution.

**5.2** Each case/carton shall be marked with the details of the consignment as provided in the contract or order in addition to marking given in **5.1**.

## 6. SAMPLING

**6.1** The sampling, inspection and testing scheme shall be as detailed in the contract or order. For selecting suitable single, double or multiple sampling plans, IS : 2500 ( Part I )-1973\* may be referred to.

NOTE — An Indian Standard on sampling, inspection and testing scheme for aerospace textile stores is under preparation.

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\*Sampling inspection tables: Part I Inspection by attributes and by count of defects (first revision).

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## APPENDIX A

( Clause 0.4 )

### SI UNITS

**TABLE 2 INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM UNITS**

#### Base Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL
Length	metre	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
Luminous intensity	candela	cd
Amount of substance	mole	mol

#### Supplementary Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL
Plane angle	radian	rad
Solid angle	steradian	sr

#### Derived Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL	DEFINITION
Force	newton	N	1 N = 1 kg.m/s <sup>2</sup>
Energy	joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	1 T = 1 Wb/m <sup>2</sup>
Frequency	hertz	Hz	1 Hz = 1 c/s (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	V	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	1 Pa = 1 N/m <sup>2</sup>

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**TABLE 3 RECOMMENDED SI UNITS FOR TEXTILES**

SL No	CHARACTERISTIC	SI UNIT		APPLICATION
		Unit	Abbreviation	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1)	Length	Millimetre	mm	Fibres Samples, test specimens ( as appropriate )
		Millimetre, centimetre	mm, cm	
		Metre	m	Yarns, ropes, cordages, fabrics
2)	Width	Millimetre	mm	Narrow fabrics Other fabrics Samples, test specimens ( as appropriate )
		Centimetre Millimetre, centimetre	cm mm, cm	
		Centimetre, metre	cm, m	Carpets, druggets, durries ( as appropriate )
3)	Thickness	Micrometre ( micron )	µm	Delicate fabrics Other fabrics, carpets, felts
		Millimetre	mm	
4)	Linear density	Tex	tex	Yarns Fibres Filaments, filament yarns
		Millitex Decitex	mtex dtex	
		Kilotex	ktex	
5)	Diameter	Micrometre ( micron )	µm	Fibres Yarns, ropes, cordages
		Millimetre	mm	
6)	Circumference	Millimetre	mm	Ropes, cordages
7)	Threads in fabric:			Woven fabrics ( as appropriate )
	a) Lengthwise	Number per centimetre Number per decimetre	ends/cm ends/dm	
	b) Widthwise	Number per centimetre Number per decimetre	picks/cm picks/dm	
8)	Warp threads in loom	Number per centimetre	ends/cm	Reeds

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TABLE 3 RECOMMENDED SI UNITS FOR TEXTILES — *Contd*

SL No.	CHARACTERISTIC	SI UNIT		APPLICATION
		Unit	Abbreviation	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
9)	Stitches in knitted fabric:			Knitted fabrics ( as appropriate )
	a) Lengthwise	Courses per centimetre Courses per decimetre	courses/cm courses/dm	
	b) Widthwise	Wales per centimetre Wales per decimetre	wales/cm wales/dm	
10)	Stitch length	Millimetre	mm	Knitted fabrics, made-up items
11)	Mass per unit area	Grams per square metre	g/m <sup>2</sup>	Fabrics
12)	Mass per unit length	Grams per metre	k/m	Fabrics
13)	Twist	Turns per centimetre Turns per metre	turns/cm turns/m	} Yarns, ropes ( as appropriate )
14)	Test or gauge length	Millimetre, centimetre	mm, cm	
15)	Breaking load	Millinewton	mN	Fibres, delicate yarns ( individual or skeins )
		Newton	N	Strong yarns ( individual or skeins ), ropes, cordages, fabrics
16)	Breaking length	Kilometre	km	Yarns
17)	Tenacity	Millinewton per tex	mN/tex	Fibres, yarns ( individual or skeins )
18)	Twist factor or twist multiplier	Turns per centimetre × square root of tex Turns per metre × square root of tex	turns/cm × √tex turns/m × √tex	} Yarns ( as appropriate )
19)	Bursting strength	Newton per square centimetre	N/cm <sup>2</sup>	

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**TABLE 3 RECOMMENDED SI UNITS FOR TEXTILES — Contd**

SL No.	CHARACTERISTIC	SI UNIT		APPLICATION
		Unit	Abbreviation	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
20)	Tear strength	Millinewton Newton	mN N } }	Fabrics ( as appropriate )
21)	Pile height	Millimetre	mm	Carpets
22)	Pile density	Mass of pile yarn in grams per square metre per millimetre pile height	$\text{g/m}^2/\text{mm}$ pile height	Pile carpets
23)	Elastic modulus	Millinewton per tex per unit deformation	mN/tex/ unit deformation	Fibres, yarns, strands

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