

Rope is one of the most common fixings for plastic/tarpaulin sheeting. For fixing tarpaulin, black 8mm to 14mm diameter rope is preferred. Black rope is preferred as it resists UV degradation, although other colours (such as blue polypropylene rope) may be cheaper or more available.

Ropes can be made from various types of material, properties of some of the most common materials are summarised below.

| Rope Specification (natural fibre, nylon, and polypropylene) | |
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| Weight | Large quantities are normally purchased by weight. Minimum lengths should be specified. |
| Dimensions | 8-14mm diameter. (or 3-4mm if polyester hard braid) |
| Colour | Black for nylon and polypropylene, natural for natural fibres (subject to availability / cost) |
| Material | Polypropylene, Nylon, other polymers, or natural materials. Fibres should not be recycled. |
| Number of strands | 3 or 4 strands for twisted rope. Twisted for polypropylene and natural fibres, braided for nylon. |
| Testing | ISO 9554 |
| Printing | Bales of rope should be marked with type, material, manufacturer, length, tensile strength, inspection reference. |