

ECONOMICAL ADVANTAGES OF THE USE OF THE PROGRAMS FOR “COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR STEEL WIRE ROPES CALCULATIONS”

While developed firstly with the aim of solve the technical problems connected with the stability, behaviour, durability and fatigue endurance, during the study we saw that, in our factory at least, the quantity of wire used for the construction of the ropes differed from the standards. Once, it was superior and others it was inferior.

In order to know exactly the problem, we took a part of the fabrication whose cost price was representative of the majority, and we make a simulation of that we can obtain if we adopted the corresponding measures.

The results are shown in this paper. We could save 210 tm. of wire in a fabrication of 4260. tm. This represented a saving of 11020 US\$ by year n this brand of the fabrication. The numbers were made originally in pesetas, and they have been converted later to the currency in that times. In any case, the ratio between the cost of the wire used and saved, is actually the same.

Once seen that we could obtain substantial advantages, we selected a complete brand of our products in order to test practically what happened in the work of the ropes. The result fulfilled our expectancy.

By this reason we took the decision of to including in the programs the possibility of calculating the ropes with the condition that, remaining in the lower zone of the diameter and weight by unit length, they fulfilled with enough security the breaking load required. This is made automatically (if this manner is selected by the user), as can be seen in the Demonstration CD, in the chapter of Seale ropes. The standards used for this comparison are ISO 2408 and DIN 3051 / 3088.

In the following tables.

The meaning of the different captions are:

Table I- No special explanation.

Weight ISO (A).-Weight required by ISO 2408

Weight NMQ (B).-The corresponding to our own standards.

Wire saving,%.- Difference between both (positive when the weight ISO is inferior to NMQ)

Saved Wire.- The preceding coefficient applied to the productions indicated in the table II

Wire consumption.-The wire used for the indicated production with our standards.

Wire cost price.- The internal price cost for the average diameter., expressed in US \$

Saving US \$ / year. Total cost of the saved wire in table III.

TABLE I CONSIDERED PRODUCTION, T/YEAR

Average rope diameter	4.00	8.00	16.00	32.00	64.00
Rope construction	Production t/year	Production t/year	Production t/year	Production t/year	Production t/year
STANDARD					
6x7+1	26.90	33.0	18.0		
6x12+1		19.5	57.0		
6x19+1	2.70	218.6	676.0	309.00	
6x37+1		15.0	273.0	321.00	43.00
6x61+1					59.00
6x24+7			173.0	295.00	
SEALE					
6x17+1			97.0		
6x19+1		56.0	543.0	561.00	
8x19+1			89.0		
WARRINGTON					
6x12+1			197.0		
WARRING-SEALE					
6x36+1			20.0	29.00	
6x36(4x7+5)			20.0		
6x36(7x7)				13.00	
RELLENO					
6x25+1			26.0	8.00	
NON ROTATING					
18x7+1		66.0			
SUBTOTAL	29.6	408.1	2189.0	1536.0	102.0
SUM TOTAL					4264.7

