

**PIA-TEST METHOD-6004B** 24 May, 2010

Superseding PIA-TEST METHOD-6004A 04 August 2007

The following commercial specification is originally adopted from the military document. Revision A includes all known accepted revisions, amendments, notices, and Department of Defense (DoD) engineering changes previously developed for this item. Revision B and later include changes adopted by DoD and Industry to reflect technology and design evaluation.

# LENGTH PER UNIT WEIGHT; CORDAGE

## 1. SCOPE

1.1 This method is intended for determining the length-weight relationship of natural and synthetic fiber cordage.

## 2. TEST SPECIMEN

2.1 The test specimen size shall be as specified below:

## **SPECIMEN SIZE**

<u>Specimen</u>	Length (I	Length (Minimum)	
	<b>Feet</b>	Meters	
Cordage - less than 3 inches (76 mm) in circumference	10	3.0	
Cordage - 3 inches (76 mm) to 6 inches (152 mm) inclusive in circumference	e 5	1.5	
Cordage - over 6 inches (152 mm) in circumference	3	0.91	

#### 3. NUMBER OF DETERMINATIONS

3.1 Unless otherwise specified in the procurement document, one determination shall be made on each sample unit.

## 4. APPARATUS

- 4.1 <u>Tension apparatus</u>. Any suitable device may be used for required load.
- 4.2 <u>Balance</u>. A balance capable of weighing the specimen to an accuracy of 0.25 percent of the specimen weight.
- 4.3 <u>Measurement stick or metal tape</u>. Yardstick, metal tape or other suitable measuring device graduated in increments of 1/16 inch (1 mm).

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT: All Rights Reserved. No Part of this publication may be reproduced without prior written permission from Parachute Industry Association. Additional copies may be purchased on-line from the PIA Store at: www.pia.com.