

Extreme Heavy Duty ATV/UTV Recovery Winch

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Owners Manual



A FEW WORDS ABOUT PRODUCT SAFETY

Your Rugged Ridge® ATV/UTV recovery winch is a powerful tool adding considerable utility and enjoyment to your off road ATV/UTV. Keep in mind, however, that your ATV/UTV's weight, the forces required for ATV/UTV recovery and the variety of terrain, grades and cable rigging your might encounter, result in any winching operation having the potential for serious personal injury or damage to your winch or ATV/UTV. Each winch operation may involve different risks making it impractical to provide warnings or information regarding all the risks you may encounter. Fully understand your Rugged Ridge® instructions and practice safe winch operations before attempting an actual ATV/UTV recovery.

To reduce winch related risks and help you make informed decisions about safety, the accompanying instructions provide certain information in the form of "Warnings", "Cautions" and "Notices". This information alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others.

This is a caution against anything which may cause damage to your winch, the ATV/UTV or its equipment if the caution is ignored. The Notice includes information about how you can avoid or reduce those risks.

warning This is a signal telling you that you or others CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow the Warning. The Warning includes information about what you must or must not do in order to reduce the risk of injury to yourself and others.

This is a signal telling you that you or others CAN be HURT if you don't follow the instruction. The Caution includes information about how you can avoid those risks.



CABLE ENTANGLEMENT/PINCH/CRUSH HAZARDS

Failure to follow these instructions could lead to severe injury or death. Consult further WARNINGS/CAUTIONS and instructions in this use/installation manual. Due to loads involved, all winching involves significant risks. To minimize risks of injury **Always**:

- Assure winch, mounting, cable and hook are undamaged. ATV/UTV, slope and conditions should not approach maximum rated pull. Leave a safety margin.
- Use supplied hook strap when spooling in or out (no load). Use gloves and keep fingers and body clear of hook, cable and fairlead during installation and all winch operations.
- Position operator away from line of cable. Keep others at a safe right angle from cable and ATV/UTV when winching (min. 1.5 times distance of cable). Use greatest cable length possible while keeping at least five turns around spool.
- Fully engage clutch before powering cable in. Do no disengage or adjust clutch while under load. Pull in stages to avoid heat buildup and motor damage.
- Never use ATV/UTV recovery winch for persons or as hoist.

Installing Your Winch

Take a moment to read and understand all instructions and safety information before attempting installation or use of your Rugged Ridge® ATV/UTV recovery winch. Specifications and sample performance (line speed & pull) for your model winch are set out on pages 20-22 herein.





Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to severe injury or death. To avoid injury to hands or fingers:

- Always keep hands clear of rope, hook loop, hook and fairlead opening during installation, operation and when spooling in or out.
- Always use extreme caution when handling hook and rope during spooling operations.
- Always use supplied hook strap whenever spooling rope in or out, during installation, and during operation.
- Always keep ATV/UTV in sight during winching operation.
- Always wear heavy leather gloves when handling rope.







Chemical and Fire Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to severe injury or death.

- Always remove jewelry and wear eye protection.
- Never lean over battery while making connections.
- Always verify area is clear of fuel lines, fuel tank, brake lines, electrical wires, etc. when drilling.
- Never route electrical cables:
 - » Across any sharp edges.
 - » Through or near moving parts.
 - » Near parts that become hot.
- Always insulate and protect all exposed wiring and electrical terminals.



Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to minor or moderate injury.

- Always keep wired remote control lead clear of the drum, rope and rigging. Inspect for cracks, pinches, frayed wires or loose connections. Replace remote control if damaged.
- Never leave remote control where it can be activated during freespooling, rigging, or when the winch is not being used
- Always require operator and bystanders to be aware of ATV/ UTV and or load.



Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to minor or moderate injury.

General Safety:

- Always know your winch. Take time to fully read the Installation Guide and the Basic Guide to Winching Techniques in order to understand your winch and its operation.
- Never operate this winch if you are under 16 years of age.
- Never operate this winch when under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.
- Never exceed winch or rope capacity listed on product data sheet. Double line using a snatch block to reduce winch load

Installation Safety:

- Always choose a mounting location that is sufficiently strong to withstand the maximum pulling capacity of your winch.
- Always use factory approved mounting hardware, components, and accessories.
- Always use grade 5 (grade 8.8 metric) or better mounting hardware.
- Never weld mounting bolts.
- Always use care when using longer bolts than those supplied from factory. Bolts that are too long can damage the base and/ or prevent the winch from being mounted securely.

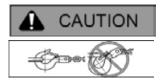
- **Always** mount the winch and attach the hook to the rope's end loop before connecting the electrical wiring.
- Always spool the rope onto the drum in the direction specified by the winch warning label on the winch and/or documentation. This is required for the automatic brake (if so equipped) to function properly.
- Always prestretch wire rope and respool under load before use.
 Tightly wound wire rope reduces chances of binding, which can damage the rope.



Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to minor or moderate injury.

- Always inspect, rope, hook, and slings before operating winch.
 Frayed, kinked or damaged rope must be replaced immediately.
 Damaged components must be replaced before operation.
 Protect parts from damage.
- Never leave remote control plugged into winch when free spooling, rigging, or when the winch is not being used.
- Never hook rope back onto itself. This damages the rope.
- Always use a choker chain, choker rope, or tree trunk protector on the anchor.
- Always remove any element or obstacle that may interfere with safe operation of the winch.
- Always take time to use appropriate rigging techniques for a winch pull.
- Always be certain the anchor you select will withstand the load and the strap or chain will not slip.
- **Never** engage or disengage clutch if winch is under load, rope is in tension or drum is moving.
- Always select an anchor point as far away as possible. This will
 provide the winch with its greatest pulling power.
- Never winch with less than 5 wraps of rope around the drum.
 The rope could come loose from the drum.
- Never touch rope or hook while in tension or under load.
- Never touch rope or hook while someone else is at the control switch or during winching operation.
- Always stand clear of rope and load and keep others away while winching.
- Always be aware of stability of ATV/UTV and load during winching, keep others away.
- Alert all bystanders of any unstable condition.
- Never use winch to secure a load.



Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to minor to moderate injury.

- Always use a hook with a latch
- Always insure hook latch is closed and not supporting load.
- Never apply load to hook tip or latch. Apply load only to the center of hook.
- Never use a hook whose throat opening has increased, or whose tip is bent or twisted.



Falling or Crushing Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to severe injury or death.

- Never use winch to lift or move persons.
- Never use winch as a hoist or to suspend a load.



Cut and Burn Hazard

Failure to observe these instructions could lead to minor or moderate injury.

To avoid injury to hands and fingers:

- Always wear heavy leather gloves when handling a rope.
- Never let rope slip through your hands.
- Always be aware of possible hot surface at winch motor, drum or rope during or after winch use.

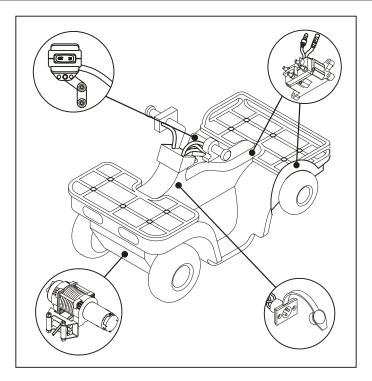
NOTICE

Avoid Winch and Equipment Damage

- Always avoid side pulls which can pile up rope at one end of the drum. This can damage rope or winch.
- Always ensure the clutch is fully engaged or disengaged.
- Never use winch to tow other vehicles or objects. Shock loads can momentarily exceed capacity of rope and winch.
- Always avoid "powering out" for extended distances. This
 causes excess heat and wear on the winch motor and brake.
- Always use care to not damage the ATV/UTV frame when anchoring to a vehicle during a winching operation.
- **Never** "jog" rope under load. Shock loads can momentarily exceed capacity of rope and winch.
- Never use winch to secure a load during transport.
- Never submerge winch in water.
- Always store the remote control in a protected, clean, dry area.
- Always double line or pick distant anchor point when rigging.
 This maximizes pulling power and avoids overloading the winch.



To prevent accidental activation of the winch and serious injury, complete the winch installation and attach the hook before installing the wiring.



To install the complete kit, you will need to mount the winch, control box, handlebar mounted Mini-rocker switch and remote socket.

Step 1 - Mount the Winch (Figure 1)

Consult your ATV/UTV manufacturers owner's manual for all specific winch related recommendations, instructions and warnings before installation. To secure the winch, always use:

- A flat, secure mounting location at least 4.8 mm (3/16 in.) Thick.
- · Lock washers.
- · Hex head cap screws when using a one-piece winch mount plate.

Note: When using separate winch mount and fairlead plates use hex head cap screws on the motor side of the base as shown in Figure 1.

- Torque the mounting bolts to 16 N-m (12 lb-ft)
- Attach the clevis hook to the wire rope:
 - » Put clutch in freespool position.
 - » Manually feed cable loop through fairlead.
 - » Attach hook to cable loop and re-engage clutch.

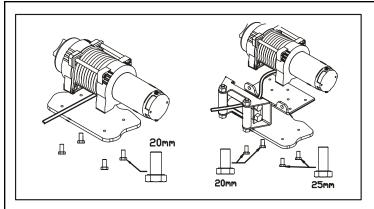


Figure 1: Orientation of winch to mounting plate and bolt lengths

Step 2 - Mount the Control Box (Figure 2)

The control box is a primary safety feature in your winch system. It disconnects your winch from its power source when the ATV is not in use. The control box must be correctly installed to work properly. It is recommended that the control box be mounted close to the battery and in a location that is as clean and dry as possible. Exact location will vary, depending on the ATV. Usual locations include inside, on top, or on the side of rear storage box, and on a few models, under the seat. Ensure the control box mounting location selected provides sufficient clearance from all metal structures such as frame tubes. Do NOT place tools or other items in a position that might come in contact with the control box directly. Drill the mounting holes for the control box at this time, then move on to step four as it will be easier to attach all the wiring to the control box at this time.

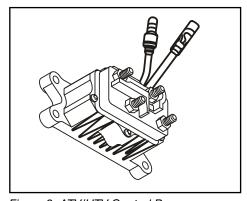


Figure 2: ATV/UTV Control Box

Step 3 - Mount the Handlebar Switch





TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM ELECTICAL FIRE:

- · Do NOT route electrical cables across sharp edges.
- · Do NOT route electrical cables through or near moving parts.
- Do NOT route electrical cables through or near any high heat parts.
- Avoid pinch and wear/abrasion points when installing all electrical cables.

TO AVOID INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE:

- Use caution when moving or repositioning any ATV/UTV controls so as to not com promise the safe operation of the ATV. Select a mounting position that will provide clearance for all ATV/UTV controls.
- Before securing the switch cable with tie wraps, make sure that the handlebars have full range of motion.

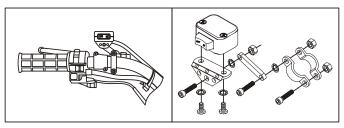


Figure 3: Handlebar mount assembly. Exact positioning may vary depending on ATV make and model.

Figure 4: Mini-rocker switch

- It is recommended that the switch be installed on the left handlebar. A
 piece of electrical tape around the handlebar will help prevent rotation
 of mount on the handle bar. (See Figures 3 & 4)
- · Do NOT tighten over any hoses or cables.
- Once the handle bar switch is mounted, route the cord and connector to the remote socket mount location.

Step 4 - Mount the Connector for Remote

A WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM EXPLOSION:

- Do NOT drill into gas tank.
- · Verify the area is clear behind the mounting location before drilling.
- After determining the mounting location for the remote socket, drill three holes and install. (See figure 5)
- Once the remote socket is mounted, route the two bullet terminal wires back to where the control box will be mounted. Splice the end of the red wire to a key controlled accessory circuit of the ATV. Using a test light, locate a suitable wire from the ATV key switch (See Figure 6). The wire should only have power when the key is in the "ON" position.

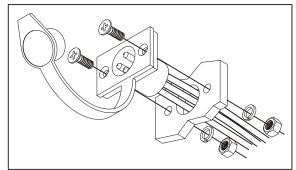
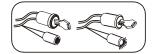


Figure 5: Remote socket installation

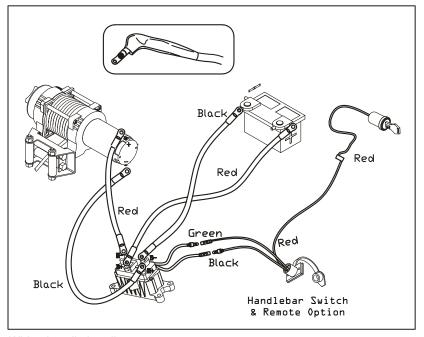
Figure 6: Use a test light to locate a suitable wire



Step 5 - Install the Wiring A CAUTION

Place the supplied terminal boots on wires before securing to the control box. All wires must be attached to the control box before mounting the control box to the ATV.

- Connect one terminal (marked "M+") of control box to terminal positive
 (+) of the motor with red cable.
- Connect one terminal (marked "M-") of control box to terminal negative (-) of the motor with black cable.
- Connect one terminal (marked "B+") of control box to terminal positive (+) of the battery with red cable.
- Connect one terminal (marked "B-") of control box to terminal negative (-) of the battery with black cable.



Wiring installation diagram

- · Always remove jewelry and wear eye protection.
- Never lean over battery while making connections.
- **Always** verify area is clear of fuel lines, fuel tank, brake lines, electrical wires, etc. When drilling.
- Never route electrical cables:
 - · Across any sharp edges.
 - Through or near moving parts.
 - · Near parts that become hot.
- Always insulate and protect all exposed wiring and electrical terminals.
- Always install terminal boots as directed in installation instructions.

Step 6 - Check the System

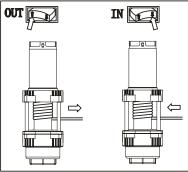


Figure 7

Before using the winch, verify the following:

Wiring to all components is correct. All loose wires are tie wrapped tight. There are no exposed wiring or terminals. Cover any existing terminal exposures with terminal boots, heat shrink tubing or electricians tape. Turn ATV key switch to ON position. Check winch for proper operation. The wire rope should spool in and out in the direction indicated on the switch. (See Figure 7)

Winch Maintenance:

- No further internal lubrication is required for the life of the winch. The
 winch should not be immersed in water. If the winch is immersed in
 water by accident, you should dry out all components and run until
 motor is warm.
- Clean winch after each use; Also store the winch in a dry place, disengage the clutch, and avoid access to children.
- · Replace or repair any components that become corroded or damaged.

Replacing Wire Rope:

- If the wire rope has become worn or is beginning to show signs of strands breaking it must be replaced before being used again. To do this, remove the defective rope by free spooling. Remove the M5x5mm bolt on the drum and release the rope.
- · Insert the end of new rope and secure the M5x5mm bolt tightly
- Engage the clutch and re-spool the new rope on the drum keeping tension on the rope as it spools. Ensure that the rope is respooling in the under wind position.

A WARNING Only replace the wire rope with the identical replacement part recommended by the manufacturer.

Planning and Use of Your Winch

A WARNING Read and understand all instructions and related **Warnings, Cautions & Notices** before attempting to install or use your Rugged Ridge® winch.

1. Ensure ATV/UTV, slope and conditions do not approach maximum rated pull. Leave a safety margin. Winch provides greater mechanical advantage when cable is fully extended. Plan pull using as much cable as practical. Double line using snatch block is preferred.

<u>A WARNING</u> Secure cable attachment requires at least five (5) wraps on Spool. Do not extend red painted cable. Secure synthetic rope attachment requires a full layer on the spool. DO NOT EXCEED RATED PULL LESS SAFETY MARGIN.

2. Plan and center anchor and snatch blocks or rigging so cable pulls straight to winch. Confirm anchor point will support load with adequate safety margin. Where anchor is tree use trunk protector and shackle rated at least double maximum winch pull. Where anchor is vehicle, (see below) fully engage cable hook through towing eye or shackle rated at least double maximum winch pull. Attach to vehicle frame **not** bumper or winch mount.

ATV/UTV to Vehicle winching not recommended as it may exceed capacity of winch, mounting or cable. Do not drive vehicle while winching. Avoid slack cable or shock loads to reduce risk of failure. Maintain steady tension through winch and block vehicle at safe intervals. Winch not intended to tow vehicles or secure loads. Never use recovery strap as part of winch operation. Stretch/stored energy in recovery strap may create shock load.

3. Extend cable manually by disengaging clutch to free spool. Confirm cable hook fully engages anchor, strap or shackle. Do not fix hook back around cable to avoid damage. Confirm power switch on Control Handle is "OFF" and attach remote. Fully engage clutch before powering spool. Keep vehicle motor running to avoid battery drain.







- Always keep hands, body and clothing clear of cable, hook and fairlead during operation and spooling.
- •Reduce risk of cable-related injury by clearing persons and establishing safe zone equal to at least 1.5 times length of cable. Keep operator away from cable and line of pull. Operator should be at right angle to cable and protected by vehicle where possible. Confirm anyone assisting understands recovery plan and safety precautions.
- •Always wear gloves and use supplied hook strap when handling cable; never touch cable under tension. Never work under or over cable under tension. Use Rugged Ridge® dampener or substitute (heavy blanket) over cable mid-point to dampen energy in event cable fails. Slack cable before moving blanket or dampener.

- 4. Plan your pull, recognizing recovery winches are not intended for continuous duty. Heavy load and slow line speed indicate high amperage draw causing heat build-up in motor.

 A NOTICE Avoid damaging motor by adjusting to shorter pull cycles and longer cool-down periods under heavy load. Do not continue power to stalling motor.
- **5.** Begin pull by gradually taking tension on cable to avoid shock loads. As you power in, cable must wind tightly and evenly on drum to prevent over-wraps and cable damage. Avoid side-pull on spool or cable stacking against spool side plates.

▲ WARNING

CABLE ENTANGLEMENT HAZARD

Cable must rewind in direction of arrow indicated on spool housing for spool brake to function. If cable stacks or does not spool properly, block or secure vehicle and slowly power-out problem section. Keeping gloved hands clear of fairlead and spool, reposition cable to opposite side of spool. Stand clear of winch while gradually regaining tension on cable.

6. Complete pull by securing ATV/UTV in gear with parking brake on. Slowly power cable out to remove tension before securing rigging.

A NOTICE Cable must be stored evenly and tightly on spool to prevent damage. Using gloves, grasp cable in sections at least 6 feet (2 meters) from fairlead. Slowly power cable onto spool while maintaining light tension to produce tight, even wraps.



A WARNING



- Always keep hands, body and clothing clear of cable, hook and fairlead during operation and spooling.
- •Wire spurs and strands from cable can cause serious injury. Always use gloves and do not allow cable to slip through hands. Maintain at least 6 feet (2 meters) between your position with cable and fairlead. For control and safety, keep power switch with person holding cable strap.
- Always use hook strap when hook is within 6 feet (2 meters) of fairlead. Secure hook to vehicle frame or tow eye and slowly power spool to complete storing cable under light tension. Remove and secure power switch.

Troubleshooting

NO.	SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE	SUGGESTED
1	Motor does not turn on	Switch Assembly not connected property Loose battery cable Connections Solenoid malfunctioning Defective Switch Assembly Defective motor Water has entered motor	Insert Switch Assembly all the way into the connector. Tighten nuts on all cable connections. Tap solenoid to loosen contacts. Apply 12volts to coil terminals directly A clicking indicates proper activation. Replace Switch Assembly Check for voltage at armature port with Switch pressed. If voltage is present replace motor. Allow to drain and dry. Run in short bursts without load until completely dry.
2	Motor runs but Cable drum does not turn	Cam Ring (clutch) not engage	Move Cam Ring to the in position. If problem persists, a qualified technician needs to check and repair.
3	Motor runs slowly or without normal power	Insufficient current or voltage	Battery weak, recharge. Run winch with ATV/UTV motor running. Loose or corroded battery cable connections. Clean, tighten, or replace
4	Motor runs to hot	Long period of operation	Let winch cool down periodically
5	Winch runs in one direction only	Defective or stuck solenoid Defective Switch Assembly	 Tap solenoid to loosen contacts. Repair or replace solenoid. Replace Switch Assembly

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Winch Parts List

No.	QTY	Description
1	1	Motor
2	1	Gasket
3	1	Bearing
4	1	Bearing Bushing
5	2	Drum Support, Motor
6	1	Brake Base
7	1	Spring
8	1	Brake Gear
9	2	Sliding Bushing
10	1	Bushing for Water Proof
11	2	Tie Rod
12	4	O-Ring for Water Proof
13	4	Washer 8
14	4	Hex Head Screw M5*20
15	1	Drum Assembly
16	2	Hex Head Screw M5*15
17	1	Gear Box Cover
18	1	Shaft
19	1	Gear Carrier Assembly, Stage 3
20	1	Washer 23*38.5*2
21	1	Gear Carrier Assembly, Stage 2
22	1	Gear Carrier Assembly, Stage 1
23	1	Gasket
24	1	O-Ring Seal
25	1	Sun Gear
26	1	Slide Block for Clutch
27	1	Gear Ring
28	1	Bushing
29	1	Gear Box Body
30	1	O-Ring Seal
31	1	Clutch Knob

Specifications

Extreme Heavy Duty 3.0

Specifications

Rated line pull: 3000lbs (1360kgs) single line Motor: Permanent magnetic DC 12V with

(1.3hp)/1.0kw output

Gear Train: 3 stage planetary

Gear Ratio: 138:1

Wire Rope: 4.8mm x 15.2m (3/16" x 50')

Drum Size: 50mm x 76.5mm

Dimensions: 334mm x 114mm x 120mm

Bolt Pattern: 124mm x 76mm

N.W: 7.4kgs (16.3lbs)

Line speed and motor current (first layer)

Line Pull	LBS	0	1000	2000	3000
Lille Pull	KGS	0	454	907	1360
Line Cheed	FPM	24.5	14.7	10.5	6.9
Line Speed	MPM	7.5	4.5	3.2	2.1
Motor Current	Amps	15	75	120	175

Line pull and cable capacity

Layer of cable		1	2	3	4	5
Rated line pull	LBS	3000	2520	2170	1870	1680
Per layer	KGS	1360	1140	985	849	760
Cable capacity	Ft.	7.2	15.7	25.9	37.7	49.9
Per layer	М	2.2	4.8	7.9	11.5	15.2

Extreme Heavy Duty 3.5

Specifications

Rated line pull: 3500lbs (1587kgs) single line Motor: Permanent magnetic DC 12V with

(1.5hp)/1.1kw output

Gear Train: 3 stage planetary

Gear Ratio: 198:1

Wire Rope: 5.5mm x 15.2m (7/32"x49')

Drum Size: 50mm x 76.5mm

Dimensions: 334mm x 114mm x 120mm

Bolt Pattern: 124mm x 76mm

N.W: 8.0kgs (17.6lbs)

Line speed and motor current (first layer)

Line Pull	LBS	0	1000	2000	3000	3500
Line Pull	KGS	0	454	907	1360	1589
Line Cheed	FPM	24.5	14.7	10.5	6.9	5.9
Line Speed	MPM	7.5	4.5	3.2	2.1	1.8
Motor Current	Amps	15	75	120	175	150

Line pull and cable capacity

Layer of cable		1	2	3	4	5
Rated line pull	LBS	3000	2520	2170	1870	1680
Per layer	KGS	1360	1140	985	849	760
Cable capacity	Ft.	7.2	15.7	25.9	37.7	49.9
Per layer	М	2.2	4.8	7.9	11.5	15.2

Extreme Heavy Duty 4.5

Specifications

Rated line pull: 4500lbs (2041kgs) single line Motor: Permanent magnetic DC 12V with

(2.0hp)/1.2kw output

Gear Train: 3 stage planetary

Gear Ratio: 198:1

Wire Rope: 6mm x 13.7m (6/25"x45')

Drum Size: 50mm x 76.5mm

Dimensions: 334mm x 114mm x 120mm

Bolt Pattern: 124mm x 76mm

N.W: 8.6kgs (19lbs)

Line speed and motor current (first layer)

Line Pull	LBS	0	1000	2000	3000	4500
	KGS	0	454	907	1360	2041
Line Cheed	FPM	16	10.5	9.2	7.2	4.9
Line Speed	MPM	4.9	3.2	2.8	2.2	1.5
Motor Current	Amps	17	70	105	135	180

Line pull and cable capacity

Layer of cable		1	2	3	4	5
Rated line pull	LBS	4500	3500	3225	2700	2325
Per layer	KGS	2041	1589	1460	1225	1055
Cable capacity	Ft.	6.6	14.1	23.6	35.1	44.9
Per layer	М	2.0	4.3	7.2	10.7	13.7

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