# DLG Test Report 7432

**NEP AGRO GmbH** 

Round bale winding net Rapid







## **Overview**

The DLG QUALITY SEAL for operating equipment and consumables encompasses products, which are subjected to extensive testing of their value-determining and advertised characteristics. The tested criteria and the requirements to be fulfilled are specified by independent commissions and are designed – over and above legal requirements – to prove the product's fitness for purpose, its advertised characteristics and practical requirements.



Testing contents and requirements are developed further by the responsible specialist departments of the DLG e.V. in line with the applicable legislation, as well as with technical and scientific progress. Successful testing is concluded with the assignment of the DLG QUALITY SEAL. The approved products are then published.

The DLG quality seal test included technical measurements on test benches, in the laboratory and in operational tests. On the test benches, the network length was measured and in the laboratory the maximum tensile force, the elongation at maximum tensile force, weather resistance and change in measure after hot storage. The test basis was the DLG test frame for high-density polyethylene round bale winding nets (PE-HD), as of November 2016.

# Assessment in brief

The round bale winding net Rapid tested here was tested in the DLG quality seal test on test benches and in the laboratory for mechanical, physical and aging properties and measured the running length. In the practical investigations, the handling was assessed.

The net is designed for the mechanical winding of bales made with round bales for silage preparation, hay and straw.

Table 1: Assessment in brief

DLG QUALITY PROFILE	Requirement	Evaluation*
Net length	≥ nominal length at 5 % preload	$\checkmark$
Meter weight	nominal meter weight ± 5 %	$\checkmark$
Maximum traction force	≥ 300 N (measured on 7 threads)	$\checkmark$
Maximum traction	mean ≥ 18.5 N/cm	$\checkmark$
Maximum tensile force	minimum-value ≥ 17.5 N/cm	$\checkmark$
Elongation at maximum tensile force	15 %-25 %	$\checkmark$
Maximum pulling force after aging	mean ≥ 15.5 N/cm	$\checkmark$
Elongation at maximum tensile force after aging	$\leq 30\%$ reduction in relation to new condition	$\checkmark$
Change in measure after hot storage	shrinkage ≤ 30 %	$\checkmark$

Evaluation range: requirements fulfilled (√) / requirements not fulfilled (X)

# **The Product**

## **Applicant**

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Product:

Round bale winding net Rapid

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## Description and technical data

Yellow round bale winding net with one black stripe and black stripes at the edge made of high-density polyethylene (PE-HD) with red warning strips at the end of the roll. The winding net is UV-stabilized. It has a width of approx. 1.23 m and is available in the running length 2,000 m, 3,000 m, 3,600 m and 4,500 m.

Table 2: Technical data (company information)

Main dimensions and weights	
Roller length	2,000/3,000/3,600/4,500 m
Roller width (+/- 10 mm)	1.23 m
Rollers diameter (+/- 10 mm)	max. 270 mm
Weight per meter (+/- 5%)	11.3 g
Sleeve length (+/- 2 mm)	1,245 mm
Sleeve inner diameter	76 mm
Packaging	foil hose
UV stabilizer	yes
Red warning strip last 50 m	yes

#### **Detailed account of the test results**

#### Suitability

The round bale winding net Rapid is suitable for the mechanical winding of with round balers manufactured bales from good for silage preparation, hay and straw.

In practical use during the growing season in 2020, the winding net has proven.

The cover of the bales from edge to edge was good

### Running length/meter weight

With the three available lengths of the net were placed on a roller dynamometer, which was used in Table 3 displayed running lengths.

The meter weight is 10.3 g.

Table 3: Measured running lengths

Nominal length in m	Running length in m (taking into account a 5 % pre-elongation)
3.000	3.098

#### Strength

In new condition

The maximum tensile force measured by 7 threads was 379 N (minimum permissible value 300 N). Related to a network width of 1.23 m were used as an average 22.4 N/cm (minimum requirement 18.5 N/cm) and as Minimum value 21.7 N/cm (minimum requirement 17.5 N/cm).

The breaking strength at maximum tensile force was longitudinally 20.9% in the permitted range from 15% to 25%.

The winding net met the DLG requirements.

After aging/weather resistance

After simulation of a one-year natural outdoor weathering in the UV climate chamber (for Germany 2,000 MJ/m²) was the maximum tensile force measured on 7 threads 318 N and 18.8 N/cm based on a mains width of 1.23 m (minimum permissible value 15.5 N/cm). The elongation at break at maximum tensile force amounted to 17.0 % after artificial aging, i.e. it decreased by 18.6 % (maximum permitted 30 %).

The weather resistance was given.

#### Change in measure after hot storage

The change in measure after one hour of storage at 120 °C was 27.1 % (maximum permitted 30 %).

## **The Method**

#### Suitability

The suitability as well as the possible use and the areas of application of the round bale winding net were assessed in a practical way.

#### Running length/meter weight

The barrel length is determined on a roller dynamometer without additional preload. The meter weight is on a 10 m long section.

#### Strength

The maximum tensile force and the elongation at maximum tensile force is determined in the new condition and after weathering of the material according to DIN EN ISO 527-3: 2003-07.

#### Aging behaviour/weather resistance

The weathering of the material is carried out in accordance with DIN EN ISO 4892-2, procedure A.

#### Change in measure after hot storage

The dimensional change is examined after one hour of storage at 120 °C in accordance with DIN 53377: 2007-10.

# **Summary**

The criteria tested in this DLG quality seal test are evaluated on the basis of test bench, laboratory and practical tests on the mechanical, physical and aging properties of the round bale winding net Rapid.

The tested round bale winding net Rapid has met the requirements of the test frame with regard to of the criteria examined.

#### **Further information**

#### **Testing agency**

DLG TestService GmbH, Gross-Umstadt location The tests are conducted on behalf of DLG e.V.

#### **DLG** test framework

Quality seal test "Round bale winding nets" (current as of 11/2016)

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