

Blue Water Ropes and Equipment Australia

Rope Markers

The following are the batch indicator colours covering the period of manufacture in Australia. All of the rope should have a marker tape in the centre giving the country of manufacture and conformance to appropriate standards when applicable (11mm diameter and above).

There have been three Blue Water (BW) static rope constructions BW II, BW II+ and BW II++. For BW II and BWI I+ both the core and sheath were made from polyamide fibres. For BW II++ the core is made from polyamide fibres and the sheath from polyester fibres.

BWII had 21 core bundles in 11mm diameter The core bundles had a very gentle twist and half had a left hand twist and half had

a right hand twist. The BW II+ and BW II++ each have 15 core bundles with a much tighter twist. The manufacture of BW II+ commenced in Australia 1989 and concluded in Oct 2005, with the introduction of BW II++.

To see the colours it is necessary to cut a short length from the end of your rope and open it so that the core is visible. In the core will be one or more coloured strands. The table below shows for Blue Water static ropes manufactured in Australia the marker colours.

Example: If NAVY/YELLOW marker strands are found in the core of a rope it was manufactured between May 2007 and August 2007.

Month	Year	Marker
JAN	1990	RED
SEP	1990	PINK
JAN	1991	BLUE
MAY	1991	GREEN
JUN	1991	YELLOW
AUG	1991	PURPLE
SEP	1991	BLACK
NOV	1991	ORANGE
JAN	1992	BLUE
MAR	1992	PINK
JUN	1992	ELECTRIC BLUE
SEP	1992	PURPLE
DEC	1992	FLAVINE
MAY	1993	RED/ORANGE
AUG	1993	SPRING GREEN
OCT	1993	CAMAC ORANGE
APR	1994	FUCHSIA
JUL	1994	YELLOW
DEC	1994	BLUE
MAY	1995	RED/ORANGE
OCT	1995	BLACK
MAY	1996	BLACK/SPRING GREEN
SEP	1996	BLACK/GREY
JAN	1997	FUCHSIA/PURPLE
MAY	1997	FUCHSIA/ORANGE
SEP	1997	FUCHSIA/FUCHSIA
DEC	1997	FUCHSIA/YELLOW
APR	1998	RED/BLUE
SEP	1998	RED/RED ORANGE
FEB	1999	PURPLE/BLACK
JUL	1999	PURPLE/SP GREEN

Month	Year	Marker
SEP	1999	PURPLE/GREY
NOV	1999	PURPLE/YELLOW
JAN	2000	PURPLE/BLUE
JUN	2000	ORANGE/YELLOW GOLD
AUG	2000	ORANGE/GREY
DEC	2000	ORANGE/SPR GREEN
JAN	2001	ORANGE/BLUE
APR	2001	Y GOLD/BLACK
JUL	2001	Y GOLD/GREY
OCT	2001	Y GOLD/YELLOW
DEC	2001	Y GOLD/BLUE
MAY	2002	F GREEN/YELLOW
SEP	2002	F GREEN/BLUE
JAN	2003	F GREEN/BLACK
JUN	2003	PINK/FUCHSIA
JUL	2003	PINK/YELLOW
MAR	2004	BURGUNDY/BLUE
JUN	2004	OD/YELLOW
DEC	2004	OD/BLUE
SEP	2005	SPRING GREEN/FUCHSIA
APR	2006	NAVY/FUCHSIA
MAY	2007	NAVY/YELLOW
AUG	2007	RED ORANGE/FUCHSIA
DEC	2007	RED ORANGE/RED
APR	2008	GREY/FUCHSIA
JUL	2008	GREY/RED
SEP	2008	GREY/YELLOW
JUL	2009	YELLOW/BLACK
NOV	2009	FUCHSIA/BLUE
OCT	2010	FUCHSIA/BLACK
MAY	2011	RED/SPRING GREEN