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## Foreword

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ISO 10425 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 105, *Steel wire ropes*.

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## Introduction

This International Standard is based upon API<sup>1)</sup> Specification 9A, 24th edition, June 1995.

This International Standard was developed in response to worldwide demand for minimum specifications for ropes for use on equipment and machinery associated with the petroleum and natural gas industries.

In recognition of equipment already in use and originally designed to accommodate rope sizes (nominal rope diameters) based on "English" units, some of the more common "converted SI unit" sizes have also been included.

In addition, and in recognition of equipment already in use and designed to operate with ropes having specific rope grades (e.g. IPS), based on "US" wire levels, these grades have also been included in order to give prominence to the required minimum values of breaking force associated with these grades and help to ensure that existing design safety levels are maintained.

Having due regard to size and breaking force for a particular rope class or construction, in some cases it is possible to safely substitute a US customary size and grade with one based solely on SI units and grade, and vice-versa. To assist in this process, this International Standard gives a size range for each nominal rope diameter and equivalent minimum breaking forces (converted from US customary units) for comparison, although it is recommended that the equipment designer or rope manufacturer (or other competent person) is consulted prior to ordering a substitute rope.

It should also be noted that a particular design of rope may be capable of offering a higher breaking force value than the one specified either in the relevant table in this International Standard or by the manufacturer in his catalogue. In such cases, a higher minimum breaking force value (or actual breaking force value if the rope has already been manufactured and tested) may be provided by the manufacturer before an order is placed.

Designers of new equipment are encouraged to select ropes having the preferred SI units and grades.

To complement this International Standard, ISO 17893, covering definitions, designation and classification, has been prepared.

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