

Theoretical Analysis of Rescue Belay Behaviour

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Length of rope, m:	3	10	25	50	100	150	200
Percentage Static Strain @ 80 kgs load, %:	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Static Elongation (Stretch) @ 80 kgs, m:	0.09	0.3	0.75	1.5	3	4.5	6
Percentage Static Strain @ 200 kgs load, %:	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
Static Elongation (Stretch) @ 200 kgs, m:	0.225	0.75	1.875	3.75	7.5	11.25	15
Spring Stiffness of Rope, k, N/m:	8720	2616	1046.4	523.2	261.6	174.4	130.8
Percentage Dynamic Strain @ 80 kgs load, %:	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Dynamic Elongation (Stretch) @ 80 kgs, m:	0.18	0.6	1.5	3	6	9	12
Percentage Dynamic Strain @ 200 kgs load, %:	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Dynamic Elongation (Stretch) @ 200 kgs, m:	0.45	1.5	3.75	7.5	15	22.5	30
Maximum Dynamic Force in Belay Rope @ 200kgs, kN:	3.924	3.924	3.924	3.924	3.924	3.924	3.924
Maximum Velocity of Fall during Belay Event, m/s:	1.485682	2.712471	4.288794	6.06527	8.577587	10.50536	12.13054
Maximum Velocity of Fall during Belay Event, kph:	5.348454	9.764896	15.43966	21.83497	30.87931	37.81928	43.66994
Equivalent Fall Height of Max. Impact Velocity, m:	0.1125	0.375	0.9375	1.875	3.75	5.625	7.5