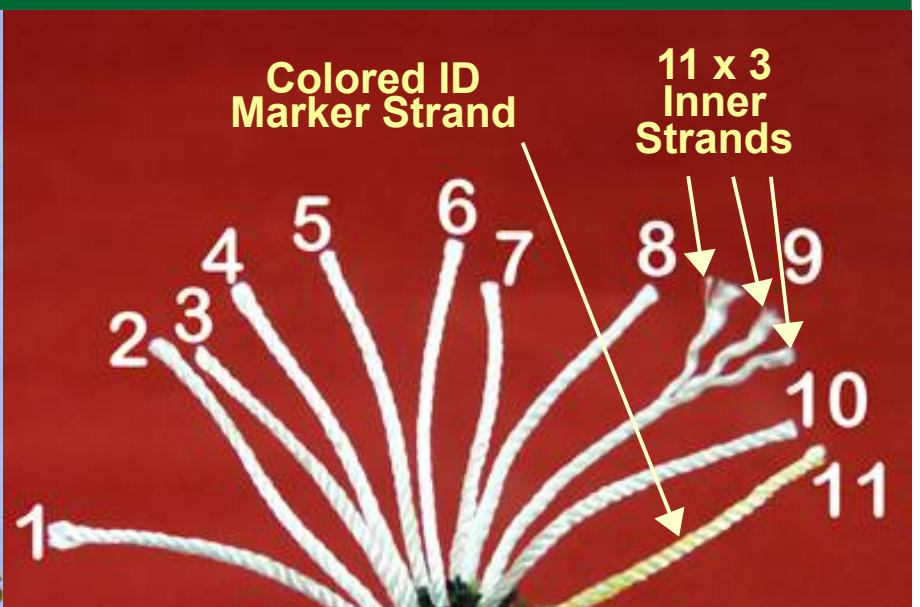
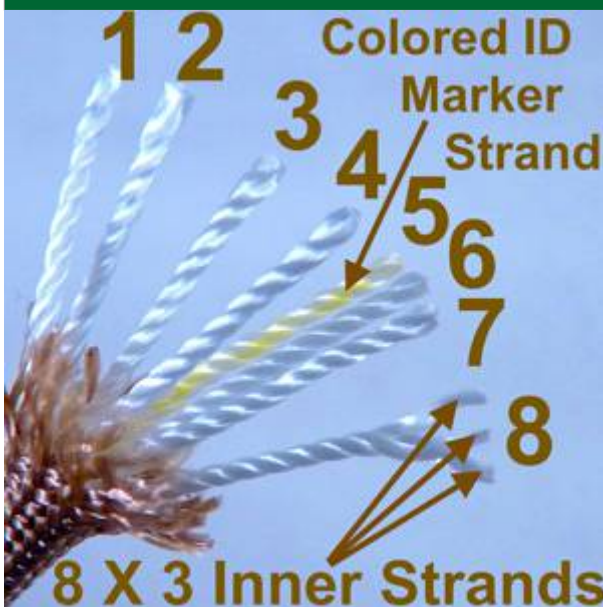




We LOVE MilSpec Paracord and SO will You!

Paracord 550 MilSpec™ on Amazon.com



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However, please DO share this eBook, complete and intact, with your MilSpec Paracord loving friends, with our compliments!

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Mil-Spec Type III Parachute Cord

“There are many examples of "Mil Spec Paracord" or "550 cord" for sale out there; the challenge is to sift through them all and find the real stuff. Sift no more, you've found it. This cord is manufactured to the specifications in C-5040H (ALL of them.)”

- **Stephen Carr**

Very Satisfied!

“I was searching for some paracord on Amazon. To my dismay, a lot of paracord available is not the real stuff. I have had many versions of paracord, but nothing like this. This is indeed the highest quality and strength paracord I have ever had.”

- **Cafil**

The best quality cord

“This is in my humble opinion the best cord for the price. You will be able to hold yourself up with this cord really great quality.”

- **Will Warner**

Nothing Beats It

“This rope kicks butt. Small, lightweight, strong. Use it to tie up my hammock, but it's lighter than my other heavier rope.”

- **D. Larbo**

Paracord 550 MilSpec™

Happy
Customers

OK ... We ADMIT it! We're PARACORD SNOBS!



Paracord 550 MilSpec™ is a U.S. Veteran-owned business located in the U.S. We specialize in manufacturing both Type III and Type IV Military Specification Paracord ... in the United States, from materials sourced in the United States. We just LOVE MilSpec Paracord!

You want Military Specification Paracord for the job when quality and reliability actually DO make a difference. MilSpec Paracord is stronger and more reliable than commercial paracord.



Great Quality High Grade Cord for making a Paracord Survival Bracelet and Belt

"I just made a great survival bracelet for my daughter with this paracord. I looked for military grade paracord—one that was strong, lightweight, durable and resistant to the elements. I made a really good choice buying this paracord."

- Mary Anderson


Good Paracord. Like the stuff I used in the Army

"So many things about this company say quality. The product is legit and exceeded the standard. The Customer Service was impeccable. This is one of those rare companies today that wants to earn your business with quality and hard work and not with the cheapest minimal effort."

- Rex



The Paracord that you buy from Paracord 550 MilSpec™ is 100% guaranteed with our "No Muss, No Fuss, No B.S. 100% Unconditional 1-year Guarantee." We make a top quality product, we know it, and we stand behind it ... period.

We sell our Paracord exclusively through Amazon.com, because you TRUST  Amazon.com.



We even go the "extra mile" with our "Type III" 550 MilSpec Paracord to manufacture EIGHT removable Inner Strands. Nearly all of the other available Type III MilSpec Paracord has only SEVEN Inner Strands. We think it pays to "over-deliver." Plain and simple, it's important to us.

Real Deal

"Awesome cord. Will buy again and recommend to others. Confident to take this into the field. All my friends ordered some after seeing mine."

- Pitlover

We also manufacture “Type IV” MilSpec Paracord, which has a whopping ELEVEN Inner strands inside of the sheath and an incredible breaking strength of 800 pounds!

Happy Customers

But don't take OUR word for it, read what our actual customers have to say. You can read a sampling of their comments down the right-hand side of this book, or [go to our MilSpec Paracord listing on Amazon](#) and read our hundreds and hundreds of five-star product reviews.

Our Paracord is made in 100% compliance with MIL-C-5040H. It is made in the United States, from materials sourced in the United States.



The real deal

"There is lots of talk about certain paracord' not really being mil-spec. They say its 550...but its much weaker than that. Well I was glad to find out this is the real deal. It is strong and does what it should do.

This is going in my camping kits. Something I can depend on...when it really matters."

- Maxwell

Thumbs up!

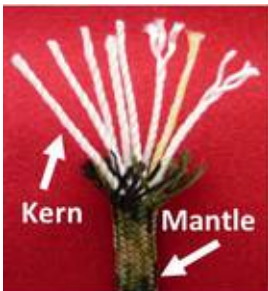
"Great Product!"

- Chaz_m

Attention: MilSpec Paracord LOVERS! This is a book for YOU!

What IS Paracord, Anyway?

Parachute cord, or “Paracord,” is an inexpensive lightweight, kernmantle type rope with extraordinary breaking strength, especially relative to its small diameter. The typical diameter, or “thickness” of Paracord is 1/8 inch.



“Kernmantle” type rope or cord is constructed with a removable interior core, called the “kern.” The kern is also sometimes referred to as the “guts” of the cord. The “kern” is protected by a woven outer sheath, called the “mantle.”

The “kern” provides the tensile strength of the cord. The “mantle” protects the “kern” from abrasion, and optimizes strength, durability and flexibility of the cord.

The Inner Strands, or kern, of a length of Paracord can be removed from inside of the sheath, and used individually. The sheath, or mantle, can also be used all by itself, without any Inner Strands inside of it, at all.

Don't be fooled by the cheap stuff

"Don't be fooled by false claims!! Not all paracord is equal. Our Boy Scout Troop uses lots of cord. But we also make woggles for the purpose of securing our neckerchiefs. I bought 1000' of the junk before I got the correct story from these folks on the military specs. I tried a 110 foot hank first (most people give you 100' only). It was perfect. I will be reordering soon."

- ridgelady

Perfect

"Freaking awesome strong and thin!"

- W. S. Brannen

Paracord was initially manufactured for the United States Military during World War II specifically for use in military parachute suspension lines. Paracord continues to be used on both military and civilian parachutes today.

Happy Customers

Because of its small size, portability, affordability, exceptional strength and versatility, Paracord has become a favorite “must have” piece of equipment. It is used regularly throughout the world by civilian and military people for an increasingly large number of tasks.

What Do People Use Paracord For?

Sometimes referred to as the “duct tape” of the military, you’ll be surprised and impressed by the amazing number of uses for Paracord! And you probably know of some uses that we haven’t yet heard of, (yet!)



Here are just a few:

Everyday home use, household moving and students - clothesline, secure a pet or animal, zipper pull, tie trash can lid onto the trash can, tie twigs for disposal, pull out a loose tooth, latch a door open or closed, hang Christmas or other decorative lights, tie a label onto a suitcase or luggage, repair wicker furniture, secure electrical or electronic cords, hang wind chimes, hang a pickup topper in the garage, make a basketball hoop net, tie climbing vines to a trellis, tie “just married” cans onto the back of a car, school projects, hang a bicycle in the garage, hang a bird feeder; fly a kite, hang a piñata, groomsmen “survival pack” joke gift, mark off a newly seeded lawn, hang tools (or hanks of Paracord!) on hooks in the garage, securing household goods inside a car or truck or trailer for moving.

The Real Deal

“Do yourself a favor and research paracord. You will learn that what you are buying from these guys is the real deal.

They obviously know that they are up against the cheap impostors and combat this by providing a ton of information, backing facts, aka Proof that this is real Mil-spec cord.

I like their approach and I especially like the quality of their product.”

- TechJunkie

Needed Cord for Flags

“I simply needed this cord to hand a university flag outside my home. I got the white cord and it works very well. The paracord is very sturdy and I am glad that I got it.”

- Karen88



Home Building, landscaping, farmers and ranchers, construction, warehousing, logging and lumber, roofing, road and street construction, painting and trucking - securing / lashing / tying materials and gear, shoe and boot laces, grips for tools (knives, saws, axes, hatchets, etc), sunglass or

Awesome

“This stuff is the real deal ... if you want real mil spec, this is it. Buy some and compare. The difference is easy to see.”

- Garth Jeffcoat

eyeglass strap, flashlight lanyard, mark out a perimeter fence for “wet paint” or “wet concrete,” hold a door open or closed, tie electrical or electronic cords together, make a “soft patch” repair on a hose or pipe, tie a trunk lid open or closed, drag timber out of a forest, make a carrying handle for a tool box or other box, hang signs or lights, secure an antenna to the roof of a house or garage, fish electrical wires through inner walls or conduit.

Hobbyists and Arts and Crafts - hair accessory; headband; watchband; decorative knots; learn to tie knots; lashing / whipping / grips on hiking sticks / tools / knives; cell phone case; macramé projects; paracord bracelets; ankle bracelet; ring; key fobs; belts; necklace; keychains; self-defense weapon (monkey fist); zipper pull, whistle lanyard, flashlight lanyard; dog collar, leash, restraint; lanyard; rifle sling; lacing lamellar armor; fly a kite, plant hanger, repair wicker furniture; tie “just married” cans to a car; wind chimes; hammock; hang a bird feeder.



Happy Customers

Paracord Gold
“Fast delivery. I am an Army veteran and used 550 cord for helicopter sling load operations and many other mission oriented tasks. This is an AMAZING HIGH QUALITY cord. The manufacturer even emailed the MIL SPEC sheet for the cord purchased and has sent much more informational emails as well. This cord is the real deal! Whether its for hobby or heavy load operations, this is a brilliant product from an upstanding company.”
- Celtic Cracker



Crafts and Handiwork - Paracord bracelets; necklaces; belts; keychains; watchbands; pet collars / leashes / securing lines; macrame ties and decorative knots; rifle slings; decorative grips on hand tools; lacing lamellar armor.

Real Deal
“This is the real deal. I have some non military spec and then this. It is worth every penny, and has a million uses. Highly recommend. It is tough as our servicemen and women. Can't be beat!”
- Janie

What are some of the “surprising” and “creative” uses that we’ve heard of for Mil-Spec Paracord? Here some of our favorites!

Emergency stitches for a medical wound; pull out a loose tooth; dental floss; tying beer together to submerge in a stream for cooling; self-defense weapon (monkey fist); tie a fly for fishing; “noisemaker” burglar alarm with cans tied together; a groomsman “survival pack” gift; tie “just married” cans behind a car; lacing lamellar armor; and even “Redneck Suspenders!”

This is the Real Stuff
“Glad I sifted through the phonies and found this product. You won't be disappointed in the product, the delivery was double-quick and the seller attentive and helpful. You want the real stuff like I did.”
- Timothy P. Odea

MilSpec Paracord vs. Commercial Paracord

Type III Paracord is most commonly manufactured in two general varieties:

MilSpec Paracord, which is manufactured in the United States in strict compliance with the very tightly-defined, 19-page, [MIL-C-5040H](#),

and

Commercial Paracord, which is manufactured in many parts of the world under no particular standard of manufacturing processes, materials or quality.

And definitely yes, there IS a huge difference between “real” [MIL-C-5040H](#) Paracord, and cheaper and less reliable commercial paracord.

MilSpec Paracord is stronger and more reliable than commercial paracord, which may or may not be of good quality.

The problem is, since commercial paracord is not manufactured to any agreed upon standard, you don’t know at all what you are getting. And, very few people can actually tell the difference.

Because of the difficulties in determining the difference between true Military Specification compliant Paracord and commercial paracord, there are many opportunities for manufacturers of commercial paracord to make their product “cheaply,” sell it less expensively, and even misrepresent their paracord as “real” MilSpec Paracord, when it is not at all compliant with [MIL-C-5040H](#).



Military grade, not the imitation stuff that falls apart

“This is REAL paracord, not the cheap stuff sold in discount stores, it should be in every garage and shop.”

- George Gates

Paracord

“Couldn't ask for a more versatile cord. Introduced to the paracord at Air Force survival schools. Uses are too numerous to list and the list keeps growing. Highly recommend. I carry in my car and my shoulder bag. You just never know when it will come in handy.”

- Billy R. Tolbert

Genuine

“This is the genuine stuff! Not the cheap commercial paracord.”

- Wes

Real Stuff

“This is the real paracord. If you are looking for the real stuff look no further. It's mil spec. The company is great to with a lot of newsletters on cordage. I have other so called mil spec paracord that are not even close to this stuff. Now I know what real paracord is like.”

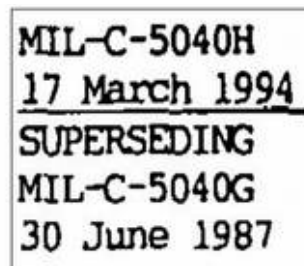
- William Milewski

The Military Specification: MIL-C-5040H

Happy Customers



The Number ONE conversation about Paracord, both online and offline, is whether or not any particular Paracord is “the real stuff,” or “the real deal,” or “the good stuff” or “real MilSpec.” This issue is complicated, and very few people actually understand it.



"[MIL-C-5040H](#)" refers to the U.S. Government Military Specification C-5040. The latest revision of MIL-C-5040 is Revision H, made active on 17 March, 1994. So the most current version of “the MilSpec” is written as: [MIL-C-5040H](#)

[MIL-C-5040H](#) is a nineteen-page document that defines very specifically EXACTLY how “real” MilSpec Paracord MUST be manufactured. It is difficult to read and complicated to understand.

[Want Your Own PDF Copy of MIL-C-5040H?](#)
[Click HERE to dowload](#)

How Can I Tell the Difference Between MilSpec Paracord and commercial paracord?

There are four quick and simple observations that even a non-expert can easily make to tell many of the the differences between MilSpec Paracord and commercial paracord.

Five Stars

“Great product and completely worth the money. Great product and great seller.”

- Bad Moon

Future Orders Coming

“Perfect! Thanks! I love the packaging as it shows what can be ordered for future cordage orders - which I intend to do soon.”

- Jayde

Real Deal

“Bought as a gift. Recipient was pleased. He did say it is genuine paracord from what he remembers from the military. Much stronger than the fake stuff out there.”

- Tatersaladgang

Best Quality 550

“This is second to known when it comes to 550 quality. They are a bit thicker than your standard 550 (having an 8th strand inside and 3-braid vs 2-braid) but the quality and bang for the buck trump all.”

- Michael Payne

Great Mil-spec Paracord

“This is really stronger paracord than others I have looked at. Great customer support and fast shipping.”

- Mister Anderson

NOTE: These observations are applicable to Military Specification Type III Paracord, which is often referred to as Paracord 550, 550 Paracord, or even 550 Cord. Type III Paracord is far and above the most readily available paracord on the civilian market today.

Happy Customers

(We'll talk about Type IV MilSpec Paracord later in this eBook.)

Observation 1: Cut off one end of your paracord. The best way to do this is with a sharp knife or scissors, to make a "clean" cut.



Glad to find "real" paracord

"This cord has 8 strands of 3 individual stands each."

- Jeremy Case

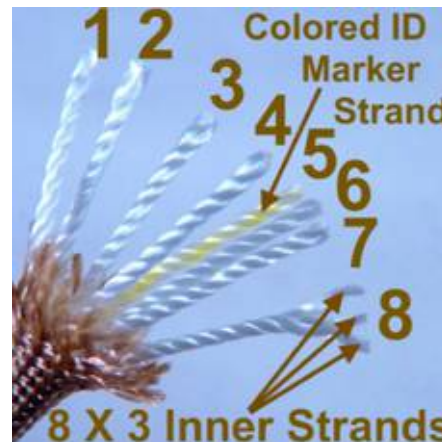
Five Stars

"Awesome. Will but more in the future. exactly as advertised. mil specs ++ Thank you!!"

- Gregory Hau

Pull the sheath (mantle) back to expose the Inner Strands. Look carefully and count the number of Inner Strands inside your paracord.

The MilSpec REQUIRES 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands. If your paracord does NOT have 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands, you definitely do NOT have MilSpec paracord.



Genuine Paracord

"This is the real deal. It's the best you can buy without a doubt. If you buy some paracord this is the type."

- Brian

Observation 2: Look again, closely, at the 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands. You should be able to see one or more colored strands twisted into one of the Inner Strands.

The Real Deal

"Finally got my hands on the real stuff after being duped by another 550 paracord listing on Amazon. Thanks!"

- Nom de plume

These colored strands are called the Manufacturer's Colored Identification Strand, the Manufacturer's ID Strand, or sometimes just the ID Strand.

Excellent Purchase

"Not only is it great, but it's FAR better than the crap that was used the first time on my zipper. I plan to replace all of the original cords with this paracord. Really a great product. And, of course, the price is great, too."

- Julian Kessel

The colors for the Manufacturer's Colored ID Strands are assigned by the U.S. Government to every individual manufacturer of MilSpec Paracord. They identify very specifically which company actually manufactured any given piece of MilSpec Paracord.

Happy Customers

If your paracord does NOT have a colored ID strand, you definitely do NOT have MilSpec Paracord.

CAUTION: Some commercial paracord DOES have a colored strand twisted into the Inner Strands, but is NOT MilSpec compliant.

This is an attempt to make cheaper, lower quality commercial paracord LOOK like MilSpec Paracord.

Pictures on website are very good and the color I ordered matched exactly
"Great product. I cut open one end to look at some common characteristics of Mil-Spec paracord and this product is genuine. I've ordered mil-spec paracord before that was definitely not mil-spec so I always check."
- Asherlev

Observations 3 and 4: Take a straight pin or needle and tease apart the small Inside Threads that are twisted into the 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands.

The MilSpec REQUIRES exactly THREE smaller Inside Strands, and that they be TWISTED together, to make up each of the Inner Strands.

Commercial paracord almost always has only TWO inside strands, which may or may not be twisted together.



True mil spec paracord
"If you're going to buy Paracord, there is no excuse for not getting the Real Thing - true Military Specification paracord. And that's what this is, REAL STUFF, not some fake / imitation product. you'll be very happy that you spent the extra few \$ on REAL paracord. Buy it."
- Cynesige

If your paracord does NOT have exactly THREE small Inside Strands, TWISTED together to makeup each of the 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands, you definitely do NOT have MilSpec Paracord.

The REAL Deal
"Extremely pleased with this product. This is what you need when you NEED para-cord. Not much "bulkier" than the "craft cord" so many use---for crafts. Well worth the price. Wish I had gotten more."
- Jeff O.

To review, genuine MilSpec Paracord, must have:

- 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands
- each Inner Strand must be made up of exactly three Inside Strands, and they must be twisted into the Inner Strand
- a colored Manufacturer's ID strand



NOTE: If your Paracord DOES have all of four of the requirements above, that doesn't completely mean that you DO have MilSpec Paracord. Remember that [MIL-C-5040H](#) has 19 pages of manufacturing requirements.

What you DO know for certain is that if your Paracord does NOT meet ALL FOUR of the requirements listed above, then you definitely do NOT have MilSpec Paracord.

That's why it's so important to know exactly who you are buying your MilSpec Paracord from.

False Advertising? Don't be FOOLED!

You may have run across some of the following claims about Paracord, that it is:

- “manufactured by a certified U.S. Government contractor”
- “official military manufacturer”
- “authentic commercial Paracord”
- “official military paracord rope”
- “GSA compliant”
- “better than military specifications”
- “made and tested in the United States”
- “U.S. Made Military paracord 550”
- “super strong military issue.”
- “Type III, 550”
- ”7 Inner Strands”



Happy Customers

Simply the Best

“I cannot praise this company enough. Their product and customer communication is simply the best. The difference between commercial paracord and real paracord was not clear to me until I read their explanation and received their product.

This is the real deal and a potential life saver.

My current and potential uses for this product are too numerous to list here. I have been a customer of Amazon for many years and until now I have never been so impressed with a company and their product to write a review. Their paracord will be given as gifts to friends and family and highly recommended to all. Product: First rate. Product information; First rate. Shipping: First rate. Communication: Exemplary.”
- Phil

Five Stars

“Exactly as the description says, Type III 8-strand 550 Mil-spec Paracord. Totally worth the extra few bucks.”
- Jet Do

Happy Customers

These statements are almost always an attempt so “suggest” that paracord is MilSpec paracord, when in fact, it is not.

Paracord either IS ... or IS NOT ... manufactured in compliance with MilSpec C-5040H. Statements like those above merely suggest, but certainly do not substantiate ... that the Paracord is compliant with the Military Specification.

- Made From 100% Heavy Duty Polyester Material
- 550 Pound Tested - 7 Strand Core
- 5/32" Diameter, Removable Inner Strands by 2 Ply, 100 Feet Long
- Quick Drying & Will Not Rot or Mildew, GSA Compliant

This paracord is NOT MilSpec paracord!

For example, a “certified U.S. Government contractor” or an “official military manufacturer” might manufacture BOTH MilSpec ... AND commercial paracord. So paracord “manufactured by a certified U.S. Government contractor,” or by an “official military manufacturer” may very well NOT be true MilSpec Paracord.

Additionally, “made and tested in the United States” and “Type III, 550” or “7 Inner Strands” do not define whether or not the Paracord was manufactured in compliance with MIL-C-5040H.

If the documentation, from an HONEST, RELIABLE distributor of Paracord does not simply state very specifically that the Paracord IS compliant with MilSpec C-5040H, it almost certainly is not real, MilSpec compliant Paracord.

Hang Tight :-)

“I've purchased paracord before, but not from these folks, from another on line dealer and what a difference this paracord is...!!! Far and away nicer, tighter feel and the inner strands, if you had to pull them out to do something with them, they are not thin weak stuff, but strands that are strong!

I WILL be buying more from these folks for sure!”

- G2

Excellent Product - The Real Deal

“I don't normally leave reviews for products on Amazon however I felt compelled to do so because of the amazing customer service I have received from the makers of this product and because there was so much misinformation about paracord on Amazon.

This is the real deal, if you are looking for true military spec paracord, look no further, you found your product.

I received my order very quickly, and I LOVED the informative emails that accompanied my order.

If you want a superior product from an excellent vendor, order now!”

- rachelk67

Happy Customers

What about 11-Strand, Type IV MilSpec Paracord?

[MIL-C-5040H](#) also includes the specific requirements for manufacturing Type IV MilSpec Paracord.

The requirements for Type III and Type IV MilSpec Paracord are very nearly the same, except that they are required to have a different number of Inner Strands inside of the sheath, and a correspondingly different minimum breaking strength.

This chart summarizes the differences between Type III and Type IV MilSpec Paracord:

	Type III MilSpec Paracord	Type IV MilSpec Paracord
Inner Strands	7 or 8 or 9	11
Minimum Breaking Strength	550 pounds	750 pounds
Typical Cord Diameter	1/8 inch	5/32 inch

Worth the Extra Dollars
"Top quality and excellent service. Highly recommended and worth the extra dollars."
- Garrygee

Real Milspec
"I've been starting to weave bracelets and keychain danglies. This stuff is real 8-strand milspec paracord. Most of the other stuff I have is commercial 7-strand. It make a difference. Great cord, great price."
- Michael A. Smith

The real stuff!
"Actual 550 paracord!"
- Purdyboy89

Great Product!
"Exactly as advertised! Great product!"
- DustinU_Iowa, USA

Love it
"It's exactly what you want if your serious about survival supplies. Love the product and the info that comes with it!"
- JoJo

Super, super strong
" Super, super strong, premium material."
Amazon Customer

The images below show where [MIL-C-5040H](#) define the differences between Type III and Type IV MilSpec Paracord:

Happy Customers

Type III MilSpec Paracord, far and above the most common MilSpec Paracord, must have either 7 or 8 or 9 Inner Strands.

Cord of the year!
"I own Husqvarna's biggest chainsaw (3120XP) and the start cord broke. No worries, got the Paracord out and cut off a piece, and pulled away. Started the chainsaw. I'm sure I'll find another use for the cord."
- WmGhormley

Five Stars
"Great product!"
- Adam Jendrejas

Incredible product-limitless uses
"Whew! What can I say good about this valuable and necessary product that hasn't been said. Spec sheet, important, fast shipping and if ever I had to have a piece of equipment to keep me alive this would be added to my pack."
- Stone Meadows

Super Cord
"Great, well made paracord. I love the camo pattern. They did a good job with the information regarding their paracord that is included with the purchase."
- Daniel Dario

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TABLE I. Construction

Dash no.	Type	Yarns denier/ply	Twist [turns/in] spin	Ply	Number of core ends	Picks per in	No. of carriers and ends per carrier
-1	I	Core	210/3	7.0 to 9.5	5 to 7	4 to 7	--
		Sleeve	70/3	20 to 24.0	15 to 19	--	26 to 28
-2	IA	Core	--	--	--	--	--
		Sleeve	210/3	7.0 to 9.5	5 to 7	--	26 to 28
-3	II 1/	Core	210/1st 5 or 1050 (singles) Final - 3	1	1st 10 to 16 FINAL 6 to 8	4 to 7	--
		Sleeve	210/3	7.0 to (approx) 9.5	5 to 7	--	26 to 28
-4	IIA	Core	--	--	--	--	--
		Sleeve	210/3	7.0 to 9.5	5 to 7	--	26 to 28
-5	III 1/	Core	210/1st 5 or 1050 (singles) Final - 3	1	1st 10 to 16 FINAL 6 to 8	7 to 9	--
		Sleeve	210/3	7.0 to (approx) 9.5	5 to 7	--	26 to 28

Type IV MilSpec Paracord, less common than Type III MilSpec Paracord, must have 11 Inner strands.

TABLE I. Construction (cont'd)

Dash no.	Type	Yarns denier/ply	Twist [turns/in] spin	Ply	Number of core ends	Picks per in	No. of carriers and ends per carrier
-6	IV 1/	Core	210/1st 5 or 1050 (singles) Final - 3	--	1st 10 to 16 FINAL 6 to 8	11	--
		Sleeve	210/3	7.0 to 9.5	5 to 7	--	26 to 28

1/ The core yarn shall be constructed by plying five yarns of 210 denier, resulting in a 1050 denier yarn, for the initial spin, or by using 1050 denier singles yarn, then plying three of the 1050 yarns (either 5 ply or singles) together, resulting in a final core size of 3150 denier.

Happy Customers

Type III MilSpec Paracord has a minimum breaking strength of 550 pounds, and Type IV MilSpec Paracord has a minimum breaking strength of 750 pounds.

MIL-C-5040H

TABLE II. Physical requirements

	Type I	Type IA	Type II	Type IIA	Type III	Type IV
Breaking strength (pounds), minimum	95	100	400	225	550	750
Elongation (percent), minimum	30	30	30	30	30	30
Length per pound of cord (feet), minimum	950	1050	265	495	225	165

“550 Paracord” Does NOT Mean that the Break Strength is 550 Pounds!

Although MIL-C-5040H doesn't refer to Paracord as “550 Cord,” “550 Paracord” or “Paracord 550,” these terms are often used to describe Paracord. They are also clearly used to suggest that the break strength of any given Paracord is 550 pounds.

When these terms are used today to describe Paracord, they absolutely do NOT indicate that the break strength actually IS 550 pounds. We've found plenty of “550 Paracord” or “550 Nylon Paracord” with an advertised break strength of less, and sometimes much less, than 550 pounds.



Our factory is inspected regularly by the U.S. Government to ensure that our MilSpec Paracord is always 100% compliant with the Standard.

The Type III MilSpec Paracord that we manufacture at Paracord 550 MilSpec™, especially with the extra 8th Inner Strand, has a breaking strength of over 600 pounds. And our Type IV MilSpec has a whopping breaking strength of over 800 pounds.

All around great experience
“All around great experience. Product was excellent seller met all expectations. Will be doing business with this company again soon.”

- Stinky

Paracord you can truly rely on
“... if you want better than military grade, you should already be clicking the “add this to cart” button.

This cord is USA manufactured beyond mil-spec by adding an additional strand; an 11 strand version is also available.”

- Flyin' Hawaiian

550 cord for that EDC application
“This brand stuck-out by showing the Type-III as 8 Strand not 7. Good Job!” this brand stuck-out by showing the Type-III as 8 Strand not 7. Good Job!”

- 3DeltaOutdoors

Fantastic Customer Service & Great Product

“Fantastic customer service and great product. I would highly recommend purchasing from this company, as you will not be disappointed.”

- JP

Happy Customers



Take Care of Your Paracord and it Will Take Care of YOU!

MilSpec Paracord must be made from 100% nylon. As such, it does not rot, mold or mildew. Paracord 550 MilSpec™ Paracord is manufactured from Nylon 6-6.

Do Not Use Your Paracord for Rock Climbing or Rappelling.

Paracord, including Military Specification Paracord, is NOT adequate or suitable for use with rock climbing or rappelling. Ropes and lines used for rock climbing and rappelling are manufactured very specifically for those purposes, and have a much higher breaking strength.

Protect Your Paracord from Chemicals: You will generally want to protect your Paracord from exposure to chemicals, like bleach, kerosene, oil, gasoline, “white gas” (like for camping stoves and lanterns), lye, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, acid, and other chemicals, especially those which might react with or weaken the nylon.

Store Your Paracord in a Cool, Dry Place: Even though your Paracord will not rot or mildew when exposed to water, it is better stored in a cool, dry place, out of extended periods of direct sunlight.

Use Caution with Your Paracord Around Open Flames or Extreme Heat: Your Paracord is flammable. Although it is not explosive, it will melt and burn when exposed to extreme heat or open an open flame. So do not allow your Paracord to come into direct contact with open flames, like a campfire, or extreme heat, like from a camping lantern.

Great Stuff

“This cord is just like I used on active duty. I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of the cord the color is true to the picture and it is seven strand with one being colored to identify the manufacture. I would trust it under any conditions”

- Brian Guinn

The Best Paracord I've Ever Seen

“This is very high quality Paracord. It is a noticeable step up in quality over the less expensive brands also sold here on Amazon. I use this exclusively in my survival kit while hiking. Very satisfied with my purchase! Highly recommended.”

- Hey Jonesey

Super Paracord

“Great cord, use it for general purpose around the house and in my outdoor gear. Also do some crafting with it, ties great for knife lanyards and the like. Will be making purchases in near future.”

- Greg

BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN Cutting and Burning Your Paracord: When you cut your paracord to shorter lengths, it is best to use a sharp knife or sharp scissors, and make a “clean” cut.



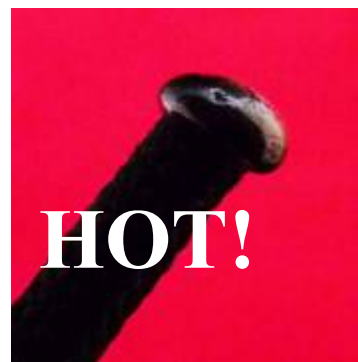
To keep the multiple ends of the inner strands from unraveling or sliding around inside of the outer protective sheath, you can simply tie an overhand knot in the bitter end of the paracord. This will also help you to find the end of your Paracord when you want to use it.

You can also apply a small amount of glue, like Elmer’s glue, to the bitter end and allow it to dry.



Or, some people prefer to burn the cut ends of the paracord with a lighter, match, “hot knife,” or even an inexpensive wood burning tool. This will melt the ends of the nylon together so that they don’t unravel.

Be extremely careful with matches and lighters. And DO NOT TOUCH the hot nylon just after you have melted it. Hot, molten nylon can stick to your skin and cause a very nasty burn.



Protect Your Paracord from Dirt, Abrasion and Unnecessary Knots: Be careful not to drop your Paracord in the dirt and walk on it, or snag it, or scrape it over sharp edges, like those of rocks, metal, concrete or trees. Your paracord is RESISTANT to abrasion, but will be damaged by abuse.

Happy Customers

Excellent

“Don’t be fooled by the fake paracord out on Amazon. Buy the real deal. Great product.”

- Troy from Ohio

I should have bought more

“Good coloring and not too slippery.”

- Muffin

Paracord 550

“Vendor seems genuinely concerned that the customer is satisfied. Something that is forgotten these days.”

- D. Guild

Five Stars

“Nice!, very strong and nice colors. It works perfect for paracord bracelets!”

- Amazon Customer

Five Stars

“Excellent product... you really can trust your life to it. 5 Star Seller in every way... Excellent

Communications.”

- C. Chris

Neiderhauser

Holy, Yes!

“I am super impressed with this stuff.”

- Paulo

Will buy again

“By far the best paracord I’ve found on the internet.”

- Kap-Kap

Happy Customers



Do not let pets or other animals chew on your paracord. Paracord is very specifically manufactured to be extremely strong cord, especially for its small diameter. However, the many small strands that make up Paracord can be easily scraped, cut, snagged, “roughed up,” burned, or chewed and gnawed on.

Animals chewing on your Paracord will certainly damage it. Paracord is often used for animal collars and leashes ... just don't allow your animals to chew on it.

Do not tie unnecessary knots in your Paracord, as knots weaken all types of string, line and rope. Learn to tie a few “good” knots and use them sparingly.

“Good” knots are knots that:

- hold very securely
- weaken the cord as little as possible
- are easy to untie.



With just a minimum of care, your MilSpec Paracord will serve you well for years to come.

The best paracord you can buy!

“Best paracord money can buy! No kinks or picks like some other cheap brands. I only buy paracord from [paracord550milspec!](#)”

- Justin Seaton

Don't bother looking for any other paracord

“This is the real deal. I've bought and used a lot of 550 cord and none of it came close to what I used to get in the Marines. I bought two 100' hanks of this and I love. Best I've seen. Next I'll be getting a 1000' spool. You won't regret this purchase.”

- Jared

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- Shrewbydoo

[Paracord 550 MilSpec™](#) specializes in 100% unconditionally guaranteed MIL-C-5040H compliant Paracord. We manufacture it in seventeen different colors, and in 5 different lengths.

Additionally, we manufacture both Type III (eight Inner Strands) and Type IV (eleven Inner Strands) MilSpec Paracord. All of our MilSpec Paracord is [available exclusively on Amazon.com.](#)

Happy Customers

The Real Deal

"Good product - this belongs in a kit that you would use if your life literally depended on it."

- Joseph D. Snell

You absolutely will not be disappointed with MilSpec

paracord, it is the best I have found

"I have looked for a quality paracord and believe I found it. In short, I stocked up with several colors. It's the paracord of choice for me."

- Amazon Customer

Great Product! Great Seller!

"Perfect for my camp. No more tripping over ropes and tie downs!"

- Jims Lone Star BBQ

Love the Cord

"Most of it resides in my emergency kits, in the vehicles and in the garage due to its adaptability for so many uses. love the cord."

- Rob Brown

High-speed product!

"This cord is the real deal, folks. I've made dozens of bracelets so far, and the cord ties and lays beautifully! Paracord 550 MilSpec is full-strength, high-speed awesomesauce! I will buy no other paracord brand: you have earned my loyalty!"

James Christ

Paracord 550 MilSpec (TM)

MIL-C-5040H Compliant 8-Strand Type III Paracord
MIL-C-5040H Compliant 11-Strand Type IV Paracord



Made in the USA

THANK YOU! Paracord550MilSpec.com

Do You Like working with your hands?

Our “sister company, [Dakota Gear™](#), manufactures and sells [Paracord Bracelet and Project Kits](#), in 15 different combinations of colors.

These kits include everything that you need for your Paracord Bracelets and projects, including 550 paracord, paracord buckles, carabiners with key rings, and detailed written instructions for making your own Two-Color Fishtail Style Paracord Bracelet.

[The “Starter Kits” for Girls ... and for Guys](#), additionally include both a Paracord Needle, and a pair of hemostats, handy for finishing Paracord Bracelets and Projects.

Happy Customers

If you want the real stuff ...

“This is the real paracord. I have tried several of the “bargain brands” and they always have been of inferior quality. Hard to find the authentic paracord among all the imitations out there on Amazon and the internet. If you want the real USA made quality controlled paracord, this is the one to buy.”

- mkl

Buying more

“This is the perfect cordage for all your camping needs, this is so versatile you can use it for damn near anything.”

- Michael

Great Paracord, I like true mil-spec products ...

“Great paracord. I like true mil-spec products because for the most part you can be assured of the quality. This is my second purchase of this paracord. I would highly recommend this product and you won't be disappointed.”

- Daniel K

Paracord Bracelet & Project Kit

Dakota Gear (TM)

Fun! **Profit!**

Starter Kit - Girls Starter Kit - Guys

Surf's UP! Sniper Prepper Plaid Patriotic MilSpec Montage

Candy Shoppe Color Explosion Commando Grass Stains Happy Zombie

Late Sunset Jamboree

THANK YOU!
Dakota Gear (TM)

Proudly Made in the USA

U.S. Military Veteran-Owned Business

Happy Customers

Dakota Gear™ also manufactures high-quality, 7-strand, commercial paracord 550 in 25 colors. This Paracord is also made in the USA by our U.S. Military veteran-owned company, and is available exclusively on Amazon.com.

Dakota Gear (TM)

Genuine Type III 7-Strand 550 Paracord

1,010 Ft. Spools



Paracord is amazing!

"This Paracord is absolutely amazing! It definitely has many beneficial uses for everyday application. I've been making Paracord bracelets with my kids and they love it! Definitely a new activity for them to practice and show off to their friends. Will be ordering more in a variety of colors soon! Big thanks to the seller for an incredible product :)"

- Antwaun Westerfield

Exactly what I was looking for

"This is actually MIL standard paracord, rather than the cheap stuff that is often passed off. it has 8 strands, and is the stuff you are all looking for."

- Deriachai

Five Stars

"Excellent top of the line coord. there is none better and it is made and controlled by vets."

- Bobby Joe Cantwell

Five Stars

"I would buy it again in a second."

- Christopher Tompkins

Many THANKS for your interest in the 100% unconditionally guaranteed Military Specification compliant Paracord manufactured by [Paracord 550 MilSpec™](#). We LOVE MilSpec Paracord, and you will, too! We have many thousands of satisfied customers.

[This is what our Amazon.com listing looks like.](#)



Our Guarantee

We are absolutely committed to providing the highest quality product at a reasonable price, with our solid and confident, “No Muss, No Fuss, No B.S. 100% Unconditional 1-year Guarantee.” We make a top quality product, we know it, and we stand behind it ... Period.

We appreciate our customers, and certainly appreciate Amazon Product Reviews to let other Amazon shoppers know exactly what they can get from us. [Many THANKS in advance to the many of you who take the time to leave us Amazon Product Review!](#)

Darren Wright, Customer Service Manager

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Happy Customers

If you love good quality paracord ...
“You gotta love it...totally great product for paracord aficionados. True military grade.”
- A. Cymak

Great and Affordable!
“Great product at a fair price! Packaged well and delivery was smooth.”
- Richard Atwood

Excellent product. Bought it for knot tying practice ...
“Excellent product. Bought it for knot tying practice and quickly realized how high quality this cord is which inspired me to lace my Red Wings with it. Thanks for making it in the USA!”
- Chief

Top Quality paracord. Will definitely buy again
“Top quality paracord. Will definitely buy again.”
- Brandon Skiver

Made in the USA vs. junk made elsewhere, thanks!
“I have had a good time working with this Paracord. Now the best thing is it's made in the USA ☐ and there is cheaper junk out there and that is just what it is. My hat off to you!”
- Kindle Customer