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## **Sterling Rope Rolls Out New Lot Numbering System**

Biddeford, ME - As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 we have adopted a new lot numbering system in accordance with our new order entry system. This new numbering system is specifically for lot numbers for rope and cord, as well as sewn webbing and sewn cord.

These new lot numbers are part of our ISO certifying process. Not only do they provide information to the end user, they ensure we are adhering to the stringent quality control process as well as confirm we are manufacturing the highest quality product possible.

Our original lot numbering system was formatted with 12 characters broken down like this:

R26-041214MJA

This tells us which machine the product was built on (R26), the date it was made (04/12/14) and the initials of the operator who built it (MJA).

Our new lot numbering format now includes only 4 digits, like this:

1509

The new format tells us year (15) along with which week in the year it was made (09).

The new system was rolled out 1/1/15, however inventory built prior to this date will still have the old numbering system so it's very likely that orders will include products with both the old and new lot numbers. The hardware lot numbers have not changed, however there are 2 different lot numbers we use to complete our train of traceability.

On the hardware itself you'll find a number similar to the one below:

15111M0001

This system uses a Julian date as well as a serialization schema. To explain, 15 is the year (2015), 111 is the day (111<sup>th</sup> day of 2015) and the M0001 is the serialization.

In our system we simplify this to just the Julian date (15111), which is found on the product packaging. Using this system provides traceability back to the entire lot and all the serial numbers within.

For any questions, please contact our sales team via [info@sterlingrope.com](mailto:info@sterlingrope.com) or call 207-282-2550.