

# The next generation woven sailcloth

**Fibercon**  
by Contender sailcloth

 **CONTENDER**<sup>®</sup>  
The sailcloth innovators

## A unique label.

Fibercon sailcloth is woven with new exclusive Fibercon high tenacity yarn.

Why do we spin our own polyester high tenacity yarn?

The production of polyester fibers has increasingly been outsourced to low cost countries where spinning companies no longer produce fiber to the quality and specifications necessary for weaving superior sailcloth. The trading name of these fibers has remained the same but the actual performance of the fibers has degraded dramatically.

As the leader in premium woven sailcloth, Contender has always realized that the fiber used in our cloth is as important as the weave and finish. We have always been in control of the weave and finish and now we have taken control over the quality of the fiber as well.

## High tenacity yarn.

*High tenacity means high breaking strength and low stretch.*

## UV resistant yarn.

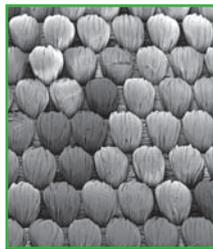
*UV radiation from sunlight can break down polyester fibers. We added UV blockers to the Fibercon polymer so when you select Fibercon sailcloth you are getting the highest UV resistance available in any sailcloth.*

## Fibercon yarn available in a wide range of sizes.

*The selection of fibers for their size is an important aspect of determining the sailcloth's properties relative to weight and balance. Fibercon fibers are spun in a wide range of sizes engineered to construct a complete series of premium styles.*

## The tightness of the weave.

*Using the latest weaving technology, we maximize the number of warp and fill intersections to lock in bias stability.*



*Fibercon sailcloth enlarged 30 times*

## High shrinkage yarn.

*Heat-setting is an important part of the sailcloth finishing process. By exposing the high shrinkage properties of Fibercon yarn to heat, we can further tighten the weave in finishing to enhance the stability and recovery of the sailcloth. The result is the finest sailcloth available.*

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## The finish.

*Fibercon sailcloth is available in a **Polypreg** or **Polykote** finish. Our Polypreg finish is a proprietary melamine impregnation available in three finishes that determine the "hand" or firmness of the cloth. Our Polykote finish is a hard urethane coating designed for racing applications.*

## Consistent sailcloth quality.

*Wherever you order a sail in the world, asking for Contender Fibercon sailcloth will ensure that your sail is made with the finest material available.*

## Invest in quality.

*Fibercon sailcloth combined with quality sailmaking gives you a sail that will provide years of service and offer true value for money.*

**Fibercon yarn spun in Europe to ISO standards. This guarantees consistent and certifiable quality.**

### **More environmentally conscious..**

*We ensure that our total manufacturing process meets the strictest EU environmental standards, helping to create a greener planet.*

### **This label warrants your quality.**

*Check if this label is on your sail as it guarantees your sail is made from Fibercon sailcloth.*



The name Contender has always been associated with quality. It is only fitting that, when our competitors are looking for ways to cut costs and sourcing sailcloth from the Far East, Contender has invested in spinning its own fiber to control the quality of the fabric it sells.

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Ask your sailmaker for  
Fibercon sailcloth by Contender.

