



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

COULD KINETIC RECOVERY ROPE BE THE NEXT BIG THING WHEN IT COMES TO OFF-ROAD RECOVERIES?

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If you have ever been to England or spoken to a UK-based four-wheel driver, one of the first conversations you are guaranteed to have is why they don't use snatch straps in the Mother Land. This doesn't mean they don't get bogged; just that their preferred extraction tool is a rope-based strap ... but not a strap! So while using rope in a recovery might seem strange (and, to be honest, against our grain), when we saw the advantages offered by the Kinetic Recovery Rope from Drivetech 4X4 we needed to take a closer look.

Recently, we have conducted a major recovery feature in our sister publication *Unsealed 4X4*. This gave us a chance to

experiment with recovery gear we wouldn't normally use – such as DIY storage crate sand boards and exhaust jacks. It was only fitting to bring away the Kinetic Recovery Rope and put it through its paces. The verdict? So far, we are impressed!

While we weren't out to break the Kinetic Recovery Rope, the people at Drivetech 4X4 tell us they regularly test their gear at a NATA-certified test lab, and with great results. This filled us with confidence ... and it must be said even after multiple recoveries the strap looks like new (even though we will retire it now). The rope was really easy to handle, it didn't roll or kink like a traditional snatch strap; and being noticeably lighter it was



BENEFITS OF ROPE

1. Lighter than a traditional snatch strap.
2. Will not kink in transit and storage.
3. Claimed 30% stretch (most other straps claim 20%).
4. No need to roll after use (simply stuff into the storage bag).
5. Easy to clean after use thanks to the supplied perforated storage bag.

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refreshing to use. Packing up after use was a breeze, as you simply stuff it back into the supplied storage bag when your vehicle is safe and sound. Cleaning it, once at home, is just as easy also ... with no need to even take it out of the storage bag. Just clip it onto your clothesline and hit it with the hose for a few minutes and leave it to dry overnight.

Drivetech 4X4 claims the Kinetic Recovery Rope has up to 50% more stretch than other traditional snatch straps on the market – with a total of 30% stretch compared to the industry standard 20%. This naturally is hard to measure from the driver's seat – but it must be said we were incredibly bogged on some of the softest sand I've ever driven on, and we were able to extract some very heavy four-wheel drives (a Troop Carrier, a GU Patrol and a 150 Series Prado) numerous times without issue. 

1 We are all quite impressed with the quality of this Drivetech 4X4 strap.

2 Nothing changes in terms of safe recoveries: Always use a strap dampener (or two) and rated recovery points.



SPECS

SIZES AVAILABLE: 3T, 8T, 11T and 20T ratings to suit light vehicles such as ATVs and quad bikes, medium and large four-wheel drives, right up to commercial agriculture and mining applications.

PRICED FROM: \$55.00

WARRANTY: One Year

LENGTH: 6m (3,000kg) 9m (8,000-20,000kg)



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