

In the USA, Sailcloth is measured in terms of the ounces of a 36 inch by 28.5 inch piece. In England a square yard is weighed so the same fabric will “rate” heavier there.

Supercruise 8.4 oz. Dacron Sailcloth from Contender

Sailrite stocks the following Dacron sailcloth “collections”:

- Super Cruise 4 oz. in many colors 4 oz. with UV protect Full line of white to 10.4 oz. 5.4 oz. in Cream & Tanbark
- Low Aspect 4.93 oz. 5.53 oz. 6.53 oz.
- High Aspect 5.93 oz. 6.63 oz.
- Storm Orange 9.18 oz.
- Pentex Laminate 3.2 oz. 4.2 oz. 5.4 oz.

Sailrite works with every sailcloth manufacturer in the United States so we can special order any fabric not stocked. Please call with special requests.

The Supercruise Sailcloth Collection

Designed to Provide maximum durability without compromising performance. Woven on the latest and best looms, this fabric is quite balanced in weave (there is some yarn crimp in both the warp and the fill) which means that less resin is required to maintain shape. As a result, the “hand” is relatively soft. A durable fabric that provides respectable performance at a reasonable price. As its name suggests, it is a good choice for cruising sailors.

Supercruise is an outstanding all purpose fabric. Developed from Contender’s Low Aspect weaves, Supercruise also uses high tenacity yarns but in modified constructions that provide good performance, bias stability, and a long working life.

The unique Polyreg finish ensures durability with soft, easy handling. There will be rather more bias stretch than the other “specialty” fabric collections that Sailrite stocks (Low Aspect, High Aspect, and

Laminates)—short term performance will be slightly reduced but to the likely benefit of long term performance and at an excellent price. As a consequence, Supercruise offers exceptional value and is an excellent “all round” solution, especially for crosscut sails.

Data Specific to the 8.4 Oz. Supercruise Sailcloth from Contender

Warp to fill denier ratio in the Supercruise 8.4 oz. fabric is 1 : 2.5 (300 denier warp by 750 denier fill). Warp and fill modulus or “stretch” are almost equal. The Polyreg finish results in a medium finish that is quite durable and easily handled.