12-Strand Class II Tuck-Bury End-for-End Splice for Saturn-12™

The Tuck-Bury splice is designed as a short splice for Saturn-12 ropes that are 1-1/4" or above in rope diameter

**STEP 1**
MEASURING AND MARKING

Tape the ends of the ropes to be spliced. Lay Ropes A and B side-by-side and measure 2 tubular fid lengths (4 wire fids) from the taped end of each line and make Mark 1.

1A From Mark 1, measure 2-1/2 fid lengths and make Mark 2 on both ropes.

**STEP 2**
TAPERING THE TAIL

At Mark 1, pull out half the strands (3 “S” and 3 “Z”) by rotating around the rope, pulling out strands in the pattern shown:

- Z Strands = counter clockwise twist
- S Strands = clockwise twist

This should leave 6 strands still braided down the middle. Tightly tape the ends of the 6 individual strands, and the end of the remaining braided portion.

2A On 1 side you should have 2 S and 1 Z and on the other side, 2 Z and 1 S.

**STEP 3**
ROUTING THE STRANDS

Reposition the ropes for splicing according to the diagram.

**STEP 4**
BUDDING THE TAIL OF ROPE A INTO ROPE B

From Rope A, pass the 3 closest strands to Rope B through Rope B, 1 or 2 picks down from Mark 1. Do not pull strands all the way through at this stage. The strands enter at the entry point 2 picks from Mark 1, and exit at the exit points 2 picks from the entry point.
4A Bury the remaining braided strands down the center of the rope, entering at Mark 1 and exiting at Mark 2. The tail should enter the standing part of the rope at the same point where the 3 loose strands passed through. Pull the tail out at Mark 2.

4B Route the remaining 3 strands from the entry point to their exit points. Repeat Steps 4, 4A, and 4B on the opposite end of the rope.

5 TAPERING THE TAILS

At the end of the tapered tail, remove the fid and any tape at the end of the tail. From the end of the tail, mark 3 consecutive strands, as shown. Pull them out of the braid and cut off close to the body of the rope.

5B Remove the tape from the end of the tails. Now smooth the rope from the crossover toward Mark 2 to bury the tails.
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**STEP 6 - TUCKING THE STRANDS**

Tuck the strands from Rope A into Rope B. 1 complete tuck consists of passing a strand over 1 strand and under 2 strands.

Do 5 complete tucks for all 6 strands. Each strand is always tucked under the same line of the braid so that the tucks progress straight down the body of the rope.

After completing the first 5 tucks, remove half the volume of the twisted yarns from each of the 6 strands near the taped ends, and complete 3 more tucks with the reduced-volume strands.

**STEP 7 - FINISHING THE SPLICE**

After completing the second set of 3 tucks, cut off the excess material and tape the ends. Leave enough of an end protruding so it does not slip back into the rope when the rope is loaded.

Follow Steps 5 and 6 until all tails are tucked.

Your finished Tuck-Bury End-for-End Splice will look like this: