

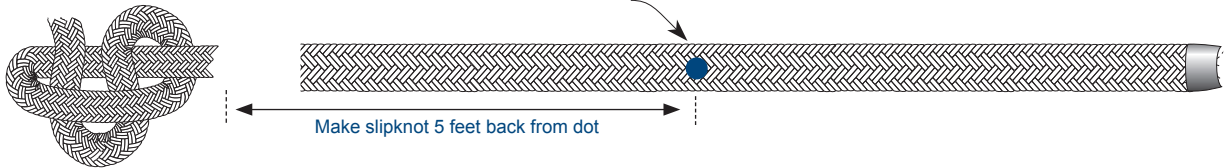


STRIPPING COVER DOUBLE BRAID CLASS II

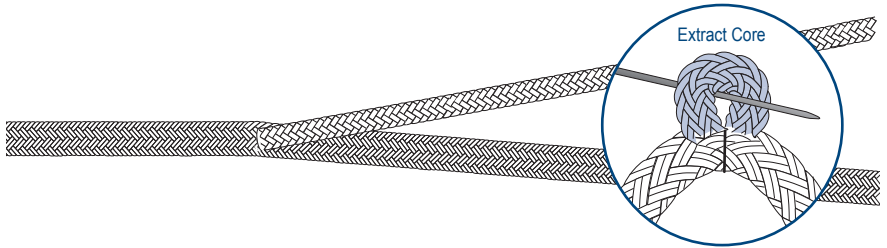
Class II core-dependent double braids are made in whole or part from any of the following high modulus fibers: Dyneema®, Vectran®, Technora®, and Zylon®.

Many high performance sailors like to strip the cover from the core to save weight aloft for halyard applications. In simple terms, you want to strip the cover from the core up to the area of the stoppers, cleats and winches. Leave the cover on the core wherever you have to cleat or winch the rope. The following is a simple, step-by-step method of stripping the cover and finishing the transition area where the cover ends and the core continues.

STEP 1 MARK & KNOT Mark a dot on the cover in the area where you want the core to be exposed.

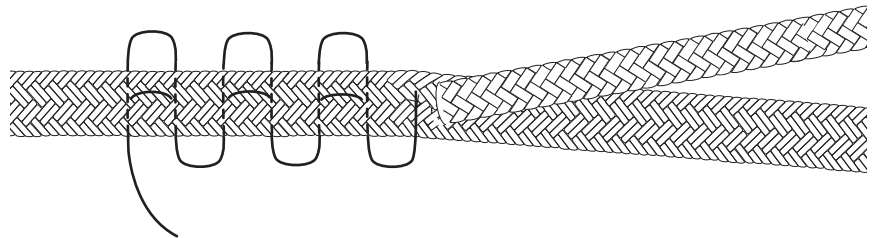


STEP 2 Tie a knot with a loop about 5 feet back from the dot on the cover.

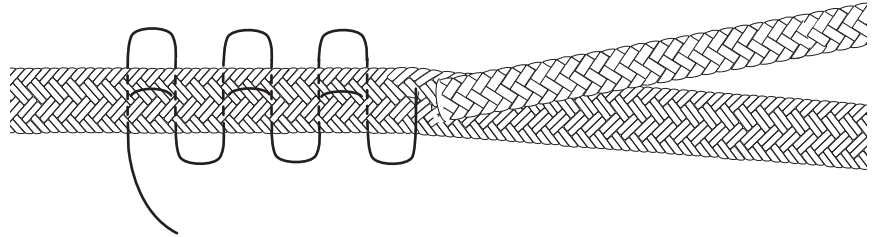


STEP 3 EXTRACT CORE Extract the core from the cover at the dot. Extracting the core: Bend rope sharply at extraction point. With the pusher or any sharp tool such as an ice pick, awl, or marlin spike, spread the cover strands to expose core. First pry, then, pull the core completely out of cover.

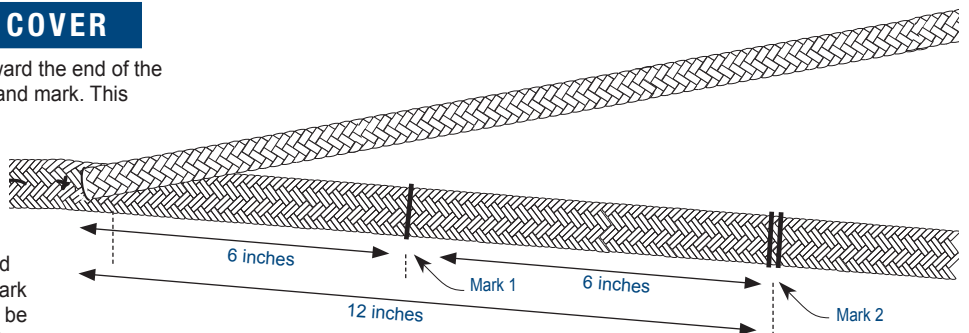
STEP 4 SLIDE & MILK COVER Slide the cover back toward the knot, then milk the cover from the knot to the core to balance the cover and the core.



STEP 5 LOCK STITCH Lock stitch the cover to the core from the dot back for about 3 complete passes.



STEP 6 MEASURE & MARK COVER From the point of the lock stitch toward the end of the cover material, measure 6 inches and mark. This will be Mark 1 on the cover.



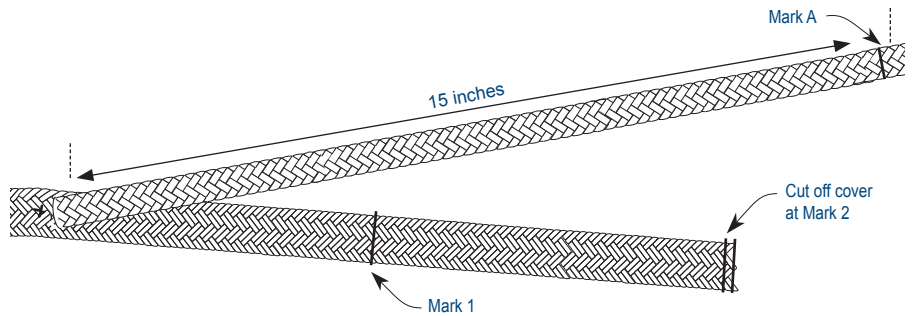
STEP 7 From Mark 1 measure 6 inches and make another mark. This will be Mark 2 on the cover. Mark 2 should now be about 12 inches from the lock stitch.



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STEP 8

Cut off the cover at Mark 2 and discard the rest of the cover material.



STEP 9

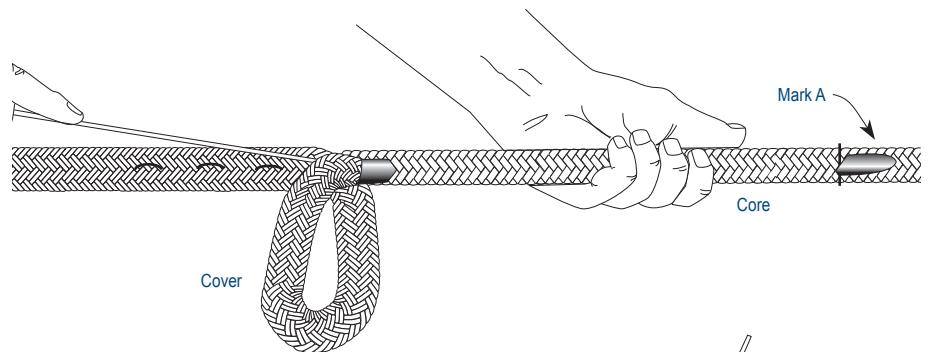
MARK CORE

From the front of the lock stitch toward the end of the exposed core, measure 15 inches and put a mark on the core. This will be Mark A on the core.

STEP 10

COVER INTO CORE

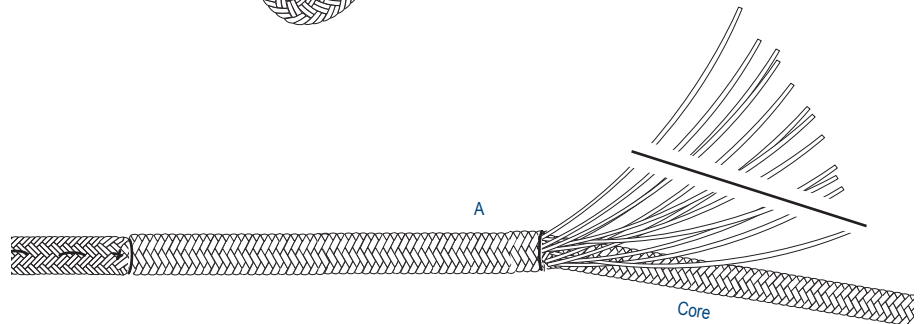
Insert a splicing fid with the cover into the core as close to the lock stitch as possible. Continue pushing the fid through the center of the core and extract the fid and cover at Mark A on the core.



STEP 11

UNBRAID COVER

Pull the cover out of the core until Mark 1 on the cover is exposed. Unbraid the cover from the end back to Mark 1 on the cover. Angle-cut strands from Mark 1 to the end of the cover to perform a taper.



STEP 12

MILK THE CORE

At the point of cover insertion into the core, milk the core down toward the end of the cover. This will cause the cover to disappear into the core.



STEP 13

WHIPPING

Whip the area where the cover is inserted into the core, to finish.

