

# **Canyon Rope Rescue Testing Report**

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# Introduction

In February 2019, a team of people from the NZ Canyoning Association got together for a weekend to discuss setting up CanyonSAR for New Zealand (as a specialist discipline under New Zealand Land SAR).

As part of this weekend, we discussed and practised rope rescue in the canyoning context with training as a focus.

Out of this discussion and practice came:

- The types of rope rescues we were likely to do?
- Who are the rescuers, their experience level and how many are likely to be on a team?
- The techniques we are likely to use, based on the types of rescue.
- The equipment used based on what canyoners have with them is flexible for all the techniques.
- Based on risk assessment in a canyon context, the critical rescue principles include the types of rope rescues, the rescuers, techniques, and equipment.

In October 2019, we undertook some initial testing before rolling out Canyon Rescue courses throughout New Zealand. After the courses, there were more questions and a process of filling in the gaps of knowledge. Over the rest of 2019, 2020 and 2021, we undertook several more rounds of testing to confirm further the suitability and define the edges of the system we were using.

Overall, 220 tests were undertaken with over 400m of rope and lots of devices destroyed.

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# **Objectives**

The objectives of this testing were to:

- To confirm the combination of the current equipment and techniques used have sufficient safety margin.
- To provide reference information for both rescuers and instructors to give confidence in the systems used.



# **Methods and Materials**

#### Methods

### **General setup methods**

- New rope, webbing and cord were used for the testing.
- All mechanical devices tested were new. After each test, inspected, and if not damaged, reused for the next test.
- All knots, bends and hitches had hand tension with all strands pulled tight.

### Slow pull tests

- Each testing series records the slow pull tests set up (see Appendix 1-5).
- The slow pull testing was in one location:
  - Aspiring Safety, 1/6 Burdale Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand.
  - https://www.aspiring.co.nz/
- Vertical testbed 1.6m Electronic Universal Testing Machine, Model WDW-100
  - Maximum Test Force 100kN
  - Sample rate 60 per second
  - Jinan Chuanbai Instrument Equipment Co Ltd

## **Friction testing**

Each testing series records the friction tests set up (see Appendix 1-5).

Testing was undertaken at Aspiring Safety vertical testbed as detailed above.

#### Each test recorded:

- The First slip is thumb/finger holding.
- Limiting friction is max one gloved dominant hand holding the rope.
- The glove used was Razor X 500 (pictured to the right).





### **Drop testing**

Each testing series records the drop tests set up (see Appendix 1-5).

The drop testing occurred at Over the Edge Rescue, 55 Mckenzie Street, Geraldine, New Zealand. https://overtheedgerescue.com

Testing used two Rock Exotica Load Cells.

Fast mode: 500 samples/second,

MBS: 36 kN, Max Reading: 20kN,

Accuracy: +/- 2%,

Certification: CE.

https://www.rockexotica.com/enforcer-load-cell

- Test mass contained in 2 x 70 litre PVC bags (Aspiring Safety) filled with five bags of 20kgs of gravel. The test mass is secured into each bag and, so it couldn't shift during testing. When testing with a 200kg mass, the bags are attached at the base.
- The load release is a three-ring device (Access Gear, see below), resulting in a smooth drop.
- Both single rope and two rope systems were tested in lowering mode (load capture in behind with lowering device in front) and raising mode (load capture only).
- In general, a drop test was a 200kg mass 1m drop on 3m of rope with the ideal of less than 1m additional travel and less than 12kN of force. Other drop tests were undertaken and are detailed in Appendix 1-5.



#### **Materials**

### **Kordas 10mm Dana rope**

Static elongation: 3.8% (150kgs)

Materials: Core/Sheath – Nylon/ Nylon

Manufacturer: www.sacidkordas.com

PMI 10mm classic sport rope

Static elongation: 2% (140kgs)

Materials: Core/Sheath – Nylon/ Nylon

• Manufacturer: PMI – www.pmirope.com

PMI 8mm accessory cord

Materials: Core/Sheath – Nylon/Nylon

Manufacturer: PMI – www.pmirope.com

**Edelrid 25mm tubular webbing** 

Brand/Model: Edelrid/X-Tube

Materials: Nylon

• Manufacturer: www.edelrid.de

Aspiring 16mm tubular webbing

Brand/Model: Aspiring/Tubular webbing

Materials: Nylon

Brand: Aspiring Safety – www.aspiring.co.nz

Weight: 63 g/m

Breaking strength: 27kN

Standards: EN 1891:1998, type A

Weight: 66 g/m

Breaking strength: 27kN

• Standards: CI 1801 static rope

Breaking strength: 14.3kN

Standards: EN 564 Accessory Cord

Weight: 43 g/m

Breaking strength: 20kN

CE marking: 1019

Weight: 34 g/m

Breaking strength: 12.5kN

Standards: Complies with EN 565

# CT Dynamic 8.2mm Rope Sling (sewn)

Elongation: 35 %

Materials: Nylon/Nylon

Rope manufacturer: CT 8.1mm route rope • dynamic half/twin

Standards Dynamic Rope: CE 1019, EN 892:2012, UIAA

Weight: 46 g/m

Breaking strength: 22kN

Sling tested to EN 566:2017

Sling Manufacturer Aspiring Safety: aspiring.co.nz

Petzl Basic

Rope compatibility: 8 to 11 mm

Manufacturer: Petzl – www.petzl.com

Weight: 85 g

Certification(s): CE EN 567, UIAA

**Petzl Micro Traxion** 

Sheave type: sealed ball bearings

Sheave diameter: 25 mm

Working load: 2 x 2.5 = 5 kN

Breaking strength as progress capture: 4 kN • Efficiency: 91 %

Rope compatibility: 8 to 11 mm

Weight: 85 g

Breaking strength:  $2 \times 7,5 = 15 \text{ kN}$ 

Certification(s): CE EN 567, UIAA

Manufacturer: https://www.petzl.com

#### **Petzl Tibloc**

Rope compatibility: 8 to 11 mm

Manufacturer: https://www.petzl.com

• Weight: 35 g

• Certification(s): CE EN 567, UIAA

Breaking strength as a rope grab: 4-7.6 kN (depending on rope type/diameter)

Carabiner compatibility: all Petzl models except SPIRIT

#### **Petzl Huit**

• Material: aluminium

Breaking strength: 25kN

• Rope compatibility: 8 to 13mm

• Weight: 100 g

• Manufacturer: https://www.petzl.com

• Working load limit: 100kg

## **Aspiring 8mm VT Prusik**

Breaking strength: 22kN

• Standards: EN 566:2017, ITCC 2.2.22

• Material: Kevlar/Polyester sheath, Dyneema core

Manufacturer: aspiring.co.nz

#### BlueWater 7mm VT Prusik

Breaking strength: 22.6kN Basket

• Manufacturer: bluewaterropes.com

• Material: Technora sheath, Nylon core

#### **BlueWater 8mm VT Prusik**

Breaking strength: 29.5kN Basket

• Manufacturer: bluewaterropes.com

Material: Technora sheath, Nylon core



# **Results**

# **Kordas 10mm Dana**

# Slow pull tests (100mm/minute)

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
Figure-eight on a bight knot	19.53 (72%)	5	Broke at the knot	pg. 24
Alpine butterfly knot	18.19 (67%)	3	Broke at the knot	pg. 27
Bowline knot	15.94 (59%)	3	Broke at the knot	pg. 30
Figure-eight rethread bend	16.37 (60%)	5	Broke at the bend	pg. 33
Bluewater 8mm VT 6-on-1 Prusik	17.96	3	First slip 11.89kN, broke rope at figure-8 on a bight (2) and kept on slipping (1)	pg. 36
Bluewater 8mm VT 5-on-1 Prusik	10.82	3	First slip 9.27kN, kept on slipping	pg. 39
Bluewater 7mm VT 6-on-1 Prusik	16.10	3	First slip 13.39kN, several major slips then stripped sheath of 10mm rope	<u>pg. 42</u>
Petzl Shunt single rope	3.04	3	First slip 2.5kN, kept on slipping	<u>pg. 45</u>
Petzl Shunt double rope	6.89	3	Didn't slip, ropes came out of device (spread open), damaged sheath both ropes 50% cam side.	pg. 45
Petzl Micro Traxion	5.76	3	Stripped sheath of rope	pg. 50
Petzl Tibloc	7.64	3	Stripped sheath of rope	pg. 53
Petzl Basic	6.35	3	Stripped sheath of rope	pg. 56
Biner block	16.31 (60%)	3	Broke the rope at the 8mm rapide	pg. 59
Munter mule overhand	15.35 (57%)	3	Broke at the rope at the first cross of the Munter	pg. 62
Figure-8 device block v3	16.12 (60%)	3	Broke the rope at the 8mm rapide	pg. 65
Figure-8 device in front of 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1	17.33	3	Broke(1) and bent(2) small eye of the Petzl Huit figure-8 device	pg. 68

# Friction tests (100mm/minute)

Items tested	First Slip	Limiting friction	Comment	Аррх. 1
Figure-8 device canyon style low friction	0.31	0.61	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	pg. 71
Figure-8 device canyon style high friction	0.81	1.32	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	
Figure-8 device canyon style low friction + redirect carabiner	0.40	1.21	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	
Figure-8 device canyon style high friction + redirect carabiner	1.02	2.32	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	

# Drop tests (200kg) single rope 1m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
Figure-8 device low friction in front of 8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	10.01	3	Caught load, 8.5-24cm slip at Figure-8, 1-2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable	pg. 76
8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	8.02	3	Caught load, slipped 17-88.5cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 79
Figure-8 device low friction in front of 7mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	10.30	3	Caught load, 13.5- 16cm slip at Figure-8, 1-1.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable	pg. 82
7mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	8.17	3	Caught load, slipped 19-67cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 85
8mm BlueWater 5-on-1 VT Prusik	6.95	3	Caught load, slipped 34.5-107cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 88
Petzl Micro Traxion	6.22	2	(#1) Caught load , slipped 99cm, stripped sheath. (#2) Load hit the ground, cut rope	pg. 91

Note: P = Prusik, D = Device, T = Total

# Drop tests (200kg) single rope 1.5m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	8.45	3	Caught load, slipped 20-78.5cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 93

# Drop tests (200kg) two ropes 1m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
Figure-8 device low friction in front of 8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	R1 = 5.91 R2 = 5.39 T = 11.30	3	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 12cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 12cm slip at device.	pg. 96
8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	R1 = 5.33 R2 = 5.17 T = 10.50	3	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.	pg. 100
7mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik	R1 = 5.62 R2 = 5.39 T = 11.01	3	R1: Caught load, 2.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.	pg. 103
8mm BlueWater 5-on-1 VT Prusik	R1 = 5.39 R2 = 5.55 T = 10.94	3	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.	pg. 106
Petzl Micro Traxion	R1 = 6.00 R2 = 5.84 T = 11.84	1	R1: Caught load, 18.5cm slip at Micro Traxion, stripped sheath, 20cm bunching before device. R2: Caught load, 18.5cm slip at Micro Traxion, stripped sheath, 20cm bunching before device	pg. 109

Note: R1 = Rope 1, R2 = Rope 2, T = Total

# Drop tests (200kg) single rope 0m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik, start two ropes, 50% on tension on each rope, released onto 1 rope	2.77	3	Caught load. 0.5-1.0cm slip. Prusik releasable.	pg. 111
8mm BlueWater 6-on-1 VT Prusik, start two ropes, 100% on tension on 1 rope, released onto other rope	4.01	3	Caught load. 0.5-1.0cm slip. Prusik releasable.	pg. 111

# **PMI 10mm Classic Sport**

# Slow pull testing (100mm/minute)

Items tested	Avg. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 2
Figure-8 on a bight knot	18.17 (67%)	3	Broke at the knot	pg. 114
Alpine butterfly knot	19.43 (72%)	3	Broke at the knot	pg. 117
Bowline knot	17.52 (65%)	3	Broke at the knot	pg. 120
Figure-8 rethread bend	18.13 (67%)	3	Broke at the bend	pg. 123
Aspiring 8mm VT 6-on-1 Prusik	17.70	3	First slip 12.89kN, slipped 5-6cm, glazed sheath, broke fig-8 knot	pg. 126
Aspiring 8mm VT 5-on-1 Prusik	15.42	3	First slip 9.87kN, slipped and regripped, kept on slipping	pg. 129
Petzl Shunt single rope	2.31	3	First slip 2.17kN, kept on slipping	pg. 132
Petzl Shunt double rope	5.99	1	Didn't slip, both ropes came out of device as it spread open, damaged sheath both ropes 50% on the cam side.	pg. 132
Petzl Micro Traxion	5.90	3	Stripped sheath of rope	pg. 137
Petzl Tibloc	7.02	3	Stripped sheath of rope	pg. 140
Petzl Basic ascender	6.00	3	Stripped rope sheath (2) and device broke (1)	pg. 143
Biner block	15.59 (58%)	3	Broke the rope at the 8mm rapide	pg. 146

### **Friction tests**

Items tested	First Slip kN	Limiting friction kN	Comment	Аррх. 2
Munter / Italian	0.54	1.41	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	pg. 149
Double Munter / Italian	1.37	3.85	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	
Munter / Italian + redirect carabiner	0.69	1.29	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	
Double Munter / Italian + redirect carabiner	1.55	4.08	1 test, max 1 gloved hand	

# Drop tests (200kg) Single Rope 1m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 2
Figure-8 device low friction in front of 8mm Aspiring 6-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	12.14	3	Caught load, 16-20cm slip at Figure-8, 1-3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable	pg. 154
8mm Aspiring 6-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	10.30	3	Caught load, slipped 9-17cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 157
8mm Aspiring 5-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	8.69	3	Caught load, slipped 35.5-82cm at Prusik, Prusik fused	pg. 160

# Drop tests (200kg) Two Ropes 1m drop 3m of rope

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 2
Figure-8 device low friction in front of 8mm Aspiring 6-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	R1 = 6.62 R2 = 5.90 T = 12.52	1	R1: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 13cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 12.5cm slip at device.	pg. 163
8mm Aspiring 6-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	R1 = 6.93 R2 = 5.79 T = 12.72	3	R1: Caught load, 4.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.	pg. 166
8mm Aspiring 5-on-1 Schwabisch VT Prusik	R1 = 6.32 R2 = 6.30 T = 12.62	1	R1: Caught load, 10cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 10cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.	pg. 169

Note: R1 = Rope 1, R2 = Rope 2, P = Prusik, D = Device, T = Total



# **PMI 8mm Accessory Cord**

# Slow pull tests (100mm/minute)

Items tested	Average kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 3
Loop: double fisherman's bend	23.82	3	Broke at the bend	pg. 172
Loop: figure-8 rethread bend	20.34	3	Broke at the 12mm pin and bend	pg. 175
Wrap 3 pull 2 on a 30mm pin	35.30	3	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner	pg. 178
Wrap 2 pull 2 on a 30mm pin	29.54	3	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner	pg. 181
2-point anchor, overhand knot, 2 strands clipped, 1 carabiner	24.47	3	Broke at fixed overhand, top side 1 strand, leg without bend	pg. 184
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 1 strand clipped, 1 carabiner	18.36	3	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom side, leg without bend	pg. 187
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 2 strand clipped, 2 carabiners	29.61	3	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom and top, leg without bend	pg. 190

# Drop tests (200kg)

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 3
2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 2 strands clipped,	2.79	3	Dropped onto the side without bend	pg. 193
1 carabiner, 0cm drop	2.59	3	Dropped onto the side with bend	
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 1 strand	5.45	3	Dropped onto the side without bend	pg. 198
clipped, 1 carabiner, 10cm drop	4.96	3	Dropped onto the side with bend	

# **Edelrid 25mm Tubular Webbing**

# Slow pull tests (100mm/minute)

Items tested	Average kN	# tests	Comment	Аррх. 4
Loop: Tape/Overhand rethread	27.83	3	Broke at tape/overhand	pg. 206
bend			bend	
Wrap 3 pull 2 on a 30mm pin	40.08	3	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner	pg. 209
Wrap 2 pull 2 on a 30mm pin	37.93	3	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner	pg. 212
2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 2 strands clipped, 1 carabiner	36.23	3	Broke at overhand knot single strand and steel carabiner	pg. 215

# **CT 8.2mm Dynamic Rope**

# Slow pull tests (100mm/minute)

Items tested	Average kN	# tests	Comment	Аррх. 5
Loop: Sewn	22.47	3	Broke at stitching	pg. 218
2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 2 strands clipped, 1 carabiner	30.24	3	Broke at fixed overhand, both strands, bottom leg	pg. 221
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 1 strand clipped, 1 carabiner	18.07	3	Broke at limiting overhand knot, 1 strand, on the sewn leg	pg. 224
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 2 strand clipped, 2 carabiner	31.53	3	Broke at limiting overhand, both strands, on the sewn leg	pg. 227

# Drop tests (200kg)

Items tested	Av. kN	# Tests	Comment	Аррх. 1
2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 2 strands clipped,	2.45	3	Dropped onto the side without stitching	pg. 230
1 carabiner, 0cm drop	2.39	3	Dropped onto the side with stitching	
2-point anchor floating focal, overhand limiting knots, 1 strand	3.90	3	Dropped onto the side without stitching	pg. 235
clipped, 1 carabiner, 10cm drop	4.19	3	Dropped onto the side with stitching	

# **Discussion**

#### **Kordas 10mm Dana**

#### Slow pull tests

#### Knots, bends and hitches:

- The knots used (figure-8 and alpine butterfly) were over 18kN and are suitable for canyon rescue. The bowline was under 16kN is not suitable; however, it is not used.
- The figure-8 rethread bend had a lower breaking strength (16.5kN) than the figure-8 knot (19.53kN). It is suitable for canyon rescue joining Kordas Dana rescue ropes as there is currently no better alternative.

#### Rope grabs:

- The 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1 hitch slipped at 12kN and breaking either the rope or kept on slipping at 18kN. The 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 5-on-1 hitch slipped at 9kN and kept on slipping at 11kN. The 7mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1 hitch slipped at 13kN and stripped the sheath of the 10mm rope at 16kN. All variations are suitable for canyon rescue as a progress capture and rope grab.
- The Petzl Shunt was tested as a pulley system rope grab for a single rope (3kN) and double rope (7kN). The single rope Shunt is preferred as it slides without damaging the 10mm rope.
- The Petzl Basic (6kN) and Tibloc (7.5kN) were tested for use as a pulley system rope grab. The Basic is not recommended as it broke half in 2 out of the 3 tests and held 1.5kN less (on average) than the Tibloc. The Tibloc, where it used as a rope grab on half of a two rope system (100kg), is suitable for rescue.
- The Petzl Micro Traxion (6kN) was tested as a pulley system load capture. Due to the potential of dynamic loading for this part of the system, it was not suitable.

#### Canyon rope blocks:

Standard canyoning rope blocking and releasable methods including the biner block (16kN),
 Munter mule overhand (15kN) and the Figure-8 device block v3 (16kN) were tested. These
 blocks could end up in the rescue system, so it was good to have some data to understand any
 limitations. The figure-8 device block was changed (v3) so not to slip and instead broke the
 rope.

#### **Lowering device:**

 The Figure-8 device (Petzl Huit) in Canyon mode friction, on an extension, with a 6-on-1 8mm VT behind (rescue lowering mode) broke at 17kN, which is close to 18kN and the breaking strength of the knots. Suitable for all rescue lowering situations.

#### **Friction tests**

• The Figure-8 device (Petzl Huit) in Canyon mode friction, on an extension, with a redirect, had friction over 1kN for half a two rope system and could be converted to 2kN+. Therefore this device and method had suitable friction for their use in rescue.



#### **Drop tests**

#### 1m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg

Drop tests were undertaken to represent two people plus equipment with a short section of rope in play (1m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg).

- **Single Rope:** The average force for a 7/8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 5/6-on-1 Prusik was 10kN in lowering mode (2cm slip) and 7-8kN in raising mode (83cm slip). All the VT tested are suitable for a progress capture and have a high margin.
- **Single Rope:** The average force for a Petzl Micro Traxion was 6kN in raising mode (99cm slip or cut the rope) and is not suitable as a progress capture as it stripped the sheath or cut the rope.
- **Two Ropes:** The average force for a 7/8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 5/6-on-1 Prusik was 5.5kN per rope (11kN total) in lowering mode (2cm slip) and 5.25kN per rope (10.50kN total) in raising mode. All the VT/Figure-8 devices tested are suitable and have a high margin.
- **Note:** A failure onto double ropes will increase the combined force on the anchor system as there is less stretch. Use caution where systems share anchors (some or all) between both ropes and are not independent.
- **Two Ropes:** The average force for a Petzl Micro Traxion was 6kN per rope (12kN total) in raising mode (18.5cm slip, stripped sheath) and is not suitable as a progress capture.

#### 0m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg

Drop tests were undertaken to represent two people plus equipment with ropes in normal operating raising mode either with 50% on each rope (50/50) or 100% on one and 0% on the other (100/0).

- The average force for an 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1 Prusik 50/50 was 2.77kN in raising mode (.5-1cm slip). On average, about 1.5x the load.
- The average force for an 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1 Prusik 100/0 was 4.01kN in raising mode (.5-1cm slip). On average, about 2x the load.

#### 1.5m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg

Drop tests were undertaken to represent two people plus equipment with ropes a worst-case short amount of rope in play (1.5m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg).

- The average force for an 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1 Prusik was 8.45kN in raising mode (20-78.5cm slip).
- On average around 0.5kN more than the equivalent 1m drop on 3m of rope drop test and around the same slip.
- The VT Prusik performed well, considering the extreme nature of the test.



### **PMI 10mm Classic Sport**

### Slow pull tests

- The knots used (figure-8 and alpine butterfly) were over 18kN and are suitable for canyon rescue. The bowline was under 18kN; however, it is not used by canyon rescue.
- The figure-8 rethread bend has a breaking strength over 18kN and is suitable for canyon rescue for joining rescue ropes.
- The 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 6-on-1 hitch slipped at 13kN and broke the rope at the figure-8 at 17.5kN. The 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 5on1 hitch slipping at 10kN and kept on slipping at 15.5kN. All variations are suitable for canyon rescue as a progress capture and rope grab.
- The Petzl Shunt was tested as a pulley system rope grab for a single rope (2kN) and double rope (6kN). The single rope Shunt is preferred as it slides without damaging the 10mm rope.
- The Petzl Basic (6kN) and Tibloc (7kN) were tested for use as a pulley system rope grab. The Basic is not recommended as it broke half in 1 out of the 3 tests and held 1kN less (on average) than the Tibloc.
- The Petzl Micro Traxion (6kN) was tested as a pulley system load capture. Due to the potential of dynamic loading for this part of the system, it was not suitable.
- Standard canyoning rope blocking methods, including the biner block (15.5kN) were tested.
   These may end up in the rescue system, so it was good to have some data to understand any limitations.

#### **Friction tests**

The Munter/Italian hitch, on an extension, with a redirect, had friction over 1kN for half a two rope system. Therefore this device and method had suitable friction for their use in rescue.

### **Drop tests**

All drop tests were undertaken to represent two people plus equipment with a short section of rope in play (1m drop on 3m of rope, 200kg).

- Single rope: The average force for a 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 6on1 Prusik was 12kN in lowering mode (2cm slip) and 10kN in raising mode (13.5cm slip). The average force for a 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 5on1 Prusik was 8.5kN in lowering mode (51.5cm slip). All the VT tests held, are suitable and have a high margin.
- **Note:** The PMI rope has nearly half the stretch of the Kordas rope, so it has a higher (1-2kN) max arrest force.
- Two ropes: The average force for an 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 6on1 Prusik was 5.5kN per rope (11kN total) in lowering mode (2cm slip) and 6.25kN per rope (12.5kN total) in raising mode (4cm slip). The average force for an 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 5on1 Prusik was 6.25kN per rope (12.5kN total) in raising mode (10cm slip). All the VT tested are suitable and have a high margin.
- **Note:** A failure onto double ropes will increase the combined force on the anchor system as there is less stretch. Use caution where systems share anchors (some or all) between both ropes and are not independent.



### **PMI 8mm Accessory Cord**

### Slow pull tests

- The loops tested (figure-8 rethread and double fisherman's) were over 20kN and suitable for rescue use.
- The W3P2 and W2P2 tested well over 20kN (30-35kN) and are suitable for use for rescue.
- Floating focal point testing of a single strand is suitable for one side of a rescue system (18kN) or as part of a multi-point anchor. With two strands clipped, on average, tested over 29kN and are suitable for both sides of a rescue system.
- A two-point fixed focus anchor is, on average, over 24kN and is suitable for rescue.

#### **Drop tests**

- Drop testing a fixed focal by failing one side gave results of, on average, 2.5kN.
- Drop testing a floating focal by failing one side gave results of, on average, 5kN. The limiter overhands do the job well of decreasing the impact force fall after a single anchor failure. Used in the proper context, it is suitable for rescue.

## **Aspiring 25mm Tubular Tape**

### Slow pull tests

- The loop tested with a tape bend tested over 27kN and is suitable for rescue.
- The W3P2 and W2P2 tested well over 20kN (37-40kN) and is suitable for rescue.
- A two-point fixed focus anchor is well over 20kN (36kN) and is suitable for rescue.

### **CT 8.2mm Dynamic Rope**

# Slow pull tests

- The sewn loop, on average, tested over 24kN and is suitable for rescue.
- A two-point fixed focus anchor, on average, tested over 30kN and is suitable for rescue.
- A two-point floating focus anchor with a single strand with limiter overhands, on average, tested over 18kN and is suitable for rescue on one side of a two rope system.
- A two-point floating focus anchor with two strands with limiter overhands, on average, tested over 30kN and is suitable for rescue on both sides of a two rope system.

#### **Drop tests**

- Drop testing a fixed focal by failing one side gave results of, on average, 2.5kN.
- Drop testing a floating focal by failing one side gave results of, on average, 4kN. The limiter overhands do the job well of decreasing the impact force fall after a single anchor failure. Used in the proper context, it is suitable for rescue.



# **Conclusions**

- We have tested canyoners' equipment to understand what works and what doesn't in the rescue context.
- A greater understanding of the system and the safety margin in normal operating mode and worst-case failure has been gained.
- Testing gives confidence that the systems used are going to work effectively. This confidence is essential as there are lots of other things going on in an actual rescue. It frees up our thinking up to concentrate on other vital elements.
- This testing has focused on parts of the system failing. However, the opposite action is the best focus in the field working together to prevent failure.

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# **Glossary of terms**

**Bends:** Where two pieces of rope or webbing are tied together usually at their ends, with both playing an integral part. The load is pulling in line through the bend. An example is a double fisherman's bend.

**Maximum Force (kN):** Maximum amount of tensile stress that the material can withstand before failure (rupture), such as breaking or permanent deformation. Tensile strength specifies the point when a material goes from elastic to plastic deformation.

**Extension:** in the context of testing, stretching of a material in order to make it longer recorded from a start to an end position.

**Force (kN):** In physics, force is the push or pull on an object with mass that causes it to change velocity (to accelerate). Force represents as a vector, which means it has both magnitude and direction. The SI unit of force is the newton (N).

**Fused:** Fused together (in the context of rope rescue testing) means when the two materials permanently attach and combine through melting of one or both. If it is not releasable then it is classed as fused.

**Glazed:** means overlaid or covered with a smooth, shiny coating. This usually occurs when one material slides on top of another, melts and leaves a coating, for example, a Prusik sliding on a rope.

**Hitches:** Where a rope is tied to an object where if the object is removed the hitch falls apart. An example is the Italian/Munter hitch.

**Knots:** 'If it's not a bend or a hitch then it's a knot'. In the widest sense a generic name for all types of rope and cord entanglements but specifically where a connection is tied that is self-sustaining in rope or webbing.

**Limiting friction (kN):** When the body overcomes the force of static friction, it reaches to maximum value which is called limiting friction. After this, body starts moving and friction decreases. This value of friction is then called kinetic friction.

Mass (kg): the quantity of matter in a body

**Maximum Arrest Force (MAF) (kN):** A term used for fall arrest systems. This means that for a medium body weight of 100 kg, the maximum arrest force is 6 kN according to European standardisation. Only certain components, or assembly of components, fulfill these conditions and can be used where there is the risk of falling from height.

**Slip:** where one body on another overcomes the friction and slides unintentionally for a short distance.

**Static (rescue) loads (kg):** Predominantly associated with the mass of the rescue itself, and as such remain stationary and relatively constant over the duration of the rescue. Static loads may include the mass of any ropes, carabiners, stretchers, people and other rescue elements so on. For the practical purposes of testing and calculation of forces in a rescue system the following values have been used based on the number of people plus equipment. A <u>single person rescue load</u> is a 100kg. A <u>two person rescue load</u> is a 200kg.

**Stripped:** Remove all coverings (sheath) from the core.



# Appendix 1: Korda's Dana 10mm

# Figure-8 on a bight knot

Slow Pull Test Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
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#### **Materials**

• Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Tied a figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between a 12mm pin and rope grab

#### **Results**

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
5/06/20	19*	19.87	73%	Broke at knot
5/06/20	20	19.54	72%	Broke at knot
5/06/20	21	19.28	71%	Broke at knot
5/06/20	22	20.15	74%	Broke at knot
5/06/20	23	18.82	69%	Broke at knot
Av	erage	19.53	72%	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 5/06/20 #19 of the testing shown on the following pages.

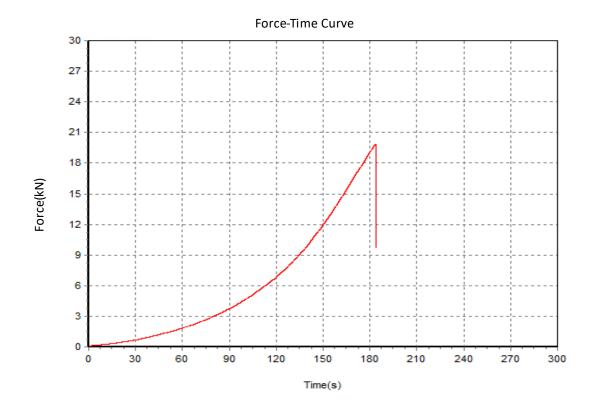


Test Date: Friday, 5 June 2020

Max Force (kN): 19.87 Product Name: Fig-8 oab

Batch #: 19

Material: Kordas Dana 10mm



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# Alpine butterfly knot

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

• Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Alpine butterflies on both ends

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

### **Results**

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
24/10/19	21*	18.11	67%	Broke at one of the knots
24/10/19	22	17.19	64%	Broke at one of the knots
15/02/21	20	19.27	71%	Broke at the knot
Ave	erage	18.19	67%	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #21 of the testing shown on the following pages.



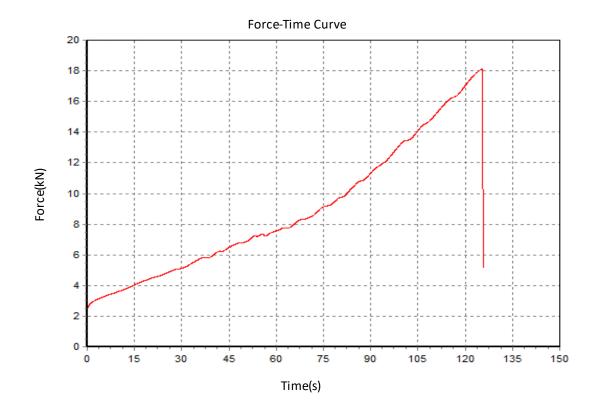
Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 18.11

**Product Name:** Alpine Butterfly Knot

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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# **Bowline knot**

# Materials

• Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Bowlines on both ends

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
24/10/19	23*	15.53	58	Broke at one of the knots
24/10/19	24	16.35	61	Broke at one of the knots
15/02/21	19	18.30	68	Broke at the knot
Av	erage	16.73	62	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #23 of the testing shown on the following pages.

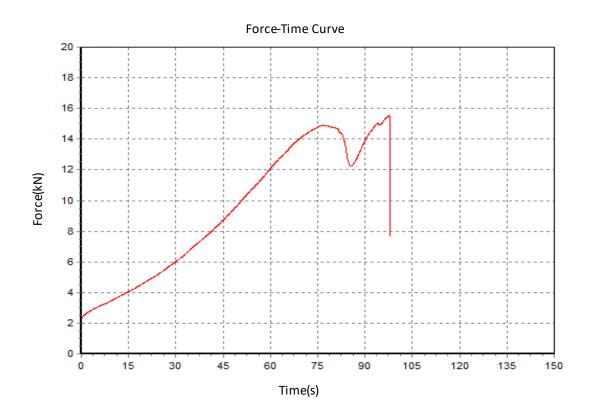


Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 15.53 **Product Name:** Bowline

Batch #: 23

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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# Appendix 1: Korda's Dana 10mm





# Figure-8 rethread bend

Slow Pull Test Friction Test Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

• Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between rope grabs

### **Results**

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
28/09/20	3*	16.18	59%	Broke at the bend
28/09/20	4	15.92	58%	Broke at the bend
28/09/20	5	16.48	60%	Broke at the bend
28/09/20	6	16.35	60%	Broke at the bend
28/09/20	7	16.91	62%	Broke at the bend
Ave	rage	16.37	60%	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 28/09/20 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.



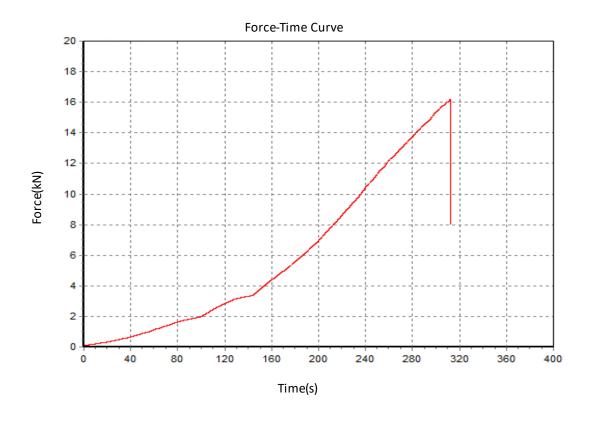
Test Date: Monday, 28 September 2020

Max Force (kN): 16.18

**Product Name:** Fig-8 rethread bend

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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### 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins, 12mm steel carabiner and rope grab

#### **Results**

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
7/08/19	1	10.5	17.76	Slipped 17cm, glazed sheath, started to damage sheath under the Prusik, broke fig-8 knot
7/08/19	2*	12.2	18.47	Slipped 10cm, glazed sheath, started to damage sheath under the Prusik, broke fig-8 knot
23/02/21	13	12.98	17.65	Kept on slipping, did not break.
Average		11.89	17.96	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 7/08/19 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.



**Test Date:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019

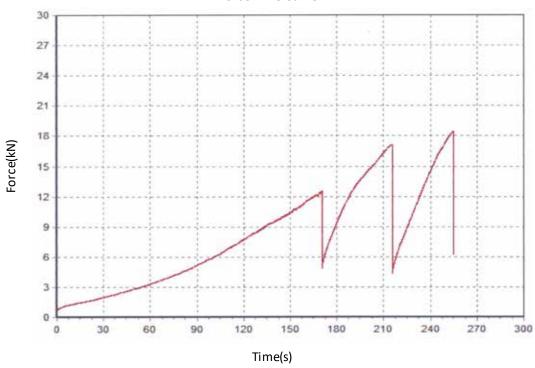
Max Force (kN): 18.47

**Product Name:** 8mm VT BW 6on1 Asymetric

Batch #: 2

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

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### 8mm BlueWater VT Prusik 5-on-1

Slow Pull Test Friction Test Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
12/11/19	1*	9.67	9.67	Kept on slipping
12/11/19	2	8.83	8.83	Kept on slipping
15/02/21	21	9.30	13.97	Kept on slipping
Average		9.27	10.82	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 12/11/19 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.



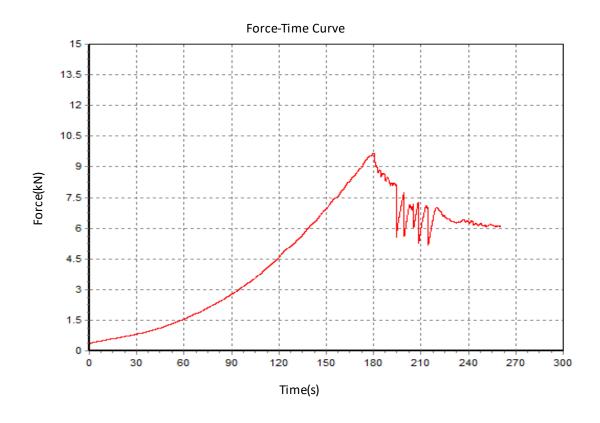
Test Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2019

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** 5on18mm VTBW

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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## Appendix 1: Korda's Dana 10mm





## 7mm BlueWater VT Prusik 6-on-1

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 7mm VT (22.6kN)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiner and rope grab

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
23/02/21	14*	13.52	16.93	Several major slips then stripped sheath of 10mm rope.
23/02/21 15		12.86	16.79	Several major slips then stripped sheath of 10mm rope.
23/02/21	16	13.80	14.57	Kept on slipping then stripped sheath of 10mm rope.
A	verage	13.39	16.10	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 23/02/21 #14 of the testing shown on the following pages.



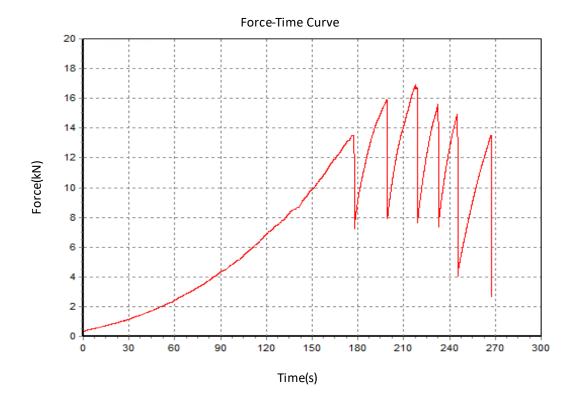
Test Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2021

Max Force (kN): 16.93

**Product Name:** BW 6on1 7mm VT

> Batch #: 14

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana



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## **Petzl Shunt**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Shunt

### **Test setup**

- Single/Double rope
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

### **Results single rope**

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
24/10/19	1*	2.50	3.13	Kept on slipping
24/10/19	2	2.50	3.33	Kept on slipping
10/08/20	3	2.61	2.65	Kept on slipping
Average		2.54	3.04	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.

#### **Results double rope**

Date # Max force (kN)			Comments	
24/10/19	3*	6.94	Didn't slip, both ropes came out of device as it spread open, damaged sheath both ropes around 50% on the cam side.	
		Didn't slip, both ropes came out of device as it spread open, damaged sheath both ropes around 50% on the cam side.		
9/04/21 1 7.11		7.11	Didn't slip, both ropes came out of device as it spread open, damaged sheath both ropes around 50% on the cam side.	
Average 6.89		6.89		

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.



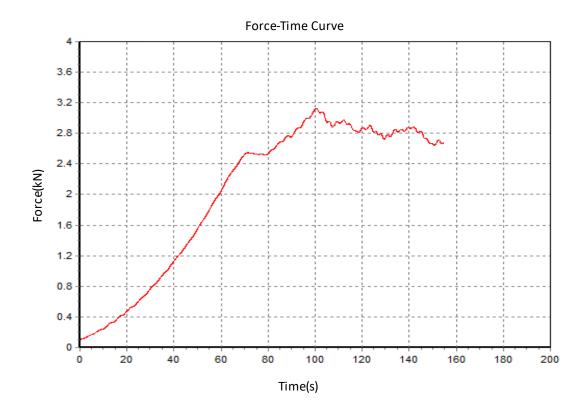
Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Petzl Shunt single rope

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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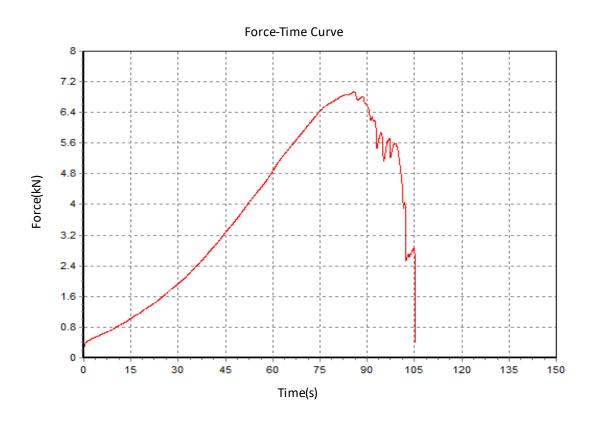
Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 6.94

**Product Name:** Petzl Shunt double rope

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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### **Petzl Micro Traxion**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- Kordas 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Micro Traxion

#### Test setup

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
31/10/19	10*	5.80	Stripped sheath of rope
31/10/19	11	6.00	Stripped sheath of rope
11/02/21 10		5.49	Stripped sheath of rope
Average 5.76		5.76	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 31/10/19 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.



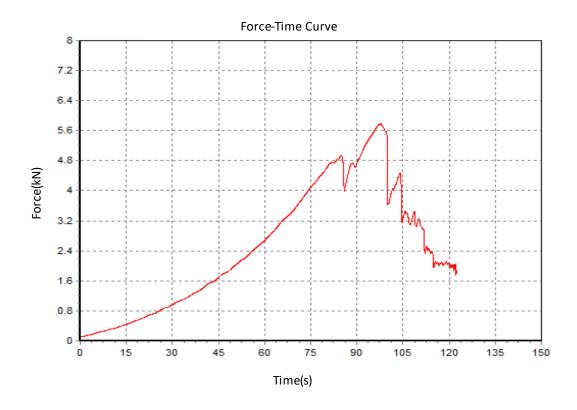
Test Date: Thursday, 31 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 5.80

**Product Name:** Micro Traxion

> Batch #: 10

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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## **Petzl Tibloc**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Tibloc

#### **Test setup**

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
31/10/19	6*	7.51	Stripped sheath of rope
31/10/19	7	7.03	Stripped sheath of rope
10/08/20 1		8.38	Stripped sheath of rope
Average 7.64		7.64	

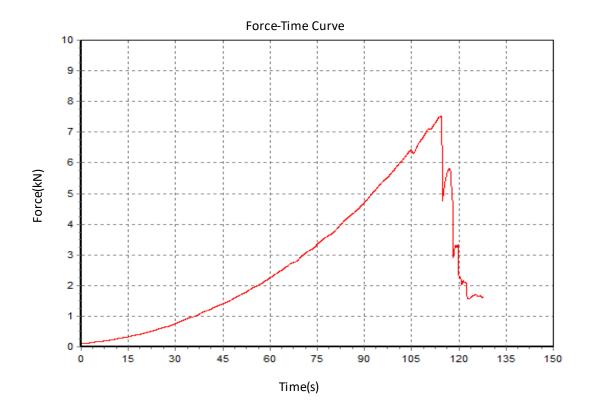
<sup>\*</sup> Sample 31/10/19 #6 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Test Date: Thursday, 31 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 7.51
Product Name: Tibloc
Batch #: 6

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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### **Petzl Basic**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Basic

#### **Test setup**

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
31/10/19	8	5.29	Device broke in half. Minor rope damage. Had been used for previous tests.
31/10/19	9*	6.85	Stripped sheath of rope
10/08/20	2	6.92	Device broke in half. Minor rope damage. New device.
Average		6.35	

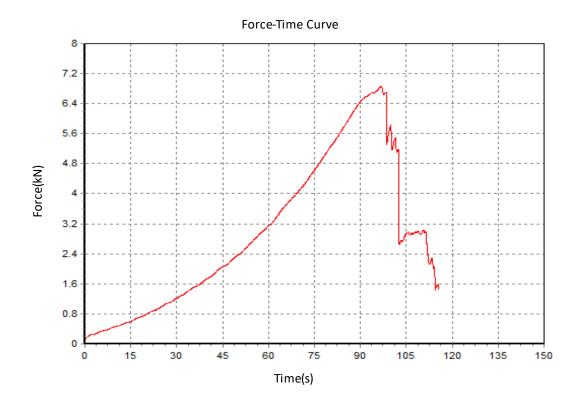
<sup>\*</sup> Sample 31/10/19 #9 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Thursday, 31 October 2019 Test Date:

Max Force (kN): 6.85 **Product Name:** Basic Batch #:

> Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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### **Biner block**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
Slow Full lest	<del>Friction lest</del>	Diop lest

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- 12mm steel carabiner 50kN

#### **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on one end
- 8mm oval rapide
- Clove hitch on spine of 12mm steel carabiner

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin, 8mm rapide and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
11/03/21	2*	15.21	56	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	3	16.91	63	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	4	16.80	62	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
Average		16.31	60	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 11/03/21 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.



**Test Date:** Thursday, 11 March 2021

Max Force (kN): 15.21
Product Name: Biner Block

Batch #: 2

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

#### Force-Time Curve Force(kN) Time(s)

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### Munter mule overhand

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
Slow Full lest	<del>Friction lest</del>	Diop lest

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- CT Steel carabiner

### **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on one end
- Munter mule overhand on the 12mm steel carabiner

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
31/10/19	12*	15.51	57%	Broke at the rope at the first cross of the Munter
31/10/19	13	15.87	59%	Broke at the rope at the first cross of the Munter
18/06/19	11	14.67	54%	Broke at the rope at the first cross of the Munter
Average		15.35	57%	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 31/10/19 #12 of the testing shown on the following pages.



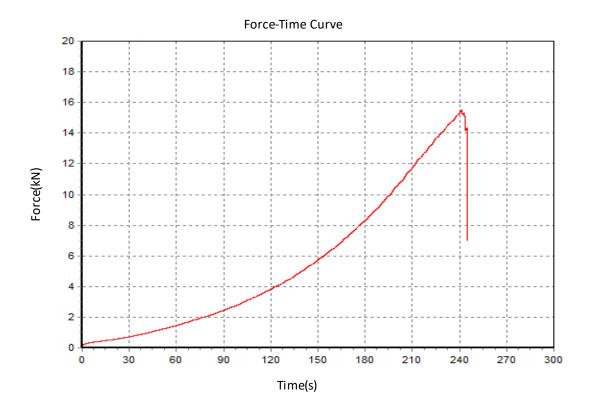
Test Date: Thursday, 31 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 15.51

**Product Name:** Munter Mule Overhand

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



Tested by: **Grant Prattley** 





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# Figure-8 device block (version 3)

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Huit Figure-8

#### **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on one end
- 8mm oval rapide

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
31/03/21	5*	15.44	57	Broke at the rope as it exited the figure-8 block threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	6	16.41	61	Broke at the rope as it exited the figure-8 block threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	7	16.52	61	Broke at the rope as it exited the figure-8 block threaded through the 8mm rapide
Average		16.12	60	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 31/03/21 #5 of the testing shown on the following pages.



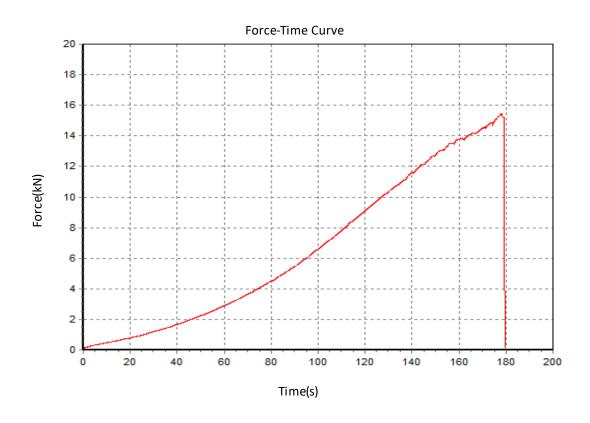
Test Date: Wednesday, 31 March 2021

15.44 Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Fig-8 Block v3

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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# Figure-8 in front of 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)
- Petzl Huit (figure-8 device)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end
- Extension sling 30cm (90cm 10mm dyneema sling 22kN tripled)

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 8mm rapides and rope grab

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
11/03/21	14	17.31	Bent small eye of the Petzl Huit figure-8 device.
11/03/21	15*	17.72	Broke small eye of the Petzl Huit figure-8 device.
9/4/21	2	16.97	Bent small eye of the Petzl Huit figure-8 device.
Average 17.33		17.33	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 11/02/21 #15 of the testing shown on the following pages.





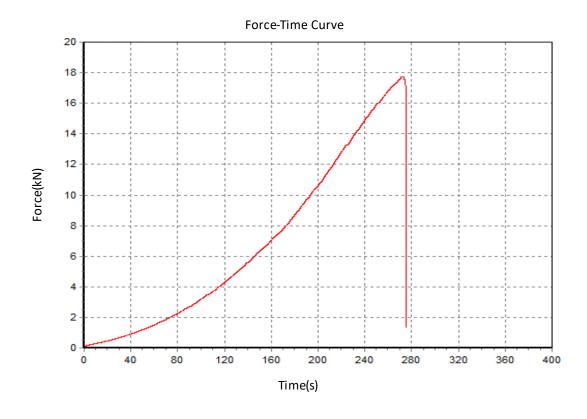
Test Date: Thursday, 11 March 2021

**Max Force (kN):** 17.72

**Product Name:** 6on1 BW VT 8mm Fig-8 device in front

Batch #: 15

Material: 10mm Dana Kordas



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# Figure-8 Canyon mode with redirect

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Kordas Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Huit figure-8 device

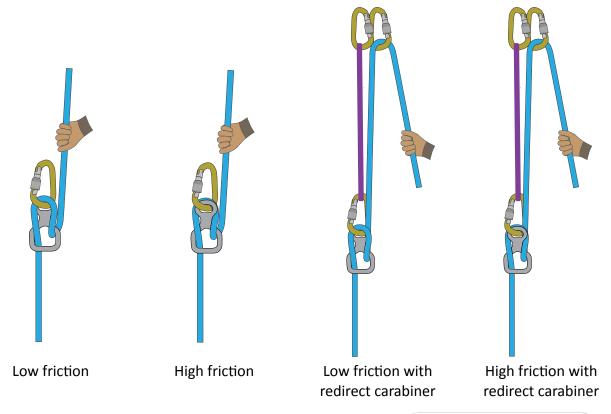
#### **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on one end, low/high friction settings
- Extension sling 30cm (60cm 10mm dyneema sling 22kN doubled)
- First slip is thumb and index finger holding the rope
- Limiting friction is max one gloved dominant hand holding the rope

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow Pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Туре	First slip kN	Limiting friction kN
29/07/20	1	Canyon style low friction	0.31	0.61
29/07/20	2	Canyon style high friction	0.81	1.32
28/09/20	1	Canyon style low friction + redirect	0.4	1.21
28/09/20	2	Canyon style high friction + redirect	1.02	2.32





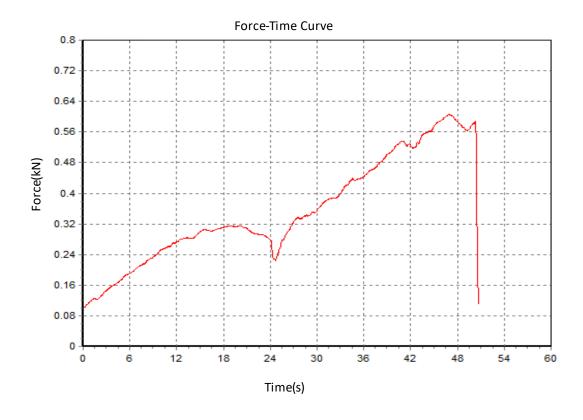
Test Date: Wednesday, 29 July 2020

Max Force (kN): 0.61

**Product Name:** Fig-8 device canyon mode low friction

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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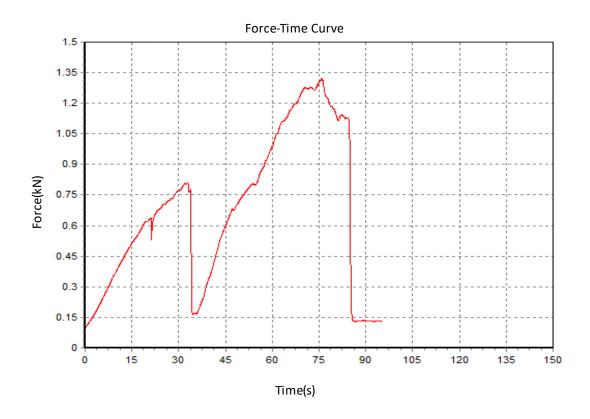
Test Date: Wednesday, 29 July 2020

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Fig-8 device canyon mode high friction

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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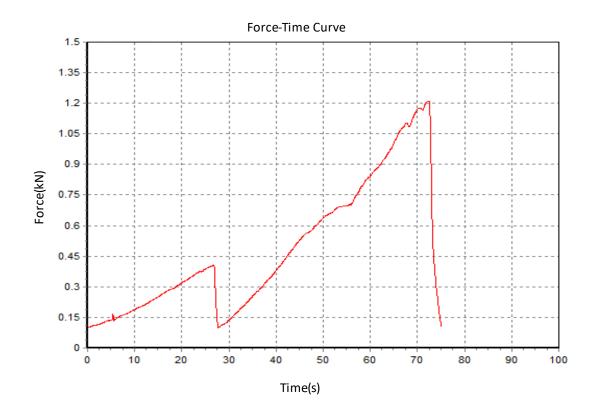
Test Date: Monday, 28 September 2020

Max force (kN):

**Product Name:** Fig-8 Canyon Style Low friction + redirect

Batch #:

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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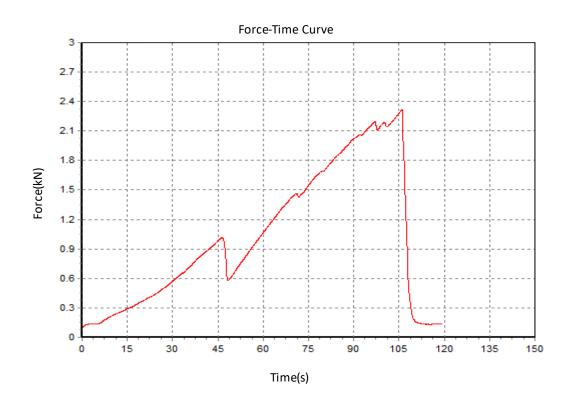
Test Date: Monday, 28 September 2020

Max Force (kN): 2.32

**Product Name:** Fig-8 Canyon Style High friction + redirect

Batch #: 2

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana



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# Figure-8 in front of 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 single rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)
- Petzl Huit
- Aspiring 16mm webbing (12.5kN)

### **Test setup**

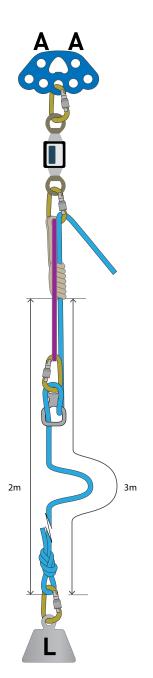
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 device low friction on a 60cm extension
- Extension is a 60cm 16mm webbing tied with a tape bend
- Figure-8 knot on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
13/09/21	1*	10.14	Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 8.5cm, Prusik releasable
13/09/21	2	9.84	Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 24cm, Prusik releasable
13/09/21	3	10.01	Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 14.5cm, Prusik releasable
Avei	age	10.00	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 13/09/21 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.





**Test Date:** Monday, 13 September, 2021

Test #: 1

Product Name: 8mm 6on1 BW VT Prusik, single rope,

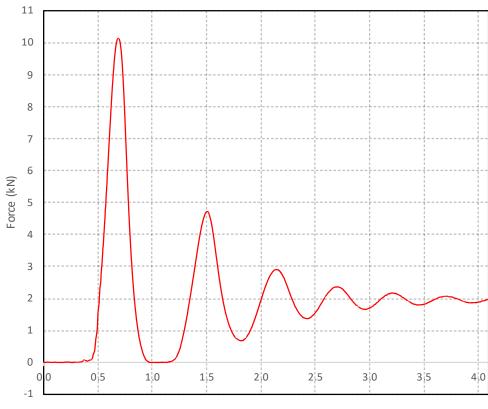
Fig-8 device on 60cm extension

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 10.14kN

#### Force-Time Curve



Time (sec)

**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

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# 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 drop single rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

# **Test setup**

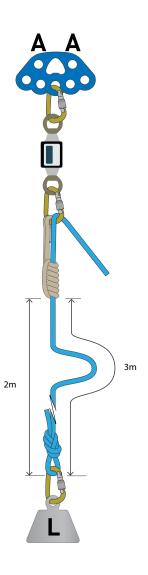
- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from the Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
9/08/19	1	7.40	Caught load, 88.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
9/08/19	2	8.54	Caught load, 23cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
8/06/20	2*	8.12	Caught load, 17cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
Ave	rage	8.02	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 8/06/20 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Monday, 8 June, 2020

**Test #:** 2

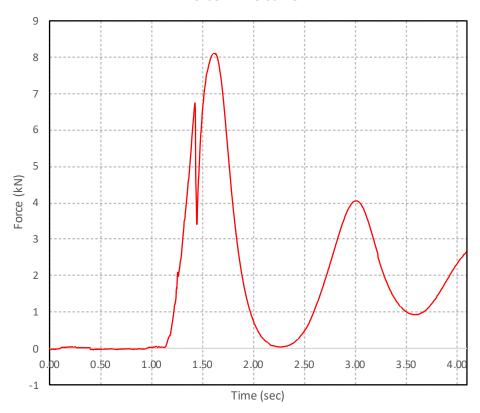
**Product Name:** 8mm 6on1 BW VT Prusik, single rope

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana

**Test type:** 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 8.12kN





**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

Signed: Spant Paul





# Figure-8 in front of 7mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 single rope

<del>Slow Pull Test</del>	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 7mm VT (22.6kN)
- Petzl Huit
- Aspiring 16mm webbing (12.5kN)

### **Test setup**

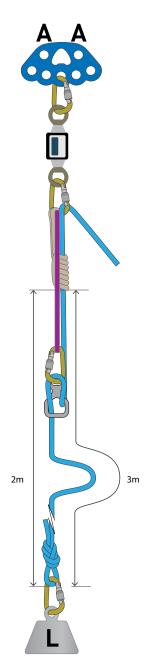
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 device low friction on a 60cm extension
- Extension is a 60cm 16mm webbing tied with a tape bend
- Figure-8 knot on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
19/09/21	1*	10.55	Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 13.5cm, Prusik releasable
19/09/21	2	10.31	Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 15.5cm, Prusik releasable
19/09/21	3	10.05	Caught load, 1.5cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 16cm, Prusik releasable
Aver	age	10.30	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 19/09/21 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Sunday, 19 September, 2021

**Test #:** 1

Product Name: 7mm 6on1 BW VT Prusik, single rope,

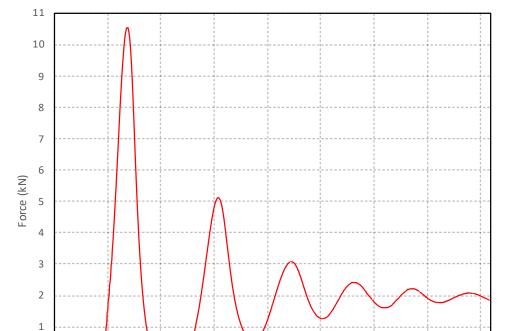
Fig-8 device on 60cm extension

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Force-Time Curve

Max arrest force (kN): 10.55kN



Time (sec)

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# 7mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 single rope

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (22.6kN)

# **Test setup**

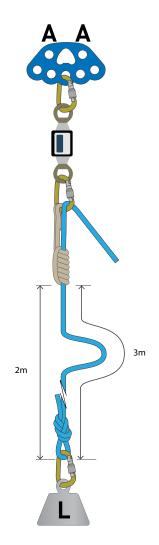
- 7mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
27/11/19	1	8.32	Caught load, 19cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
27/11/19	2	7.52	Caught load, 67cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
9/06/20	2*	8.66	Caught load, 33cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
Aver	age	8.17	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 9/06/20 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Tuesday, 9 June, 2020

**Test #:** 2

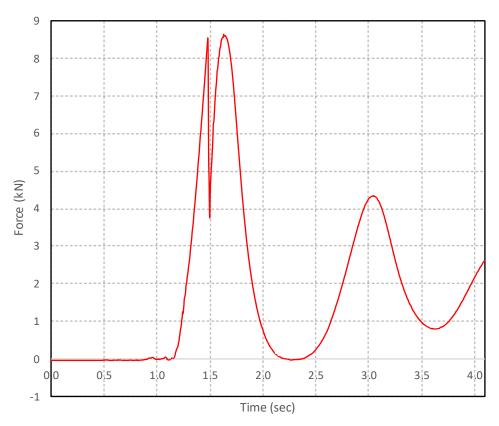
**Product Name:** 7mm 6on1 BW VT Prusik, single rope

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 8.66kN

#### Force -Time Curve



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# 8mm VT Prusik 5-on-1 single rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test	
Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test	

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

# **Test setup**

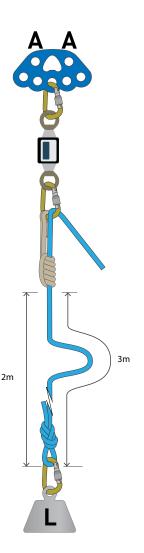
- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
13/11/19	1	6.58	Caught load, 106cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
13/11/19	2	6.44	Caught load, 107cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
8/06/20	3*	7.84	Caught load, 34.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
Aver	age	6.95	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 8/06/20 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Monday, 8 June, 2020

**Test #:** 3

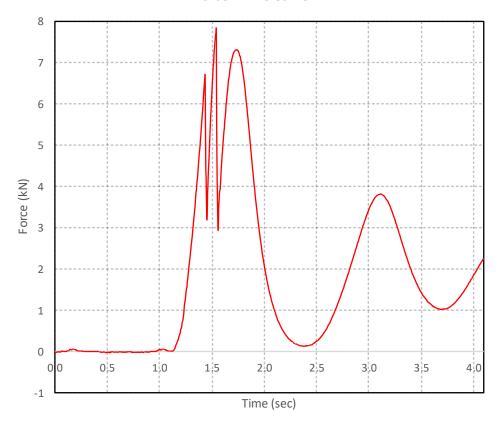
**Product Name:** 8mm 5on1 BW VT Prusik, single rope

Material: 10mm Korda's Dana

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 7.84kN





**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

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# **Petzl Micro Traxion single rope**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Micro Traxion

### Test setup

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from the Micro Traxion)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
13/11/19	3*	6.38	Caught load, 99cm slip at Microtraxion, Stripped sheath
13/11/19	4	6.05	Load hit the ground. Cut rope.
Aver	age	6.22	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 13/11/19 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.





# 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 single rope (factor 0.5)

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

# **Test setup**

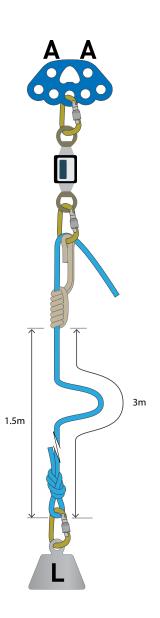
- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1.5m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
26/08/21	1*	9.04	Caught load, 35cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
26/08/21	2	8.62	Caught load, 20cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
26/08/21	3	7.70	Caught load, 78.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
Aver	age	8.45	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 26/08/21 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Thursday, 26 August, 2021

**Test #:** 1

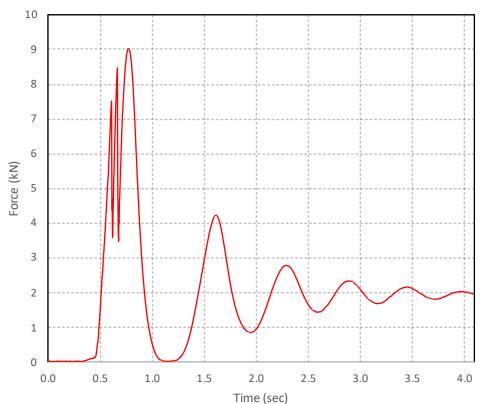
**Product Name:** 8mm 6on1 BlueWater VT Prusik

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

Test type: 1.5m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 9.04kN





**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

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# Fig-8 device with 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 in front two rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)
- Petzl Huit
- Aspiring 16mm webbing (12.5kN)

# **Test setup**

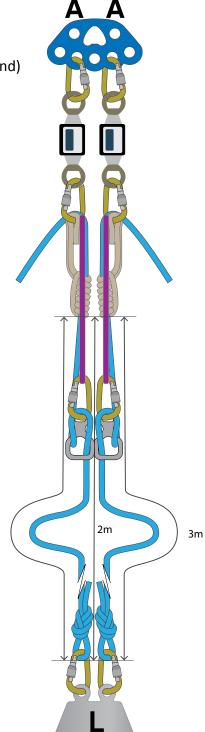
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 device low friction on a 60cm extension 16mm webbing (tape bend)
- Figure-8 knot on a bight on one end

# **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 kN	Rope 2 kN	Total kN	Comments
21/07/20	1*	5.96	5.34	11.30	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 13cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 13cm slip at device.
21/07/20	2	6.02	5.34	11.36	R1: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 10cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 10.5cm slip at device.
21/07/20	3	5.74	5.5	11.24	R1: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 12cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 14.5cm slip at device.
Avei	rage	5.91	5.39	11.30	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 21/07/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.







Test Date: Tuesday, 21 July, 2020

**Test #:** 1

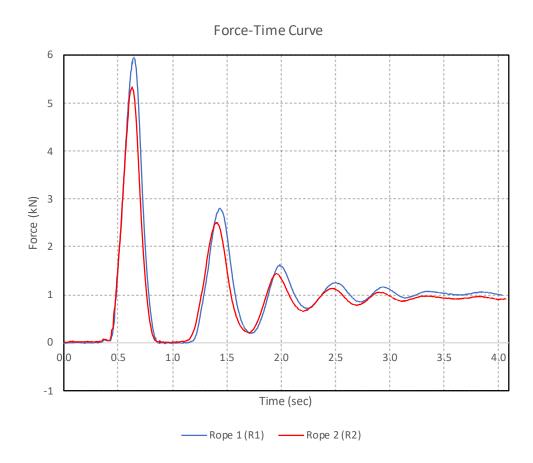
**Product Name:** Fig-8 device in front of 6-on-1 8mm

BW VT Prusik, two rope

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

**Test type:** 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 11.30kN (R1 = 5.96, R2 = 5.34)



**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

Signed: Spant Paul





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# 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 two rope

### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

### **Test setup**

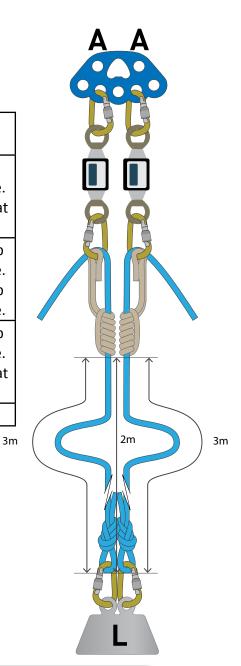
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

# **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
28/07/20	1*	5.28	5.34	10.62	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
28/07/20	2	5.32	5.08	10.40	R1: Caught load, 2.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
28/07/20	3	5.4	5.08	10.48	R1: Caught load, 1.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
Avei	rage	5.33	5.17	10.50	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 28/07/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.







Test Date: Tuesday, 28 July, 2020

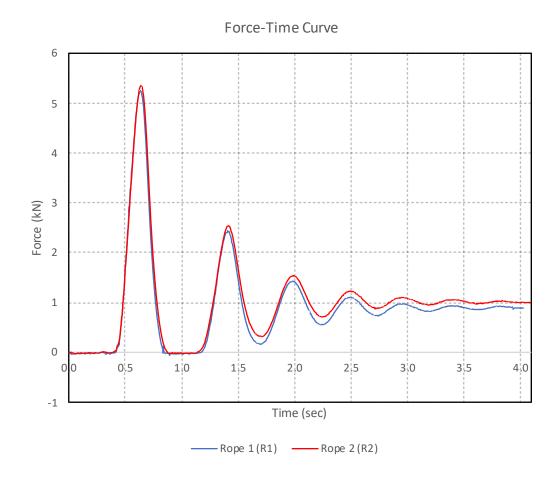
**Test #:** 1

**Product Name:** 6-on-1 8mm VT Prusik, two rope

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

**Test type:** 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 10.62kN (R1 = 5.28, R2 = 5.34)



**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

Signed: Spant Paul





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# 7mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 two rope

### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 7mm VT (22.6kN)

### Test setup

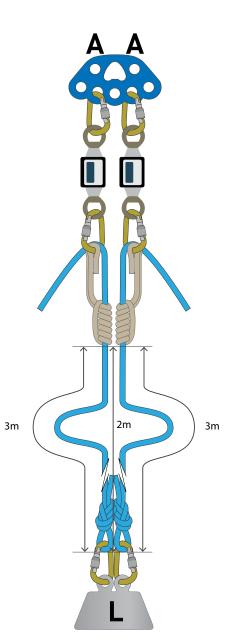
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

# **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
28/03/20	1*	5.38	5.52	10.90	R1: Caught load, 2.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 3.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
22/03/21	1	5.82	5.4	11.22	R1: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
22/03/21	2	5.66	5.26	10.92	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
Avei	rage	5.62	5.39	11.01	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 28/03/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Saturday, 28 March, 2020

**Test #:** 1

**Product Name:** 6-on-1 7mm VT Prusik, two rope,

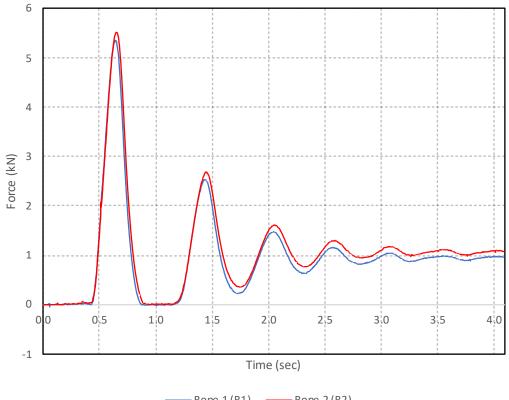
Prusik on each rope

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

**Test type:** 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 10.90kN (R1 = 5.38, R2 = 5.52)

# Force-Time Curve



**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

Signed: Spant Paul





# 8mm VT Prusik 5-on-1 two rope

#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

# **Test setup**

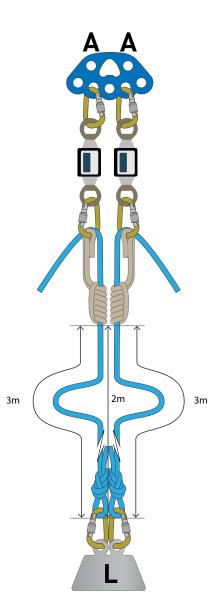
- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
18/04/21	1	5.52	5.6	11.12	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
22/03/21	3*	5.34	5.54	10.88	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
22/03/21	4	5.32	5.5	10.82	R1: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable. R2: Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable.
Avei	rage	5.39	5.55	10.94	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/03/21 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Monday, 22 March 2021

**Test #:** 3

Product Name: 8mm 5on1 Blue Water VT Prusik,

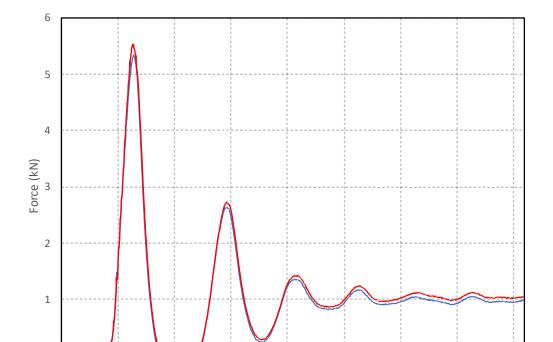
two rope

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Force-Time Curve

Max Arrest Force (kN): 10.88kN (R1 = 5.34, R2 = 5.54)



2.0

-Rope 1 (R1) ----- Rope 2 (R2)

Time (sec)

2.5

3.0

**Tested by:** Grant Prattley

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3.5

4.0

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1.0

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## **Petzl Micro Traxion two rope**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- Petzl Micro Traxion

#### **Test setup**

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from device)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
13/11/19	5	6.00	5.84	11.84	Caught load, 99cm slip
					at Microtraxion, stripped
					sheath.





## 8mm BW VT Prusik 6-on-1 0m drop on 3m rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- Korda's 10mm Dana (27kN)
- BlueWater 8mm VT (29.5kN)

#### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

#### **Test parameters**

- Om drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- 50/50: Start two rope. 50% on tension on each rope. Released onto 1 rope.
- 100/0: Start two rope. 100% on tension on one rope. 0% on tension on the other rope. Released from the 100% tension rope to the 0%.
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

## Results 50/50

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments	
25/08/21	1	3.14	1cm slip. Prusik releasable.	
25/08/21	2	2.56	0.5cm slip. Prusik releasable.	
25/08/21	3	2.60	0.5cm slip. Prusik releasable.	
A	Average 2.77			

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 25/08/21 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.

## Results 100/0

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
25/08/21	4	3.94	1.0cm slip. Prusik releasable.
25/08/21	5	3.74	1.0cm slip. Prusik releasable.
25/08/21	6	4.36	0.5cm slip. Prusik releasable.
Average 4.01		4.01	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 25/08/21 #4 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Test Date: Wednesday, 25 August, 2021

**Test #:** 1

Product Name: 8mm 6on1 BlueWater VT Prusik,

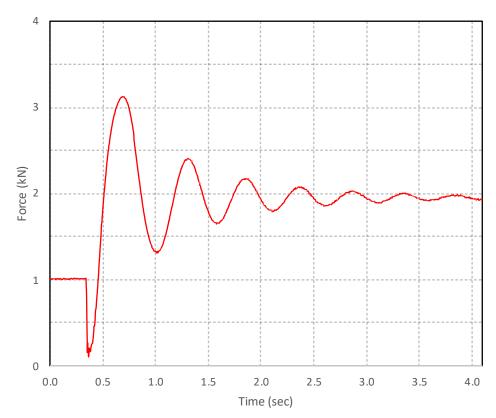
50/50: 50% on each rope

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

Test type: 0m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 3.14kN

#### Force -Time Curve



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Signed: Srant Paul



Test Date: Wednesday, 25 August, 2021

**Test #:** 4

Product Name: 8mm 6on1 BluwWater VT Prusik,

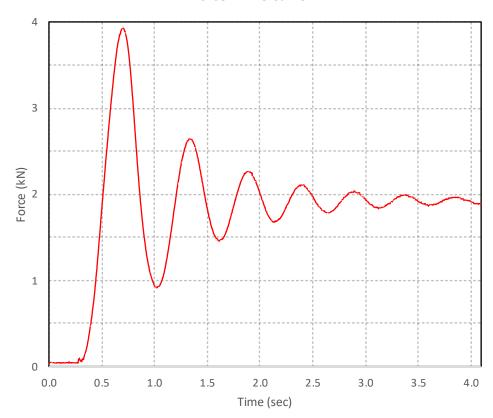
100/0: 100% on one rope, 0% on the other

Material: 10mm Kordas Dana

Test type: 0m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 3.94kN

#### Force -Time Curve



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# **Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm**

## Figure-8 on a bight knot

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>

#### **Materials**

• PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Tied a figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between a 12mm pin and rope grab

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
17/07/20	9*	18.14	67	Broke at the knot
17/07/20	10	18.71	69	Broke at the knot
17/07/20	11	17.66	65	Broke at the knot
Average		18.17	67	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 17/07/20 #9 of the testing shown on the following pages.



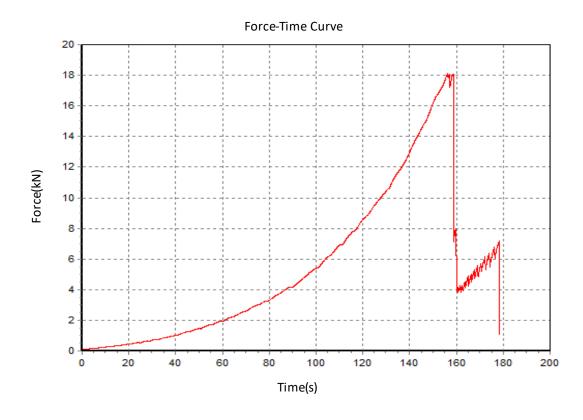
Test Date: Friday, 17 July 2020

Max Force (kN): 18.14

**Product Name:** Figure-8 on a bight

**Batch #:** 9

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## Alpine butterfly knot

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

• PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)

#### **Test setup**

• Tied an alpine butterfly on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between a 12mm pin and rope grab

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
19/08/20	1*	18.25	68	Broke at the knot
19/08/20	2	20.35	75	Broke at the knot
19/08/20	3	19.7	73	Broke at the knot
Average		19.43	72	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 19/08/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.



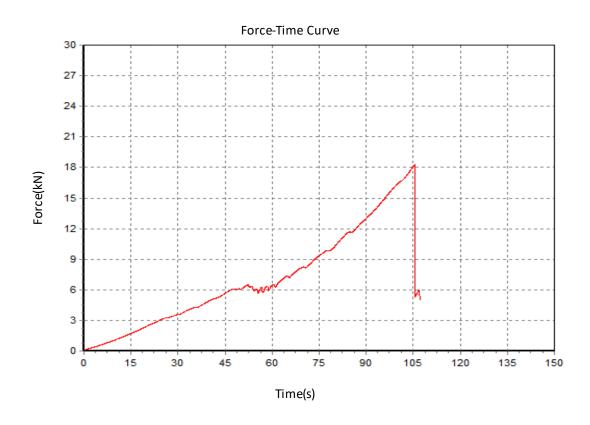
Test Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2020

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Alpine Butterfly

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## **Bowline knot**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

• PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)

#### **Test setup**

• Bowline and rope grab

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between a 12mm pin and rope grab

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
19/08/20	4*	17.32	64	Broke at the knot
19/08/20	5	17.00	63	Broke at the knot
19/08/20	6	18.24	68	Broke at the knot
Average		17.52	65	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 19/08/20 #4 of the testing shown on the following pages.

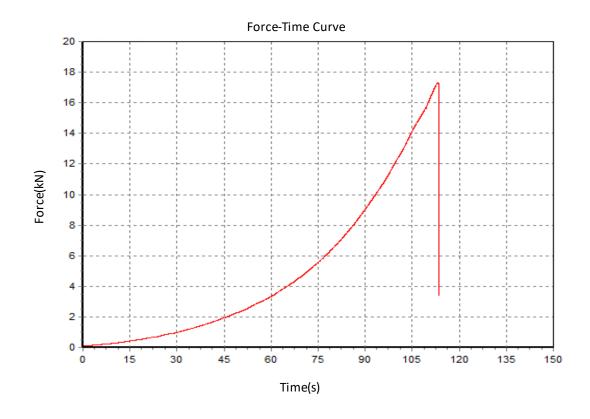


Test Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2020

17.32 Max Force (kN): **Product Name:** Bowline

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## Figure-8 rethread bend

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

• PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)

### **Test setup**

• Rope grab on both ends with figure-8 rethread bend in the middle

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between rope grabs

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
16/11/20	4*	18.36	68	Broke at the bend
16/11/20	5	18.29	68	Broke at the bend
16/11/20	6	17.74	66	Broke at the bend
Average		18.13	67	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #4 of the testing shown on the following pages.



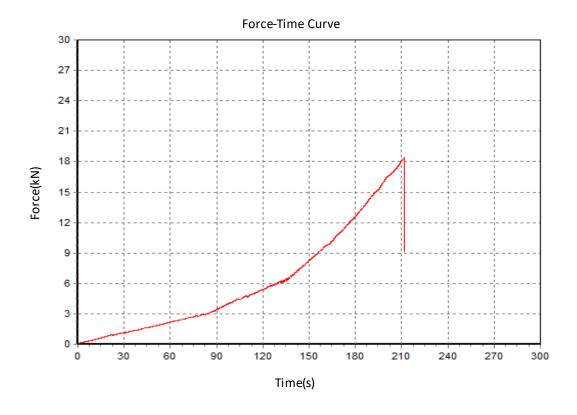
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

Max Force (kN): 18.36

Product Name: Fig-8 rethread bend

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 6-on-1

Slow Pull Test Friction Test Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

#### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end and rope grab on one end

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
7/08/19	3*	15.3	18.12	Slipped 6cm, glazed sheath, sheath under the Prusik remained intact, fig-8 knot showed damage
7/08/19	4	16	19.03	Slipped 5cm, glazed sheath, sheath under the Prusik remained intact, broke fig-8 knot
11/03/21	13	7.37	15.95	Initial slip then regripped, kept on slipping
Average		12.89	17.70	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 7/08/19 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Test Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2019

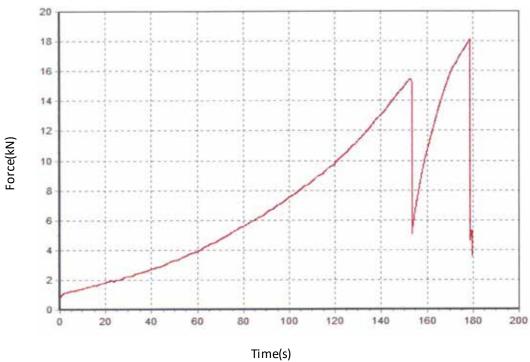
Max Force (kN): 18.12

**Product Name:** 8mm VT BW 6on1 Asymetric

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

### Force-Time Curve



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## 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 5-on-1

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins, 12mm steel carabiner and rope grab

Date	#	First slip kN	Max force (kN)	Comments
12/11/19	3*	10.2	18.55	Slipped and regripped, kept on slipping
12/11/19	4	11.1	17.96	Slipped and regripped, kept on slipping
11/03/21	12	8.31	9.76	Slipped and regripped, kept on slipping
Average		9.87	15.42	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 12/11/19 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Test Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2019

**Max Force (kN):** 18.55

**Product Name:** 5 on 1 8 mm VT Aspiring

Batch #: 3

Material: 10mm PMI Ezi Bend

#### Force-Time Curve 30 27 24 21 18 Force(kN) 15 12 9 6 3 40 80 120 160 200 240 280 360 400 320

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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





## **Petzl Shunt**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Petzl Shunt

#### **Test setup**

- Single/Double rope
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

#### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

#### **Results single rope**

Date	#	First slip (kN)	Max force (kN)	Comments
24/10/19	4*	2.20	2.29	Kept on slipping
24/10/19	5	2.20	2.31	Kept on slipping
11/02/21	5	2.12	2.34	Kept on slipping
Average		2.17	2.31	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #4 of the testing shown on the following pages.

#### **Results double rope**

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
24/10/19	6*		Didn't slip, both ropes came out of device as it spread open, damaged sheath both ropes around 50% on the cam side.

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 24/10/19 #6 of the testing shown on the following pages.



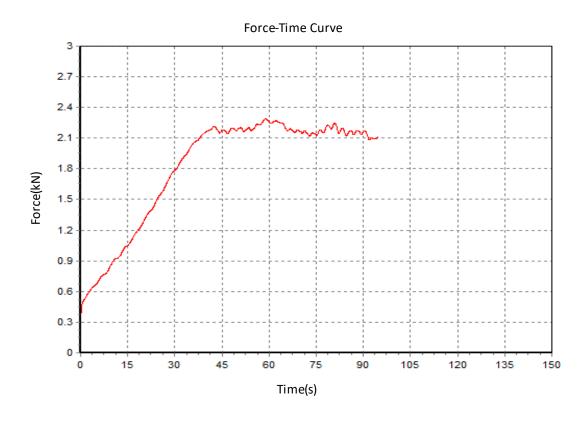
Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Petzl Shunt single rope

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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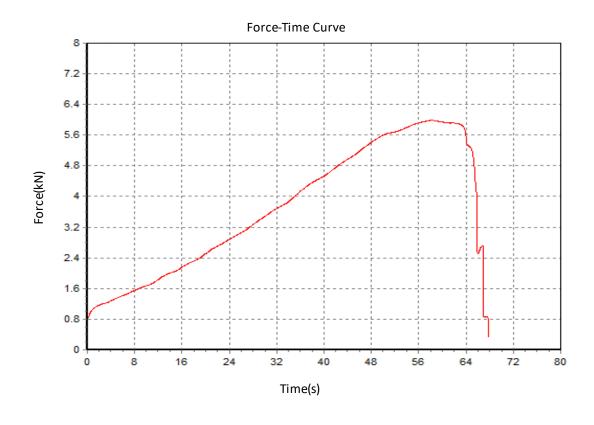
Test Date: Thursday, 24 October 2019

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Petzl Shunt double rope

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## **Petzl Micro Traxion**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Petzl Micro Traxion

#### **Test setup**

• Rope grab on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
9/04/21	3	5.74	Stripped sheath of rope
9/04/21	4	5.67	Stripped sheath of rope
9/04/21	5*	6.29	Stripped sheath of rope
Average		5.90	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 9/04/21 #5 of the testing shown on the following pages.



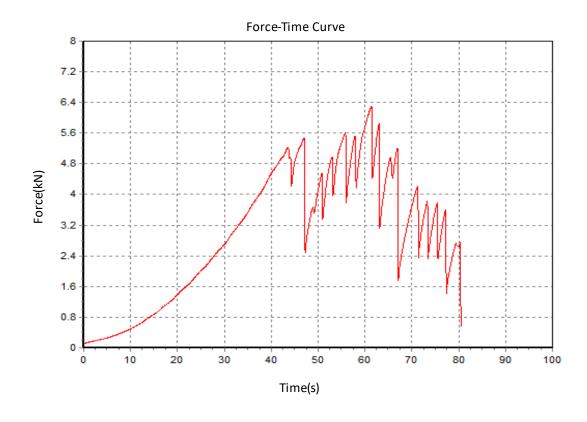
Test Date: Friday, 9 April 2021

Max Force (kN): 6.29

**Product Name:** Petzl Micro Traxion

**Batch #:** 5

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## **Petzl Tibloc**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
	11100101111000	1 2.06.000

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Petzl Tibloc

## **Test setup**

• Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
11/03/21	7	7.39	Stripped sheath
11/03/21	8	6.65	Stripped sheath
11/03/21	9*	7.48	Stripped sheath
Average		7.02	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 11/03/21 #9 of the testing shown on the following pages.

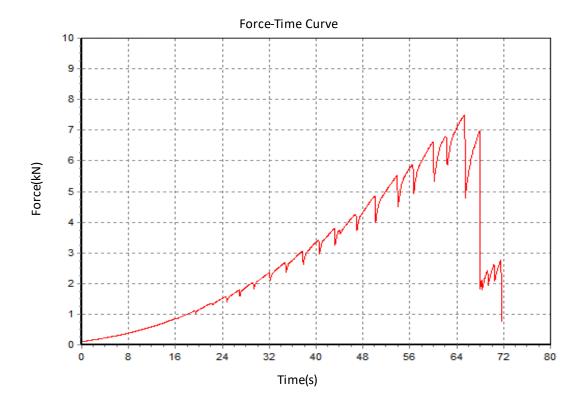


Test Date: Thursday, 11 March 2021

Max Force (kN): 7.48 **Product Name:** Petzl Tibloc

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





## **Petzl Basic**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport static rope (27kN)
- Petzl Basic Ascender

#### **Test setup**

• Clipped in with steel carabiner

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and rope grab

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
19/08/20	7*	5.90	Stripped sheath of the rope
19/08/20	8	6.22	Stripped sheath of the rope
19/08/20	9	5.89	Device broke in half. Minor rope damage.
			Device had been used with minor wear.
Average 6.00		6.00	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 19/08/20 #7 of the testing shown on the following pages.



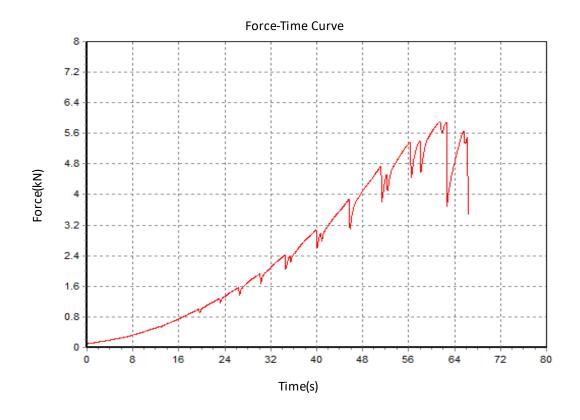
Test Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2020

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** Petzl Basic

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## **Biner block**

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
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#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- CT Snappy 12mm Steel (50kN)

## **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on one end
- Rope threaded through 8mm oval rapide
- Clove hitch on spine of carabiner

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	%	Comments
11/03/21	1*	16.80	62	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	1	14.29	53	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
31/03/21	2	15.67	58	Broke at the rope as it exited the clove hitch threaded through the 8mm rapide
Av	erage	15.59	58	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 11/03/21 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.



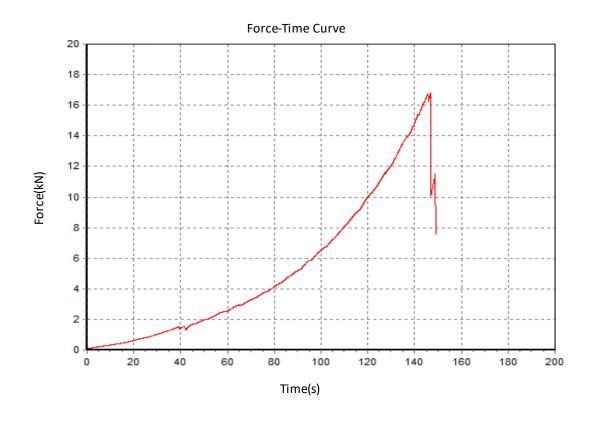
Test Date: Thursday, 11 March 2021

Max Force (kN): 16.8

Product Name: Biner Block

Batch #: 1

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





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## Italian / Munter hitch

Slow Pull Test Fric	ion Test Drop Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)

### **Test setup**

- Figure-8 on a bight on load end
- First slip is thumb/finger holding
- Limiting friction is max one gloved dominant hand holding

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pin and 12mm steel carabiner

Date	#	Туре	First Slip (kN)	Limiting friction (kN)
2/07/20	6	Munter / Italian	0.54	1.41
2/07/20	7	Double Munter / Italian	1.37	3.85
14/09/20	5	Munter / Italian + redirect carabiner	0.69	1.29
14/09/20	6	Double Munter / Italian + redirect carabiner	1.55	4.08



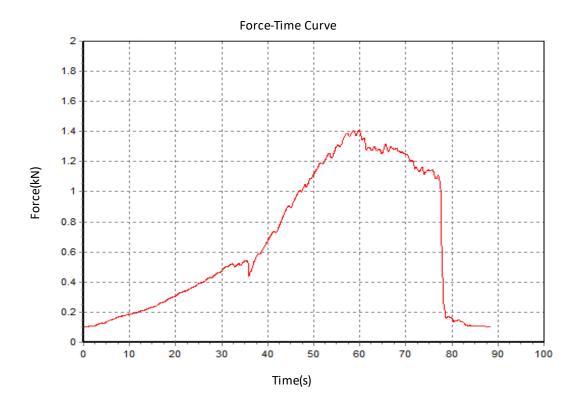
Thursday, 2 July 2020 Test Date:

Limiting Friction (kN): 1.41

> **Product Name:** Single Munter One gloved hand

> > Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Sport Classic



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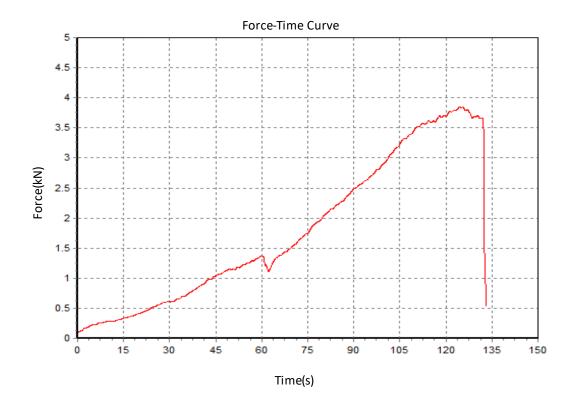
Test Date: Thursday, 2 July 2020

Limiting Friction (kN): 3.85

> **Product Name:** Double Munter One gloved hand

> > Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI Sport Classic



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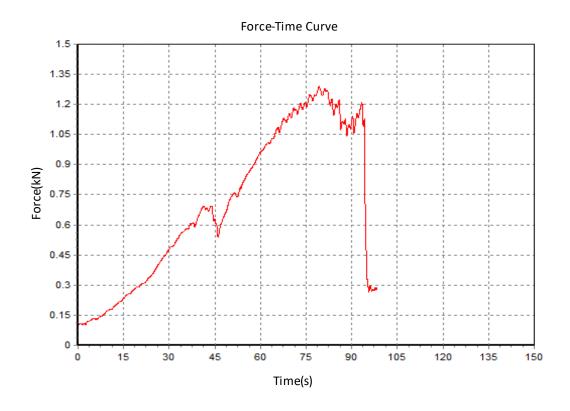
Monday, 14 September 2020 Test Date:

Limiting Friction (kN): 1.29

> **Product Name:** Single Munter + Redirect Carabiner

> > Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI maxwear rope



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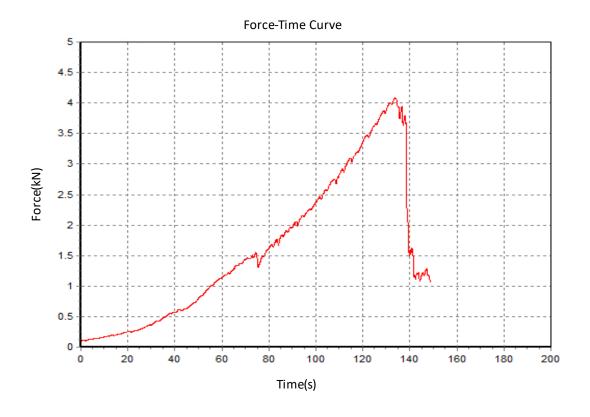
Test Date: Monday, 14 September 2020

Limiting Friction (kN):

**Product Name:** Double munter + redirect carabiner

Batch #:

Material: 10mm PMI maxwear rope



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## Figure-8 in front of 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)
- Petzl Huit figure-8 device
- Aspiring 16mm webbing (12.5kN)

### **Test setup**

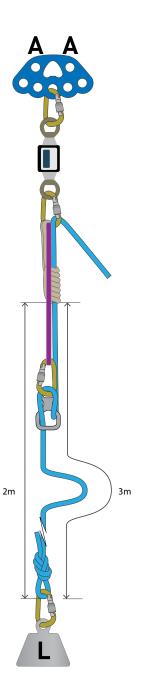
- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
19/09/21	4	11.94	Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 20cm, Prusik releasable
19/09/21	6	12.32	Caught load, 2cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 16cm, Prusik releasable
23/09/21	1	12.17	Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, slip at device 18cm, Prusik releasable
Aver	age	12.14	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 19/09/21 #4 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Sunday, 19 September, 2021

**Test #:** 4

**Product Name:** 8mm 6on1 ASP VT Prusik, single rope,

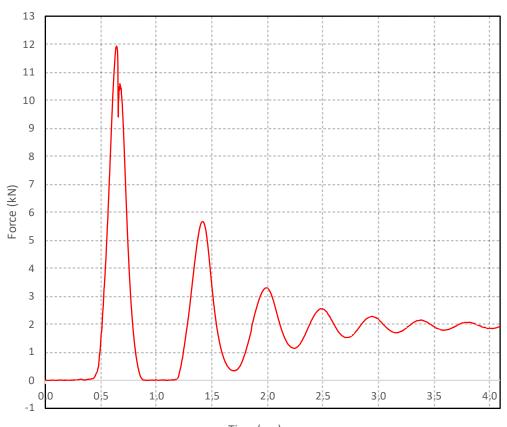
Fig-8 device on 60cm extension

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 11.94kN

#### Force-Time Curve



Time (sec)

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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





## 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

## **Test setup**

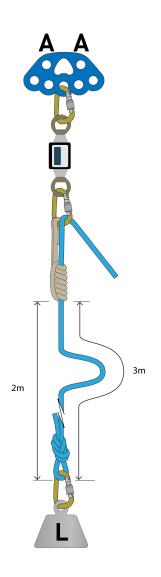
- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
9/08/19	5	10.10	Caught load, 14.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
9/08/19	6	10.38	Caught load, 9cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused
18/04/21	2*	10.42	Caught load, 17cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
Aver	age	10.30	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 18/04/21 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Wednesday, 18 April, 2021

**Test #:** 2

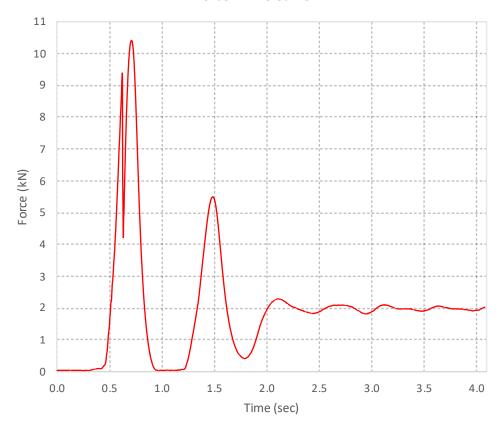
**Product Name:** 8mm 6on1 Aspiring VT Prusik, single rope

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 10.42kN

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## 8mm Aspiring VT Prusik 5-on-1 single rope

Slow Pull Test Friction Test Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

### **Test setup**

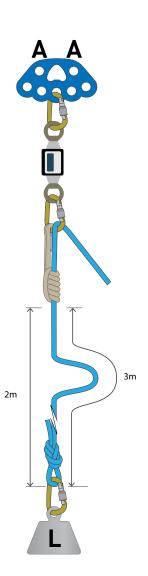
- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Single rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Max arrest force (kN)	Comments
29/03/20	3*	9.68	Caught load, 51cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
18/04/21	3	9.14	Caught load, 35.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. Start length 25 end 36cm diff 11cm
18/04/21	4	7.26	Caught load, 82cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
Aver	age	8.69	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 29/03/20 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Sunday, 29 March, 2020

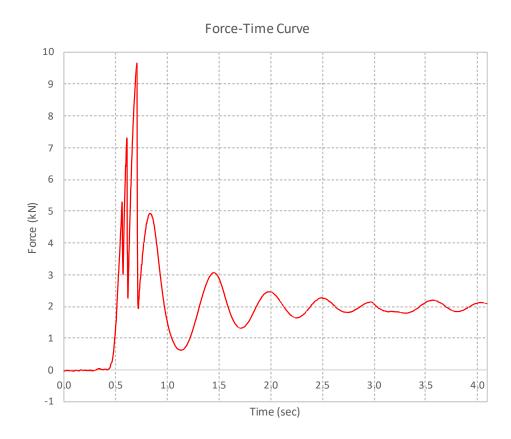
**Test #:** 3

**Product Name:** 5-on-1 8mm VT Prusik, single rope

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 9.68kN



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





## Fig-8 device with 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 in front two rope

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)
- Petzl Huit
- Aspiring 16mm webbing (12.5kN)

### **Test setup**

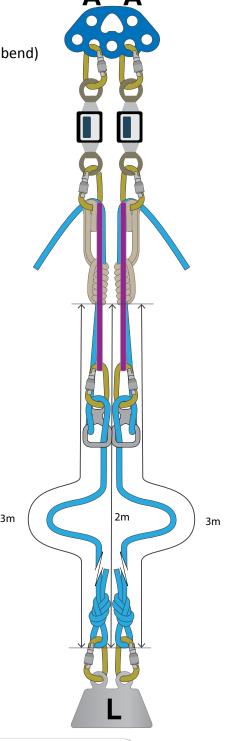
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 device low friction on a 60cm extension 16mm webbing (tape bend)
- Figure-8 knot on a bight on one end

### **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
20/08/21	3	6.62	5.90	12.52	R1: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 13cm slip at device. R2: Caught load, 1cm slip at Prusik, Prusik releasable, 12.5cm slip at device.

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 20/08/21 #3 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test Date: Friday, 20 August, 2021

**Test #:** 3

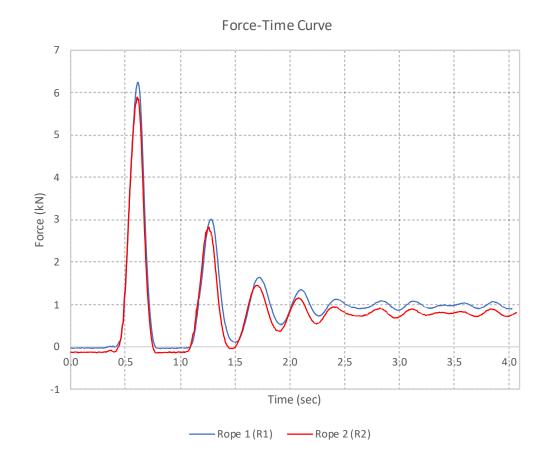
**Product Name:** Fig-8 device in front of 6-on-1 8mm VT

Prusik, two rope

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 12.52kN (R1 = 6.62, R2 = 5.90)



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





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## 8mm VT Prusik 6-on-1 two rope

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

## **Test setup**

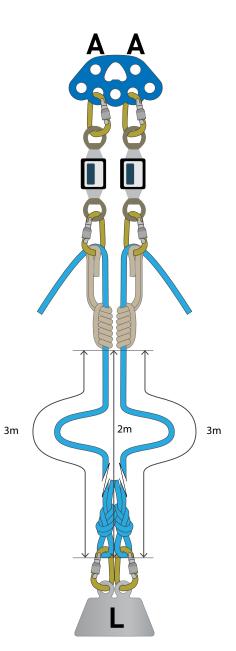
- 8mm VT sewn
- 6-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
29/03/20	2*	6.80	5.98	12.78	R1: Caught load, 4.5cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
20/08/21	1	6.36	6.20	12.56	R1: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
20/08/21	2	7.62	5.20	12.82	R1: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused. R2: Caught load, 3cm slip at Prusik, Prusik fused.
Average		6.93	5.79	12.72	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 29/03/20 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test date: Sunday, 29 March, 2020

**Test #:** 2

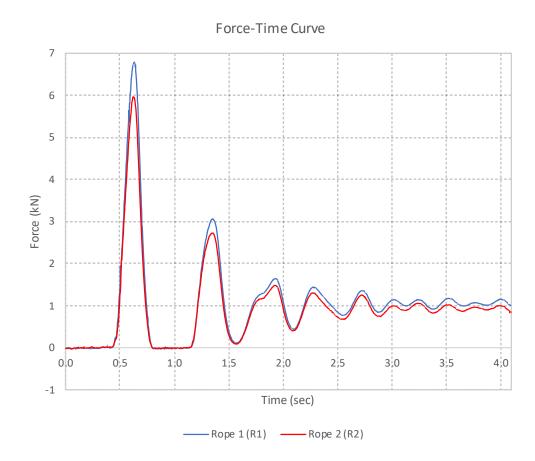
**Product name:** 6-on-1 8mm VT Prusik, two rope,

Prusik on each rope

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

**Test type:** 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 12.78kN (R1 = 6.8, R2 = 5.98)



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





## 8mm VT Prusik 5-on-1 two rope

#### **Materials**

- PMI 10mm Classic Sport (27kN)
- Aspiring 8mm VT (20kN)

## **Test setup**

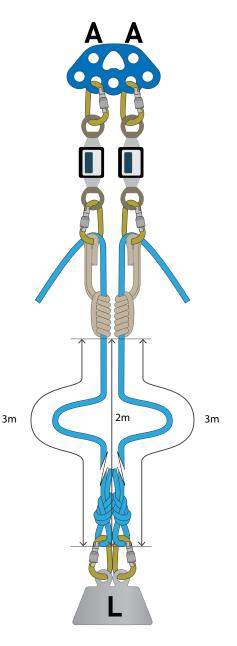
- 8mm VT sewn
- 5-on-1 Schwabisch asymmetric Prusik
- Figure-8 on a bight on one end

## **Test parameters**

- 1m drop on 3m of rope (3m measured from Prusik)
- 200kg mass
- Two rope
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners

Date	#	Rope 1 (kN)	Rope 2 (kN)	Total (kN)	Comments
29/03/20	1*	6.32	6.30	12.62	R1: Caught load, 10cm slip
					at Prusik, Prusik fused.
					R2: Caught load, 10cm slip
					at Prusik, Prusik fused.

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 29/03/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.





Test date: Sunday, 29 March, 2020

**Test #:** 1

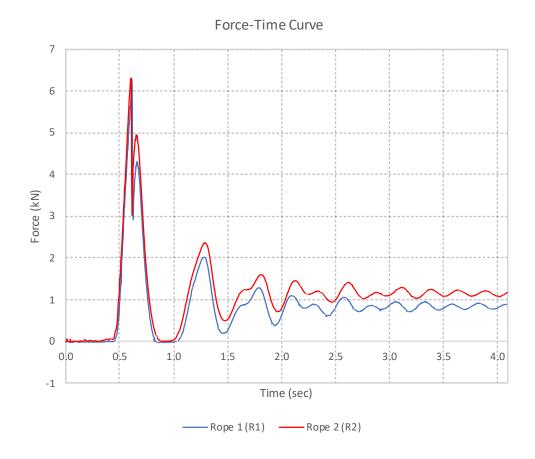
**Product name:** 5-on-1 8mm VT Prusik, two rope,

Prusik on each rope

Material: 10mm PMI Classic Sport

Test type: 1m drop 3m of rope, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 12.62kN (R1 = 6.32, R2 = 6.30)



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## Appendix 2: PMI Classic Sport 10mm





# **Appendix 3: PMI 8mm Accessory Cord**

## Loop - double fisherman's bend 8mm

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm cord (14.3kN)

### **Test setup**

• 8mm cord tied in a loop with a double fisherman's bend

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

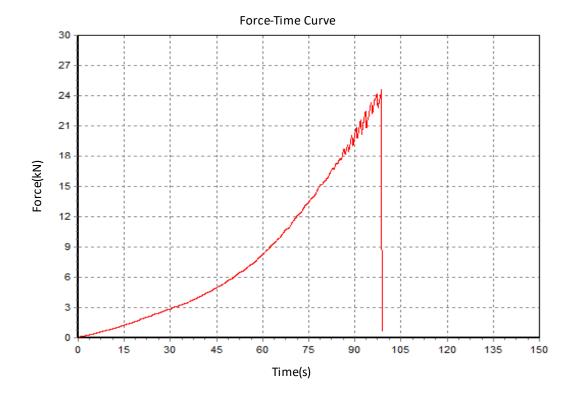
Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	25*	24.60	Broke at the pin
22/10/20	26	22.43	Broke at the pin
22/10/20	27	24.44	Broke at the bend
Average 2		23.82	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #25 of the testing shown on the following pages.



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## Loop - figure-8 rethread bend 8mm

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm cord (14.3kN)

### **Test setup**

• 8mm cord tied in a loop with a figure-8 rethread bend

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
16/11/20	10*	20.68	Broke at the bend
16/11/20	11	19.91	Broke at the bend
16/11/20	12	20.43	Broke at the bend
Average 20		20.34	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.



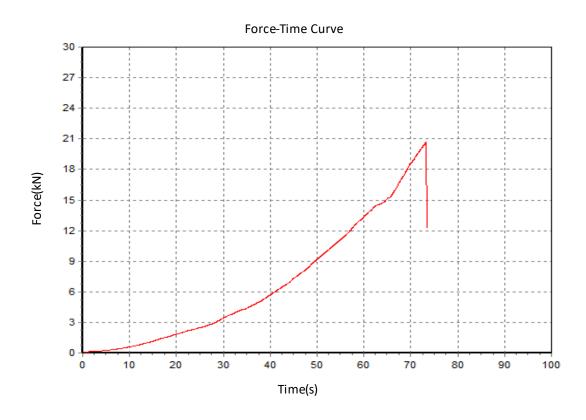
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

Max Force (kN): 20.68

**Product Name:** Fig-8 rethread bend loop

Batch #: 10

Material: 8mm PMI Accessory Cord



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## Wrap 3 Pull 2, 8mm cord

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm cord (14.3kN)

### **Test setup**

- 8mm cord tied as a wrap 3 pull 2 on a 30mm pin
- 8mm cord tied in a loop with a double fisherman's bend

### **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 30mm pin and a steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
16/11/20	17*	36.59	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	18	35.62	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	19	33.68	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
Average 35.30		35.30	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #17 of the testing shown on the following pages.



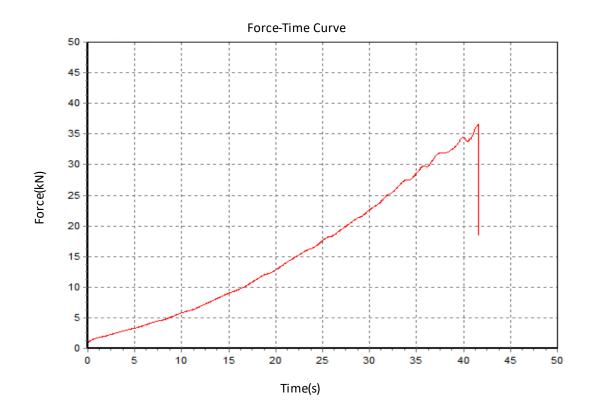
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

**Max Force (kN):** 36.59

**Product Name:** W3P2 double fisherman's

Batch #: 17

Material: 8mm PMI Accessory Cord



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# Wrap 2 Pull 2, 8mm cord

Slow Pull Test Friction Test Drop Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm cord (14.3kN)

# **Test setup**

- 8mm cord tied as a wrap 2 pull 2 on a 30mm pin
- 8mm cord tied in a loop with a double fisherman's bend

# **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 30mm pin and a steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
16/11/20	21*	28.58	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	22	29.10	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	23	30.93	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
Av	erage	29.54	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #21 of the testing shown on the following pages.



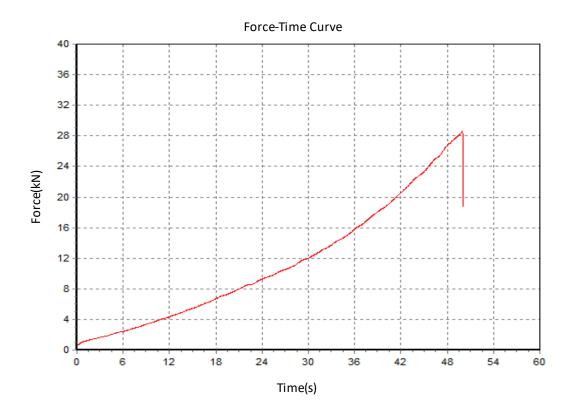
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

**Max Force (kN):** 28.58

**Product Name:** W2P2 double fisherman's

Batch #: 21

Material: 8mm PMI Accessory Cord



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# 2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 8mm cord

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm cord (14.3kN)

# **Test setup**

- · Focal point tied with an overhand knot
- 8mm cord tied in a loop with a double fisherman's bend
- Double strand anchor legs

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiner attached 10mm rapides the outside holes of a medium sized rigging plate

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	7*	25.73	Broke at fixed overhand, top side 1 strand, leg without bend
22/10/20	8	23.45	Broke at fixed overhand, top side 1 strand, leg without bend
22/10/20	9	24.24	Broke at fixed overhand, top side 1 strand, leg without bend
Av	erage	24.47	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #7 of the testing shown on the following pages.



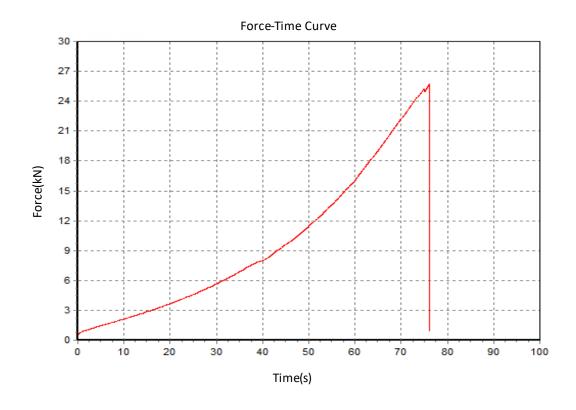
Test Date: Thursday, 22 October, 2020

Max Force (kN): 25.73

Product Name: 2pt fixed anchor overhand

Batch #:

Material: 8mm PMI cord



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# 2-point anchor, floating focal, 1 strand, 1 carabiner

<del>Side to Side Tests</del>	<del>Drop Test</del>	Slow Pull Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm nylon accessory cord

# **Test setup**

- Loops joined with a double fisherman's bend in cord.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart...

## **Test parameters**

- 2-point anchor attached to the outside holes of a 5 hole rigging plate.
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiner and 10mm rapides.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Breaking force (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	10*	18.32	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom side, leg without bend
22/10/20	11	18.45	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom side, leg without bend
22/10/20	12	18.30	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom side, leg without bend
Av	erage	18.36	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.



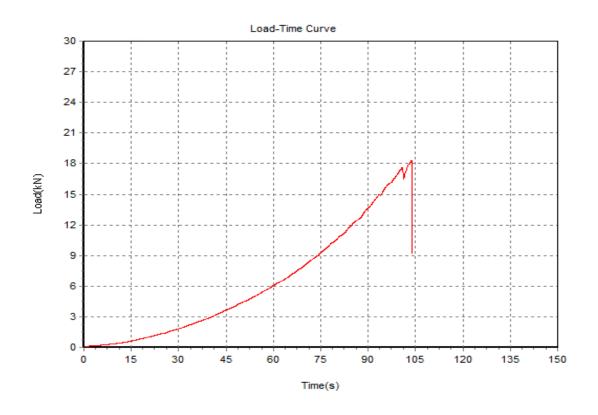
Test Date: Thursday, 22 October, 2020

Break Force (kN): 18.32

**Product Name:** 2pt anchor floating single strand

Batch #: 10

Material: 8mm PMI cord



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# 2-point anchor, floating focal, 2 strands, 2 carabiner

Side to Side Tests	<del>Drop Test</del>	Slow Pull Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm nylon accessory cord

# **Test setup**

- Loops joined with a double fisherman's bend in cord.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart..

## **Test parameters**

- 2-point anchor attached to the outside holes of a 5 hole rigging plate.
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners and 10mm rapides.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Breaking force (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	13*	27.96	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom and top, leg without bend
22/10/20	14	30.74	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom and top, leg without bend
22/10/20	15	30.14	Broke at limiting overhand, bottom and top, leg without bend
Av	erage	29.61	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #13 of the testing shown on the following pages.



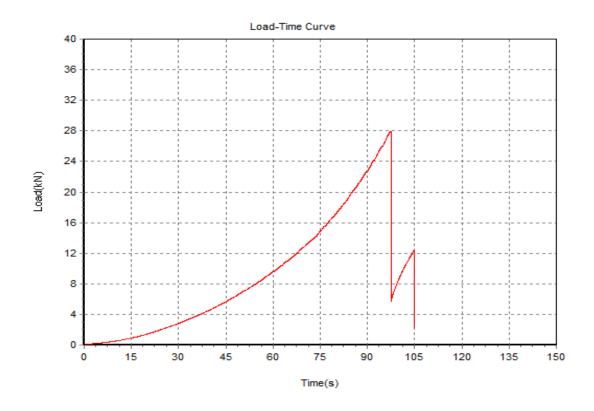
Test Date: Thursday, 22 October, 2020

Break Force (kN): 27.96

**Product Name:** 2pt anchor floating 2 strand 2 biners

**Batch #:** 13

Material: 8mm PMI cord



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# Fixed focal, 1 carabiner, 2 strands clipped, 90cm sling

Side to Side Tests Drop Test Slow Pull Test
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### **Materials**

• PMI 8mm nylon cord

## **Test setup**

- Loops joined with double fisherman's bend in cord.
- Tied overhand knot at focal point.
- 200kg mass (approx 1.96kN).
- 0cm drop.

## **Test parameters**

- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners.
- Dropped on the side of the bend and side without the bend.
- Ext. = Extension of the RHS from start length with the load in place pre-drop to finish length post-drop with the load still hanging, including the leg and loop.

### Results - side with bend

Date	#	Start RHS (cm)	End RHS (cm)	Ext. RHS (cm)	Predrop LHS (kN)	Predrop RHS (kN)	Post drop RHS (kN)	Diff. RHS (kN)
16/10/20	7*	30.50	33.50	3.00	1.00	0.86	2.58	1.72
16/10/20	8	30.50	34.50	4.00	1.00	0.86	2.62	1.76
16/10/20	9	32.00	36.00	4.00	0.94	0.94	2.58	1.64
Ave	rage			3.67			2.59	1.71

<sup>\*</sup> Sample #7 of the testing shown on the following 2 pages.

### Results – side without bend

Date	#	Start RHS	End RHS	Ext. RHS	Predrop	Predrop	Post drop	Diff. RHS
		(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	LHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	(kN)
3/12/20	7*	32.00	34.50	2.50	0.98	1.10	2.90	1.80
3/12/20	8	32.00	34.00	2.00	1.00	1.06	2.64	1.58
3/12/20	9	32.00	34.00	2.00	1.04	1.06	2.82	1.76
Ave	rage			2.17			2.79	1.71

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 3/12/20 #7 of the testing shown on the following pages.



**Test Date:** Friday, 16 October, 2020

**Test #:** 7

**Product Name:** 2-point fixed anchor, overhand knot, double

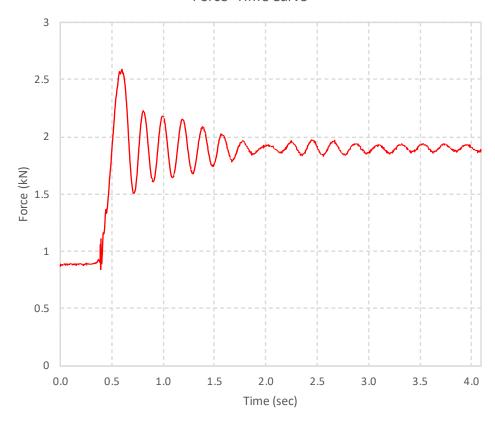
fisherman's bend, 90cm sling

Material: 8mm PMI cord

**Test type:** Drop 0cm, side with bend, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 2.58kN





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**Test Date:** Thursday, 3 December, 2020

**Test #:** 7

**Product Name:** 2-point fixed anchor, overhand knot, double

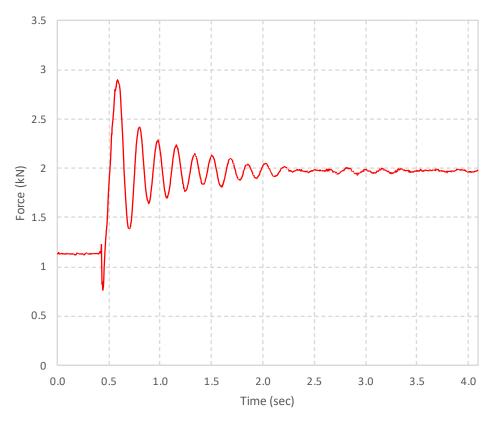
fisherman's bend, 90cm sling

Material: 8mm PMI cord

Test type: Drop 0cm, side without bend, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 2.90kN





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# 2-point, floating focal, 1 carabiner, 1 strand clipped

Side to Side Tests Drop Test Slow Pull Test
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### **Materials**

PMI 8mm nylon cord

## **Test setup**

- 90cm sling
- Loops joined with double fisherman's bend in cord.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart.
- 200kg mass (approx 1.96kN).
- 10cm drop.

## **Test parameters**

- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners.
- Dropped on the side of the bend and side without the bend.
- Ext. = Extension of the RHS from start length with the load in place pre-drop to finish length post-drop with the load still hanging, including the leg and loop.

### Results - side with bend

Date	#	Start RHS	End RHS	Ext. RHS	Predrop	Predrop	Post drop	Diff. RHS
		(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	LHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	(kN)
20/10/20	10*	41.00	62.00	21.00	1.06	0.88	4.40	3.52
20/10/20	11	42.00	64.00	22.00	1.12	0.84	5.24	4.40
20/10/20	12	42.00	63.00	21.00	1.08	0.86	5.24	4.38
Average				21.33			4.96	4.10

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 20/10/20 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.

### Results – side without bend

Date	#	Start RHS (cm)	End RHS (cm)	Ext. RHS (cm)	Predrop LHS (kN)	Predrop RHS (kN)	Post drop RHS (kN)	Diff. RHS (kN)
1/11/20	1	37.00	53.00	16.00	0.96	0.98	5.96	4.98
1/11/20	2*	38.00	55.00	17.00	0.94	0.96	5.76	4.80
1/11/20	3	39.00	55.00	16.00	0.94	0.94	4.64	3.70
Average				16.33			5.45	4.49

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 1/11/20 #2 of the testing shown on the following pages.



**Test Date:** Tuesday, 20 October, 2020

**Test #:** 10

**Product Name:** 2-point floating, 1 strand,1 biner,

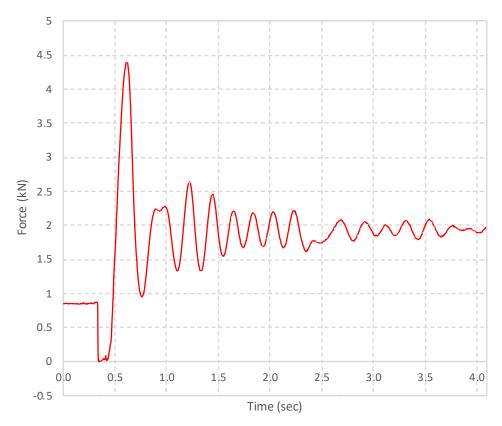
overhand limiting knots, d. fisherman's

Material: 8mm PMI cord

**Test type:** Drop 10cm, fail onto bend side, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 4.40kN





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Test Date: Sunday, 1 November, 2020

**Test #:** 2

**Product Name:** 2-point floating, 1 strand, 1 biner, o/h

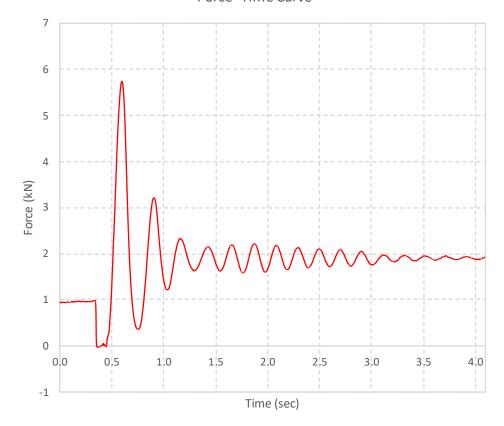
limiting knots, d. fish. bend, 90cm sling

Material: 8mm PMI cord

Test type: Drop 10cm, side without bend, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 5.76kN





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# **Appendix 4: Edelrid 25mm Tubular Webbing**

# Single strand: Overhand on a bight

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

### **Materials**

• Edelrid tubular webbing 25mm (20kN)

## **Test setup**

• 25mm webbing tied with an overhand on a bight knot

# **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	Breaking strength (kN)	Comments
28/8/19	1*	12.11	Broke at overhand
28/8/19	2	11.14	Broke at overhand
28/8/19	3	11.77	Broke at overhand
Average		11.67	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 20/08/19 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages.



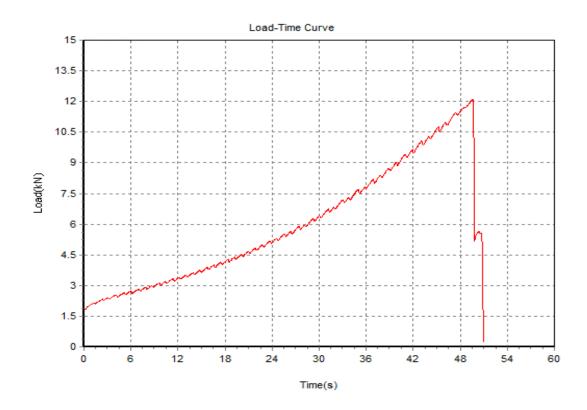
**Test Date:** Wednesday, 28 August, 2019

Peak Load (kN): 12.11

**Product Name:** Overhand on a bight 1 strand

Batch #:

Material: Edelrid 25mm webbing



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# Loop: Tape bend

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

### **Materials**

• Edelrid 25mm tubular webbing (20kN)

# **Test setup**

• 25mm webbing tied into a sling with a Tape bend

# **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm pins

Date	#	Breaking strength (kN)	Comments
20/08/19	13*	28.34	Broke at tape/overhand bend
20/08/19	14	27.44	Broke at tape/overhand bend
20/08/19	15	27.71	Broke at tape/overhand bend
Average		27.83	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 20/08/19 #13 of the testing shown on the following pages.



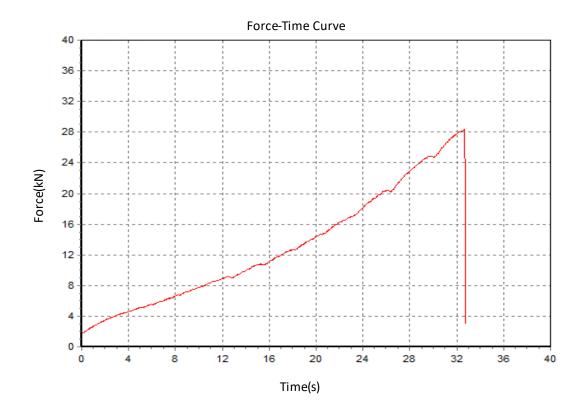
Test Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2019

Max Force (kN): 28.34

Product Name: Loop - Tape bend

Batch #: 13

Material: 25mm Edelrid Webbing



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# Appendix 4: Edelrid 25mm Tubular Webbing





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# Wrap 3 Pull 2, 25mm webbing

### **Materials**

• Edelrid 25mm X tube (20kN) webbing

# **Test setup**

- 25mm webbing tied as a wrap 3 pull 2 on a 30mm pin
- 25mm webbing tied in a loop with a tape/overhand rethread bend

# **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 30mm pin and a steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
16/11/20	24*	46.36	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	25	39.51	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	26	34.37	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
Average		40.08	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #24 of the testing shown on the following pages.



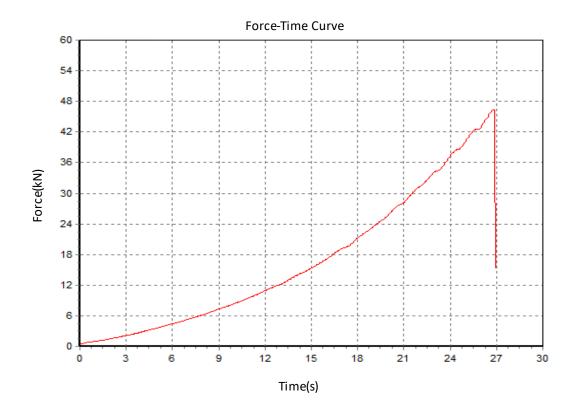
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

Max Force (kN): 46.36

**Product Name:** W3P2 tape bend

> Batch #: 24

Material: 25mm Edelrid Webbing



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# Appendix 4: Edelrid 25mm Tubular Webbing





# Wrap 2 Pull 2, 25mm webbing

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

### **Materials**

• Edelrid 25mm X tube (20kN) webbing

# **Test setup**

- 25mm webbing tied as a wrap 2 pull 2 on a 30mm pin
- 25mm webbing tied in a loop with a tape/overhand rethread bend

# **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 30mm pin and a steel carabiner

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
16/11/20	27*	37.39	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	28	38.46	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
16/11/20	29	37.94	Broke 1 strand at the carabiner
Average		37.93	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/11/20 #27\* of the testing shown on the following pages.



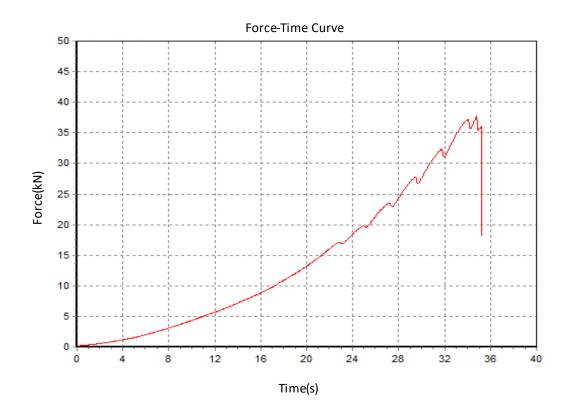
Test Date: Monday, 16 November 2020

Max Force (kN):

**Product Name:** W2P2 tape bend

> Batch #: 27

Material: 25mm Edelrid Webbing



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# 2-point anchor fixed focal, overhand knot, 25mm webbing

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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### **Materials**

Edelrid 25mm X tube (20kN) webbing

# **Test setup**

- Focal point tied with an overhand knot
- 25mm webbing tied in a loop with a tape/overhand rethread bend
- Double strand anchor legs

## **Test parameters**

- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute
- Tested between 12mm steel carabiner attached 10mm rapides the outside holes of a medium sized rigging plate

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
20/08/19	32	34.89	Broke 12mm steel carabiner
20/08/19	33*	37.46	Broke at fixed overhand, 1 strand, leg without bend
20/08/19	34	36.34	Broke at fixed overhand, 1 strand, leg without bend
Average		36.23	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 20/08/19 #33 of the testing shown on the following pages.



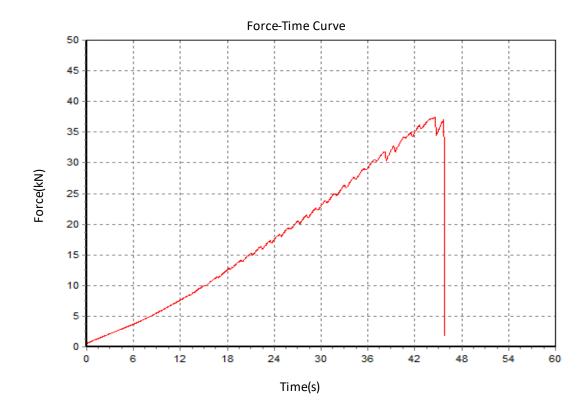
Test Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2019

**Max Force (kN):** 37.46

**Product Name:** 2pt load sharing overhand

**Batch #:** 33

Material: 25mm Edelrid webbing



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# Appendix 4: Edelrid 25mm Tubular Webbing





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# **Appendix 5: CT 8.2mm Dynamic Rope**

# Loop

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
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### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm nylon dynamic half rope.

# **Test setup**

Loops sewn.

# **Test parameters**

- Tested between 12mm pins.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Breaking strength (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	22*	23.00	Broke at stitching
22/10/20	23	21.98	Broke at stitching
22/10/20	24	22.42	Broke at stitching
Average		22.47	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #22 of the testing shown on the following pages

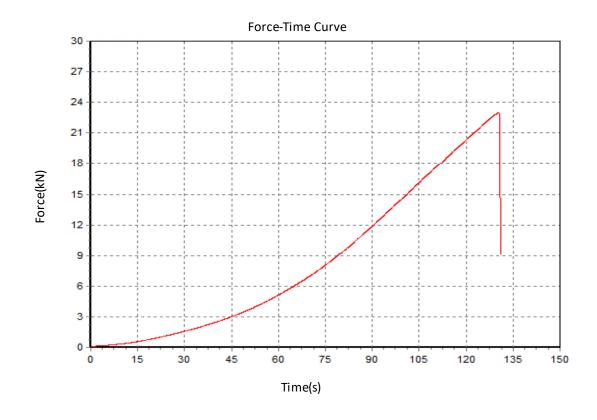


Test Date: Thursday, 22 October, 2020

Max Force (kN): 23.00 Product Name: Loop sewn

**Batch #:** 22

Material: 8.2mm CT Dynamic cord



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# 2 point anchor, fixed focal, 2 strands, 1 carabiner

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test
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#### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm nylon dynamic rope.

# Test setup

- Loops sewn.
- Tied overhand focal knot.

# **Test parameters**

- 2-point anchor attached to the outside holes of a 5 hole rigging plate.
- Tested between 12mm pin and 10mm rapides.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Breaking force (kN)	Comments
22/10/20	1*	30.08	Broke at fixed overhand, both strands, bottom leg
22/10/20	2	29.66	Broke at fixed overhand, both strands, bottom leg
22/10/20 3 30.97		30.97	Broke at fixed overhand, both strands, bottom leg
Average 30.24		30.24	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 22/10/20 #1 of the testing shown on the following pages



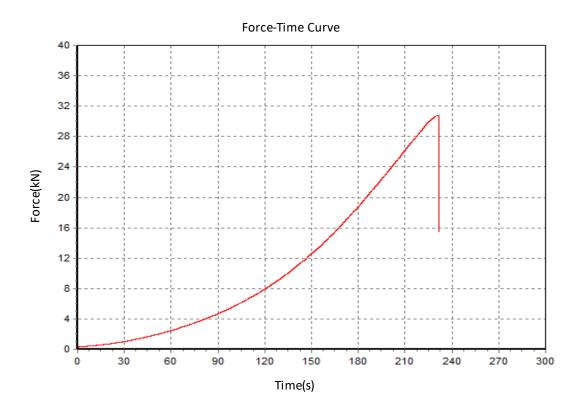
Test Date: Thursday, 22 October, 2020

Max Force (kN): 30.80

2pt anchor fixed overhand Product Name:

Batch #:

Material: 8.2mm CT Dynamic



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# 2 point anchor, floating focal, 1 strand, 1 carabiner

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test

#### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm nylon dynamic rope.

# Test setup

- Loops sewn.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart

# **Test parameters**

- 2-point anchor attached to the outside holes of a 5 hole rigging plate.
- Tested between 12mm pin and 10mm rapides.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
24/05/19	12	18.73	Broke at limiting overhand, 1 strand, on the sewn leg
17/10/19	13*	17.84	Broke at limiting overhand, 1 strand, on the sewn leg
17/10/19	14	17.63	Broke at limiting overhand, 1 strand, on the sewn leg
Average 18.07		18.07	

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 17/10/19 #13 of the testing shown on the following pages.



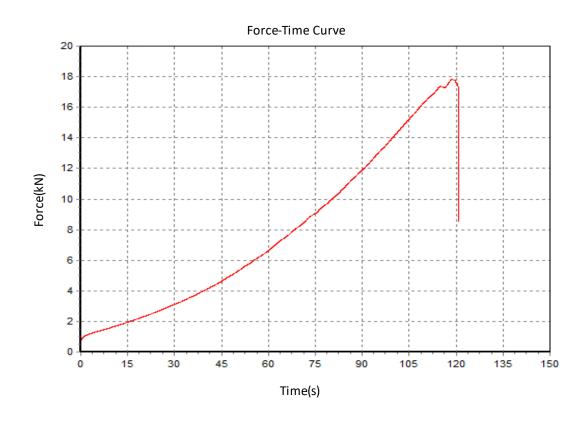
Test Date: Thursday, 17 October 2019

**Max Force (kN):** 17.84

**Product Name:** Two point floating 1 stand clipped 1 biner

Batch #: 13

Material: 8.2mm CT Dymanic half



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# 2 point anchor, floating focal, 2 strand, 2 carabiners

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	<del>Drop Test</del>
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#### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm nylon dynamic rope.

# **Test setup**

- Loops sewn.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart

# **Test parameters**

- 2-point anchor attached to the outside holes of a 5 hole rigging plate.
- Tested between 12mm pin and 10mm rapides.
- Slow pull speed 100mm/minute.

Date	#	Max force (kN)	Comments
17/10/19	15*	32.41	Broke at limiting overhand, both strands, on the sewn leg
17/10/19	16	30.36	Broke at limiting overhand, both strands, on the sewn leg
17/10/19 17 31.81		31.81	Broke at limiting overhand, both strands, on the sewn leg
Av	Average 31.53		

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 17/10/19 #15 of the testing shown on the following pages.



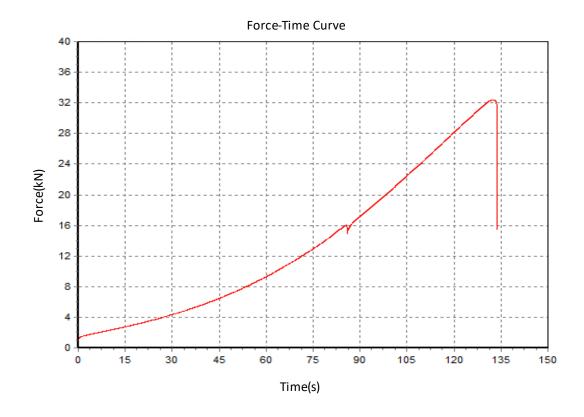
Test Date: Thursday, 17 October 2019

Max Force (kN): 32.41

**Product Name:** Two point floating 2 stand clipped 2 biner

Batch #: 15

Material: 8.2mm CT Dymanic half



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# Fixed focal, 1 carabiner, 2 strands clipped, 90cm sling

Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test	
Slow Pull Test	Friction Test	Drop Test	

#### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm dynamic rope

# **Test setup**

- Loop sewn.
- Tied overhand knot at focal point.
- 200kg mass (approx 1.96kN).
- 0cm drop.

# **Test parameters**

- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners.
- Dropped on the side of the bend and side without the bend.
- Ext. = Extension of the RHS from start length with the load in place pre-drop to finish length post-drop with the load still hanging, including the leg and loop.

#### Results - side with bend

Date	#	Start RHS (cm)	End RHS (cm)	Ext. RHS (cm)	Predrop LHS (kN)	Predrop RHS (kN)	Post drop RHS (kN)	Diff. RHS (kN)
11/12/20	16*	37.00	40.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.46	1.46
11/12/20	17	39.00	42.00	3.00	0.98	1.00	2.48	1.48
11/12/20	18	40.00	44.00	4.00	0.98	1.00	2.42	1.42
A۱	erage			3.33			2.45	1.45

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 11/12/20 #16 of the testing shown on the following pages.

#### Results – side without bend

Date	#	Start RHS	End RHS	Ext. RHS	Predrop	Predrop	Post drop	Diff. RHS
		(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	LHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	(kN)
16/10/20	10*	24.00	27.00	3.00	0.84	1.06	2.34	1.28
16/10/20	11	26.00	29.50	3.50	0.96	0.94	2.38	1.44
16/10/20	12	18.00	22.00	4.00	0.90	1.02	2.46	1.44
Av	erage			3.50			2.39	1.39

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 16/10/20 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.



Test Date: Friday, 11 December, 2020

**Test #:** 16

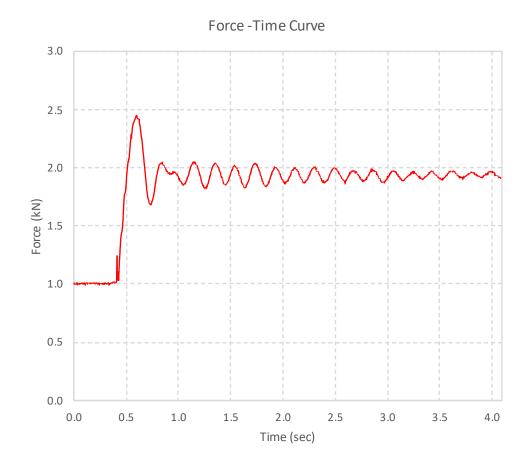
**Product Name:** 2-point fixed, overhand knot, stitched,

90cm sling

Material: 8.2mm CT Dynamic Rope

Test type: Drop 0cm, side without stitching, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 2.46kN



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Test Date: Friday, 16 October, 2020

**Test #:** 10

**Product Name:** 2-point fixed anchor, overhand knot, sewn,

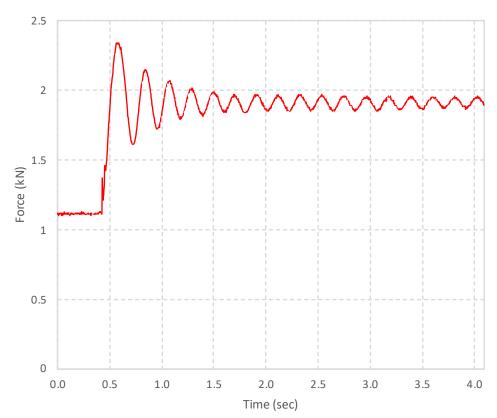
90cm sling

Material: 8mm CT dynamic rope

Test type: Drop 0cm, side with stitching, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 2.34kN

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# Floating focal, 1 carabiner, 1 strand clipped, 90cm sling

#### **Materials**

• CT 8.2mm dynamic rope.

# **Test setup**

- Loops sewn together.
- Tied two overhand limiting knots at 20cm apart.
- 200kg mass (approx 1.96kN).
- 10cm drop.

# **Test parameters**

- Tested between 12mm steel carabiners.
- Dropped on the side of the stitching and side without stitching.
- Ext. = Extension of the RHS from start length with the load in place pre-drop to finish length post-drop with the load still hanging, including the leg and loop.

# Results - side without stitching

Date	#	Start RHS (cm)	End RHS (cm)	Ext. RHS (cm)	Predrop LHS (kN)	Predrop RHS (kN)	Post drop RHS (kN)	Diff. RHS (kN)
3/11/20	13*	48.00	72.00	24.00	1.00	1.00	3.80	2.80
3/11/20	14	48.00	72.50	24.50	1.00	0.96	3.90	2.94
3/11/20	15	46.00	73.00	27.00	1.00	0.98	4.00	3.02
Average				25.17			3.90	2.92

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 3/11/20 #13 of the testing shown on the following pages.

# Results - side with stitching

Date	#	Start RHS	End RHS	Ext. RHS	Predrop	Predrop	Post drop	Diff. RHS
		(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	LHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	RHS (kN)	(kN)
28/10/19	10*	46.00	75.00	29.00	1.08	0.94	4.20	3.26
28/10/19	11	45.00	72.50	27.50	1.08	0.94	4.20	3.26
28/10/19	12	48.00	72.00	24.00	1.08	0.92	4.18	3.26
Average				26.83			4.19	3.26

<sup>\*</sup> Sample 28/10/1 #10 of the testing shown on the following pages.



**Test Date:** Tuesday, 3 November, 2020

**Test #:** 13

**Product Name:** 2-point floating, 1 strand, 1 biner, o/h

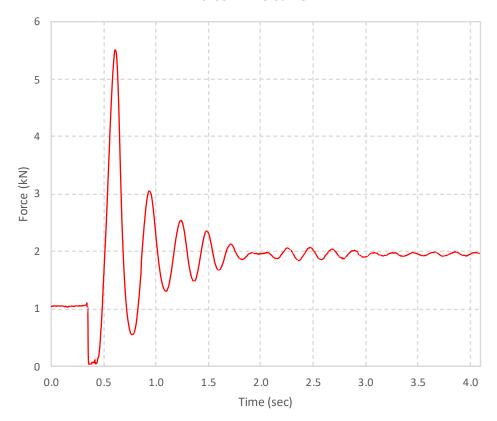
limiting knots, sewn, 90cm sling

Material: 8.2mm CT dynamic rope

Test type: Drop 10cm, side without stitching, 200kg

Max arrest force (kN): 3.80kN





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Appendix 5: CT 8.2mm Dynamic Rope

