Tapered Premium 8 Plait To Chain

Note: All markings for production splicing shall be made with permanent, water resistant markers to prevent "Bleed-through". Marking shall be made as small as possible and shall not be visible on the final product.

Figure 1

Step #1

Beginning the Splice

First, lay out rope on a flat surface and count 12 Picks (crowns) from one end towards standing part of rope. Place a wrap of twine around the rope at this point and tie tightly (a double overhand knot would suffice).

Figure 2

Step #2

Using the felt tip marker to mark the left rotating S-direction strands at the bitter end.

Figure 3

Step #3

Turn the rope over and mark the S-direction strands on the other side as well.
Figure 4

Step #4
Just past the tied wrap of twine, mark the first full set of S-direction strands.

Note: for these marks you may want to use Chalk so that it will brush off after the splice is completed.

Figure 5

Step #5
Turning the rope over to mark the S-direction strands on the other side as well.

Figure 6

Step #6
Stand Separation
Remove tape from end of rope. Unlay (untwist) the rope a short distance and tightly wrap tape around the end of each individual strand. Continue unlaying the rope to wrap of twine. Make sure not to mix or twist them, keeping the strand pairs together.
**Figure 7**

*Step #7*
Tape the ends of the stand pairs together.

**Figure 8**

*Step #8*
Strand Insertion through chain link
Setup one pair of S-direction and one pair of Z-direction strands on each side of the chain link.

**Figure 9**

*Step #9*
Pass strands through the link from opposite sides in an alternating fashion
Step #10

Initial Strand Tuck

Note: Prior to beginning tucks, insert small fid (1/4” or equivalent) between the throat of the splice and the chain link.

To do the first tuck, using a fid, slightly raise a single pair of un-marked Z-direction strands on top of the standing part just below the twine so as to make clearance. Then tuck the first pair of marked S-direction strands under those Z-direction strands (as shown below). Pull strand snug, but not tight enough to distort lay of rope. Make sure you do not disturb the lay of the pairs (do not twist them).

Step# 11

Now turn the rope over; using a fid, slightly raise the single pair of un-marked Z-direction strands that are on the opposite side from the pair used on the previous step. Then tuck the second pair of marked S-direction strands under those Z-direction strands (as shown). Pull snug but not tight enough to distort lay of rope.
Step #12

Raise the single pair of marked S-direction strands. Then tuck the pair of un-marked Z-direction strands under those S-direction strands (as shown below). Pull snug but not tight enough to distort lay of rope.

Step #13

Now turn the eye over again; raise the single pair of marked S-direction strands that are on the opposite side from the pair used on the previous step. Then tuck the remaining pair of un-marked Z-direction strands under those S-direction strands (as shown below). Pull all strand pairs snug to the chain.
Step #14

Strand Tucks

The method for the next series of tucks is to go over a strand pair then under a strand pair. In this splice, when you go over a strand pair you need to follow the braid of the rope (as shown in photo). So, essentially you are doubling up the braid from two strands to four.

Perform this second set of tucks with all four strand pairs. Then pull the strands firmly while avoiding twisting of the strands.

Step #15

Taper

After the second full tuck, cut off one strand from each pair.

Note: the strand to cut from each pair is the strand closest to the chain.

The tail of the cut strand should be at least one rope diameter long and/or as long as need be to ensure it will not be drawn back into the rope when under load.

Step #16

Tuck all four (4) of the split strand pairs an additional two (2) tuck, following the method described above.
Figure 17

**Step #17**

Next, tuck only two (2) of the strands two (2) more time (1 “S” and 1 “Z”)

Figure 18

**Step #18**

Remove the fid and pull all strands snug one final time.

**Finishing the splice**

Using a hot knife, trim strands to a length equal to the ropes diameter.