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## ROPES - which one do you use

Posted by JerseyGirl - 06/04/2007 06:25pm

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Hello to all - I am just about ready to purchase a rope - my first ever. I have climbed with several and have sat in a show room tying knots in others:

safety blue, fly, velocity, blaze, hi-v - poison ivy, to name a few.

i know each is different - i like hi-v.

Is anyone climbing on this - what is your opinion?

should i order with the spliced eye or not.

thanks

jz

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Posted by Sitka - 06/04/2007 07:01pm

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i have poison ivy with a spliced eye and I like it very much, almost too much . . . i'm so afraid of wrecking it that I usually end up climbing one of my beat up lines, saving my poison ivy for that magic perfect climbing tree that i'm always looking for.

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## Blaze for Me

Posted by Oldtimer - 06/05/2007 11:17am

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I have climbed originally on Sportline ( No longer sold). I have also used Arborplex ( A low cost arborist rope at \$70 for 120 ft) and now I just got 150 ft of Blaze. It is pretty bright and easy to see in the tree. Master Nick put a splice on one end of my rope. I like it so far. I also have 150 ft of KMIII that is only good for SRT since you can not put many climbing knots on it. Nich like the Blaze also He will probably reply soon.

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 06/05/2007 11:27am

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the problem with blaze for me is the color - is to busy and it really boths me - so cool or calmer colors are desired, yet - i agree you need something that you can see.

thanks

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Posted by Hunabku - 06/05/2007 11:55am

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I am climbing on Chameleon. It is sold by New Tribe and it is a nice green color with hints of yellow and blue. It's made by Yale and is identical to blaze in construction. You pay for the nice color scheme however. I like it enough that I will buy more when I need rope.

Edit: Wow, I just realized that this is My first post over here. I couldnt keep my mouth shut forever.  
Hi everybody!!!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 06/05/2007 06:19pm

i looked at the catalog and saw that - it is the same construction as blaze - do you find that a stiffer rope - as hi-v and ivy are softer and easier to type - but i agree on the color being a nicer blend

welcome - to the forum

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Posted by Hunabku - 06/06/2007 10:28am

I read somewhere that Poison Ivy is an offspring of Blaze. I think that means that they have the same materials and construction. P.I is a bit larger and may have a better feel to it depending on your hand size and preference. I have only seen P.I. in books and videos, I haven't climbed on it. I bought my Chameleon based on weight, color, and price. I had never felt it before I bought it.

Later I bought a short section of blaze and some Fids and learned to splice it. I didn't think it was that difficult provided you are good at following directions and have some mechanical aptitude. Most climbers need both just to stay alive.

I am sure you will be happy with any of them because they will all get you into a wonderful tree.

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Posted by NickfromWI - 06/09/2007 01:21am

Hey! Oldtimer is a fortune teller! Yep, I use Blaze. I still have one of the first pieces ever made!

Last fall I bought a piece of Chameleon from New Tribe. It's identical. Both splice well. If you wanted a spliced version, you could have New Tribe ship it to me, then I can send it to you...

I LOVE the portability of the thinner lines. I only would recommend the thicker lines under the following circumstances:

- you need the thicker diameter to make it easy for you to grab the line
- you climb HARD on your ropes- not using cambium savers (shame shame) and you climb often
- you like carrying things that are bulky and heavy.

love  
nick

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## Re:ROPES - which one do you use

Posted by rboreal - 10/08/2007 03:47pm

I highly recommend Safety Pro. The 12-strand design makes it

- \*a stellar performer with standard friction hitches (like Blake's)
- \*Specs on strength, weight and stretch in Sherrill's 2007 catalog are favorable
- \*Feels good in your hand
- \*Holds knots perfectly
- \*Works nicely in situations where added friction is a plus, like belay or lowering
- \*Good for climbing AND lowering

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- \*Reasonable cost
  - \*White - easy to see
  - \*Spliced - why? I like tying knots!

I have 16 strand ropes galore (in one of my previous posts I made repeated references to "14 strand" but I meant 16) by Samson, Yale and New England. And they're all great. But lately I'm leaning towards Safety Pro more and more.

Safety Pro got me using the Blake's again, instead of a VT or Schwabisch. With no hardware (i.e. micro-pulley and carabiner) near my climbing hitch, I simply have two equal lines that I can pull apart and "row" my way up with. A most satisfying and comfortable exercise routine.

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