
XTC white?

Posted by ziontree - 08/04/2007 08:54pm

Hi Yall
About to purchase 600ft roll of XTC white. Any opinions on this rope? Does it stiffen up alot? Friction hitches work well?

My original preference was safety blue but XTC white is \$160 cheaper is Aus.
Cheers

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Posted by moss - 08/04/2007 10:42pm

It appears to have the same spec as Spearmint and XTC Plus minus the dye. My 150 ft. XTC Spearmint has never disappointed me, it's a good quality 16-strand rope.

Before you invest in 600 ft. it might be wise to buy a shorter length and climb on it to make sure you like it.
-moss

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Posted by Treeman - 08/06/2007 09:51pm

It's a good rope. I used red candy stripe. I did get a bad spool once- the rope bulged in spots (also called hemoraging). I had to return a few hanks. But I used it for years and the hanks were replaced at no charge. You'll find bulges quick enough if you get a bad run- your friction hitch will come to a halt. I don't think I was in any danger however.

I went back to the basic white Safety Blue at my school. I miss the red candy stripe however. Red is my favorite color.

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Re:I used XTC for years at the school.

Posted by nickfromwi - 09/17/2007 04:55am

The plain white color is a little stiffer than the other colored versions of this rope. I don't know why it is. I've spliced a lot of XTC and I always have to pull harder to bury the plain white. If you are used to Spearmint or Red/white versions...I'd stick with that. If you don't mind a rope that is just a hair stiffer, then go for it. \$160 is a lot!

love
nick

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Re:I used XTC for years at the school.

Posted by ziontree - 09/18/2007 01:16pm

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