
Basic knot question

Posted by Jon - 11/07/2007 05:02pm

Being a beginning climber and poor, I've picked up most of my technique from pictures, occasional descriptions, and some creativity. I'm doing pretty well, I think, but have a basic question: What is the point of the figure eight knot between the blake's hitch and the climber in DdRT? I understand that the F8 on the tail end protects against the blake's loosening, but have no idea what the other F8 is doing (an example is the knot almost covered by the cheek of the kid in the bright green helmet in the picture at the top of this screen.) I currently do not tie this knot, as I did not notice it when I first was learning, but would like to know if this is endangering my life somehow or making my life harder.

hope all is well,

jon

Re:Basic knot question

Posted by Electrojake - 11/07/2007 07:14pm

Hi Jon, welcome aboard.

It's called a "Rescue Knot".

I don't feel it is critical but the TCI Master Instructors still teach it so. . . I still use it! :)

Do a TCI Forum search on the term Rescue Knot and you'll get some more info. Also, be sure to keep an eye on this thread over the next day or two, you're sure to get a reply.

Regards,
Electrojake

Re:Basic knot question

Posted by Jon - 11/07/2007 07:39pm

Thanks! Searching for "rescue knot" got me the info I needed. It seems to be a common question for beginners...
