

STRIPPING COVER FROM WARPSPEED™

Many high performance sailors like to strip the cover from the core to save weight aloft for halyard applications. In simple terms, you want to strip the cover from the core up to the area of the stoppers, cleats and winches. Leave the cover on the core wherever you have to cleat or winch the rope. The following is a simple, step-by-step method of stripping the cover and finishing the transition area where the cover ends and the core continues.

Step 1

Mark a dot on the cover in the area where you want the core to be exposed.

Step 2

Tie a knot with a loop about 5 feet back from the dot on the cover.

Step 3

Extract the core from the cover at the dot.

Step 4

Slide the cover back toward the knot, then milk the cover from the knot to the core to balance the cover and the core.

Step 5

Lock-stitch the cover to the core from the dot back for about 3 complete passes.

Step 6

From the point of the lock stitch toward the end of the cover material, measure 6 inches and mark. This will be **Mark 1** on the cover.

Step 7

From **Mark 1** measure 6 inches and make another mark. This will be **Mark 2** on the cover. **Mark 2** should now be about 12 inches from the lock-stitch.

Step 8

Cut off the cover at **Mark 2** and discard the rest of the cover material.

Step 9

From the front of the lock-stitch toward the end of the exposed core, measure 15 inches and put a mark on the core. This will be **Mark A** on the core.

Step 10

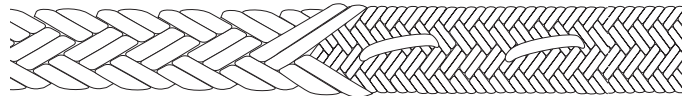
Insert a splicing fid with the cover into the core as close to the lock-stitch as possible. Continue pushing the fid through the center of the core and extract the fid and cover at **Mark A** on the core.

Step 11

Pull the cover out of the core until **Mark 1** on the cover is exposed. Unbraid the cover from the end back to **Mark 1** on the cover. Angle-cut strands from **Mark 1** to the end of the cover to perform a taper.

Step 12

At the point of cover insertion into the core, milk the core down toward the end of the cover. This will cause the cover to disappear into the core.



Step 13

Whip the area where the cover is inserted into the core, to finish.

