

Components, Identification Marks & Load Ratings: LockJaw® Synthetic Winch lines are the ultimate replacement to metal winch lines. LockJaw's synthetic fibers are light, flexible, and stronger than steel. The integrated shackle wraps around most applications and is lighter than regular metal shackles.



Note that LockJaw Synthetic Winch Lines are not rated for lifting. The identification marks & load ratings are located next to the Jaw (Pin/Stopper block). WLL is the rated Working Load Limit for the winch line. The improper use of synthetic winch lines can result serious accidents. In accordance with ASME B30.26, shackles and winch lines are to be inspected before every use. If winch line identification is removed, cut or unreadable either by intense friction or physically removed or by improper storage or care, discontinue use.

#### How to Use:

Inspect the winch line before each use. If the winch line or the integrated shackle has any signs of being frayed, cut, burned, melted, unbraided or excessively worn, discontinue use immediately. If the red color on the jaw is worn away to silver, discontinue use immediately.

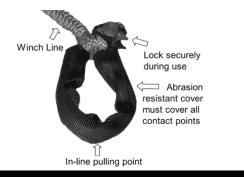
Always leave at least 9 coils of winch line around the drum whenever you use the winch as this keeps the line from slipping off the drum. There is a red mark on the end of the winch line as a guide to help prevent you from unspooling too much. It is good practice to unspool the entire winch line after every use and respool it properly. For longevity, it is recommended to keep the winch covered to keep it free from moisture, debris, and sunlight.

- Open LockJaw by loosening the loop and slipping over the red jaw.
- Connect shackle to tow point or a safe and secure anchor.
- Slip the loop back over the red jaw
- Close the size of the loop
- Attach the lock onto the red jaw (see pictures for reference)



Shackle needs to be fully closed with the loop closure completely nested behind the Jaw (stopper block / pin). The lock for the shackle must be fully engaged and tight on the rope to prevent any slippage.

The load applied to the shackle should be centered in the bow of the shackle to prevent side loading of the shackle.



## LockJaw Synthetic Winch Lines Installation:

<u>Step 1:</u> Before removing the old line from your winch, make a note on how it was attached to the drum. Most off-road winches will have a threaded hole on the drum flange that will allow attachment of the synthetic winch line with a button head Allen bolt. Other winches may have different methods.

<u>Step 2:</u> Remove the existing winch line and roller fairlead from your winch. Inspect the drum to make sure there is nothing sharp that can damage the rope after installation. Make sure the drum does not have any sharp burrs or gouges as steel lines are known to damage the drum. If needed, file and sand any sharp edges until the drum surface is smooth. Make sure no metal shavings are on the drum or surrounding areas.

Step 3: If the previous winch line was made of steel, a new fairlead needs to be installed before spooling on the new line. Aluminum hawse fairleads work well with synthetic winch lines since they provide a smooth surface that will not damage the rope. Many cast steel hawse fairleads do not have a smooth enough surface for synthetic rope and must not be used. Steel roller fairleads are acceptable to use, just make sure the rollers are smooth and nut burred or gouged. Make sure that the rollers overlap each other as some older roller fairleads do not have

overlapping rollers and have a gap in the corner of the fairlead. A winch line could get caught in this gap during use and get damaged. Regardless of the fairlead type, make sure there is enough clearance between the opening of the fairlead and the edges of the mounting plate. We recommend at least 3/8 - 1/2" of clearance. Otherwise, the winch line can get cut on the sharp edge of the fairlead plate.

<u>Step 4:</u> The winch line has an angled stitch at the tail end for ease of assembly. Insert the terminal end of the winch line through the fairlead and feed with winch line underneath the drum and over the top to the mounting point. Depending on your winch design, you can either:

1. Thread the tail end of the winch rope though the hole, wrap it around the drum and tie a knot to attach it to the drum.

2. Poke a hole above the stitched tail (centered halfway from each side of the rope and insert a bolt and washer to attach it to the drum. Our design generally prevents the need of a longer bolt for instillation.

<u>Step 5:</u> Uncoil the winch line and lay it on the ground before you begin to spool the winch line to the winch. Keeping your hands clear of the winch, guide the rope in making sure the wraps are neat and tight. It is helpful to have two people at this point, one to guide the rope in and one to work the winch controls. Neatly coil the rope allowing the rope to stack up on the drum in layers. A neat set of wraps will function better and allow you to put more rope on the winch. Wrap the first 7-9 layers by tensioning the winch line by hand (keep your hands clear of the fairlead). After your first 7-9 layers apply about 500 lbs. of pressure to the winch line as you finish spooling the winch line neatly into the winch.

#### LockJaw Synthetic Winch Lines Extensions

Winch line extensions provide extra reach to the synthetic winch line stored on a winch drum.

#### How to Use:

Inspect the winch line extension before each use. If the extension ort integrated shackle has any signs of being frayed, cut, burned, melted, unbraided or excessively worn discontinue use immediately. If the red color on the jaw is worn away to silver, discontinue use immediately.

Unlike winch lines, these extensions have a large loop on the tail of the extension to connect to winch lines. Use the shackle on the winch line and attach it to the tail on the extension as shown:

Winch Line Extension

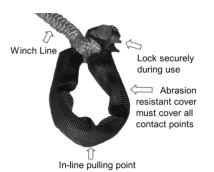
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Connect the shackle on the other end of the other end of the winch line extension to tow point, tree saver or a safe and secure anchor. Use the same method listed above to close and lock the LockJaw shackle on the winch line. Winch line extensions should only be connected to winch lines while in use. When not in use, the winch line extensions should be stored inside the vehicle in a dry place out of direct sunlight.

# LockJaw Tree Savers

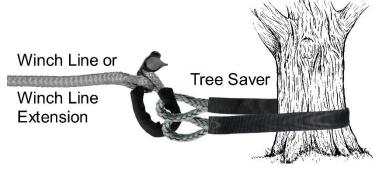
Tree Savers provide a safe and effective way to attach a winch line or winch line extension to trees. Use it to connect to trees for vehicle recovery or to remove debris out of the path of travel. Its protective sleeve protects the synthetic rope from abrasion and cuts.

## How to Use:

Inspect the tree saver before each use. If the rope or protective abrasion sleeve has any signs of being frayed, cut, burned, melted, unbraided or excessively worn discontinue use immediately. If the only the sleeve is damaged, replace the sleeve before use.

<u>Step 1:</u> Select a LockJaw tree saver that is the same diameter as the synthetic winch line.

Step 2: Wrap the tree saver around the tree as shown. It is up to the operator to determine the condition and the strength of the tree for winching applications. Operator assumes all risk associated with connecting tree savers to trees.



<u>Step 3:</u> Connect the LockJaw shackle though both loop ends of the tree saver as shown. See instructions on the other side of this instruction sheet for opening and closing the LockJaw shackle.

<u>Step 4</u>: Shackle needs to be fully closed with the loop closure completely nested behind the Jaw (stopper block / pin). The lock for the shackle must be fully engaged and tight on the rope to prevent any slippage.

Tree Savers should only be connected to winch lines while in use. When not in use, the tree saver should be stored inside the vehicle in a dry place out of direct sunlight.

## Warnings:

Do not use the LockJaw synthetic winch lines, winch lines extensions or tree savers to lift or pull any object vertically. Never shock-load the rope. Always leave at least 9 coils of winch line around the drum whenever you use the winch as this keeps the line from slipping off the drum. Do not exceed the winch line's rated work load. Do no use the winch line if you are unsure if you will exceed the rated load. Always check owner's manual of the items your attaching to ensure the item is safe to attach the winch line. Always attach the shackle to an anchor point designated by the item's manufacturer. Never attach to a bumper or tow hitch. Attaching the shackle to an improper item can cause the item to be damaged or dislodged and can cause harm to people in the vicinity. Keep winch line and shackle away from sharp edges, corrosive chemicals and heat over 140° F. This product is not for highway use, or prolonged towing.

California Prop 65 Warning: This product contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information: <a href="http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov">www.P65warnings.ca.gov</a>

## Care and Storage:

Only hose off shackle, winch line, extension or tree saver with water and airdry. Store indoors or inside a vehicle out of direct sunlight. Replacement locks and abrasion sleeves are available for purchase.

# Warranty:

Your LockJaw Synthetic winch, winch line extension or tree saver line is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 1 year

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