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Shark Byte 12 is a 12-strand single braid product where the individual strands are a composite of copolymer olefins mixed randomly with Vectran LCP (Liquid Crystal Polymer) fiber. This product is the first synthetic rope ever designed from the ground up to resist fish-bite damage. By spreading the high-modulus Vectran fiber over a larger-than-required cross-sectional area to achieve a given strength and mixing it with a “tough to cut” lower modulus fiber, greater resistance to bite damage can be achieved.

Shark Byte 12 has successfully and extensively replaced wire on DART buoys, making them more easily serviced. Most importantly, this product is very hard to cut through and is also very easy to splice, entirely torque free, neutrally buoyant and supple in even sub-zero temperatures. This is especially important when line is near sharks using their teeth. Typically the residual strength of an attacked rope is in excess of 40% of a new rope's published strength.

Shark Byte 8 is an 8-plait construction that is a composite of copolymer olefins and polyester. It is made to match existing mooring line systems. This product was designed to have a higher specific gravity to ensure it would be a sinking rope, and also to be a less-expensive alternative to the Shark Byte 12 product.



Specifications

Shark Byte 8	Diameter		Average Break Strength*		Minimum Spliced Break Strength*		Ultimate Energy Absorption		Estimated Residual Strength**	Linear Density	
	Inches	(mm)	Lbs	Kg	Lbs	Kg	Ft-Lbs/100ft	Ft-Lbs/Lb	%	Lbs/100ft	Kg/100m
	1-1/8	(29)	29,772	13,504	26,795	12,154	271,652	10,364	51	26.2	39.0
1-1/4	(32)	32,300	14,651	29,070	13,186	281,000	10,369	56	27.1	40.3	

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	1/2	(13)	9,200	4,175	8,280	3,758	16,701	3,884	32	4.3	6.4
3/4	(19)	22,800	10,350	20,520	9,315	40,393	3,884	42	10.4	15.5	
1	(25)	42,000	19,065	37,800	17,159	75,738	3,884	50	19.5	29.0	
1-1/8	(29)	48,000	21,790	43,200	19,611	97,100	3,884	72	25.0	37.2	

Specific Gravity: 1.10

Shark Byte 12 is neutrally buoyant. The theoretical specific gravity of the combined fibers is greater than water, i.e. >1.0, interstitially trapped air may affect the actual value for buoyancy.

* Knots and abrupt bends significantly reduce the strength of all ropes and lower maximum working load.

** The estimated residual strength is from laboratory and tank bite tests and may not represent the effects during actual use.