

SNATCH BLOCK DETAILS

Snatch block makers use various design elements to achieve the same goal: a movable block that can be used in a pinch where a fixed block is not in place.

1. The Wichard block uses a side-pull pin to secure its bottom latch.

2. The Lewmar block's bottom latch is secured with a hook. The snap shackle's universal joint allows a full range of motion. The safe working load is clearly stamped on the snap shackle.

3. Testers liked the design execution of the Antal 9060's side-opening block.

4. The Schaefer snatch block had a limited range of motion at the snap shackle.

5. The trunnion-type snap shackle on the Harken block uses the locking pin as a pivot point, allowing a full range of motion.

6. The line must be bent slightly to fit into the side-opening Garhauer.

7. The Garhauer's Torlon bearings will see some ultra-violet exposure.

8. An eye on the top of the Schaefer block accommodates a line or bungee cord for supporting the block from above.

9. The one-handed, push-button Harken was testers' favorite.



Wichard 3450



Lewmar SZ2



Antal 9060



Schaefer 11-99



Harken 1609



Garhauer 60SN



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