

Mecates and Bosals Basic Equipment Checklist

Bosals - braided rawhide

| | | Diameter | | Comments |
|--|---|----------|----------------|----------|
| | 1 | 3/4" | 12 plait | |
| | 2 | 5/8" | 16 plait | |
| | 3 | 1/2" | 16 or 18 plait | |

Mecates (Mane Hair is recommended - yacht braid may be substituted if it is the proper weight for a 22' length)

The number of Strands in a mecate are **NOT** important . They are just an indicator of what the weight might be.

The weights listed are approximate for a 22' long mecate - as mecates are hand made it is not possible to always get a specific exact weight, the key is have a gradual reduction in weight in the set of Mecates you use.

| | | Diameter | Approximate weight | usual strand count | General Range in Weight | Actual Weight and strands of mecates owned | | Comments |
|--|---|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|--|----------|
| | 1 | 3/4" | 2 3/4 lbs | 8 | 2 1/2 to 3 lbs | | | |
| | 2 | 3/4" | 2 1/2 lbs | 6 | 2 1/4 to 2 5/8 lbs | | | |
| | 3 | 5/8" | 2 1/8 lbs | 8 | 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 lbs | | | |
| | 4 | 5/8" | 1 3/4 lbs | 6 | 1 1/2 to 1 7/8 lbs | | | |
| | 5 | 1/2" | 1 1/2 lbs | 8 | 1 1/8 to 1 5/8 lbs | | | |
| | 6 | 1/2" | 1 1/4 lbs | 6 | 1 to 1 3/8 lbs | | | |
| | 7 | 1/2" | 1 lb | 4 | 7/8 to 1 1/8 lbs | | | |