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RF56151

RT Series 55 Ratchet Orbit Block™

Cheek, clockwise, auto & manual

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FEATURES

- Automatic and Manual ratchet in one block
- Up to 20:1 holding power
- Smooth easing of sheets
- High performance cleating

Sheave Ø	55 mm
Max. Rope Ø	10 mm
Max. Cable Ø	- mm
Pin Ø	- mm
M.W.L.	250 kg
B. L.	700 kg
Weight	76 g

IMPERIAL METRIC



PRODUCT INFORMATION

Automatic ratchet block

Now you can enjoy the flexibility of setting up your ratchet blocks to suit yourself. Ronstan is the only company that offers a ratchet block with both auto and manual engagement modes*. In the auto mode of the ratchet mechanism engages when load is applied, but switches off when it's released. This lets the sheet run out smoothly and freely-great for rapid easing of the sheet and for gybing asymmetric spinnakers. In manual mode, the ratchet mechanism can be switched on or off as required. This is the preferred mainsheet set-up for many top sailors. Try the block in both modes and see which you prefer - you really can't go wrong.

* Selected Series 55 models.

Awesome ratchet block holding power

Quite simply, Ronstan Ratchet Orbit Blocks™ have the highest holding power available. The sophisticated NC-machined sheave features Generation 2 of our patented sheave cross-hole geometry. Its holding power is up to 21:1, almost double that of our nearest competitor. The unique sheave design has 12 gripping faces which directly resist loaded line movement. Traditional designs have only 8 faces with an angled resistance to line movement. Our Generation 2 design has straight resistance faces which both distribute the load and minimise rope wear. These faces are offset from the radial line, to draw the rope down into the gripping area when under load.

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Simple and secure attachment

The Dyneema® Link is easily fitted and is retained securely by a moulded retainer clip. The flexible link can be left with one end attached to the block when fitting - no more lost shackle pins. The system is compatible with Dyneema®/Spectra® strops, webbing and caron connection points - much more so than steel loop tops or shackles. In auto mode, the sheet runs out smoothly and freely as soon as the ratchet mechanism disengages. In manual mode, the sheave cross-hole geometry eliminates the 'shuddering' run-out that you can expect from traditional v-groove ratchet blocks.

Practical Sailor Ratchet Block Click-off

Versatile Ronstan block features three modes, strong grip.

"...the RF56101 is our Best Choice for grip among ratchet blocks in this size. Clearly a lot of thought has gone into the design and engineering of this block. It has a great grip and is the most versatile of the group."

CONCLUSION "Overall, the Ronstan was the most impressive with its grip, versatility, and lightweight design."

(Practical Sailor: Ratchet Block Click-off, May 2009)



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MATERIALS

- Sheave: Hard anodised Aluminium
- Ball Bearings: High compression strength carbon black Acetal
- Frame/Cheeks: Toughened, glass fibre reinforced Nylon
- Rope Link: UV stabilised, multi-strand impregnated SK75 Dyneema®

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