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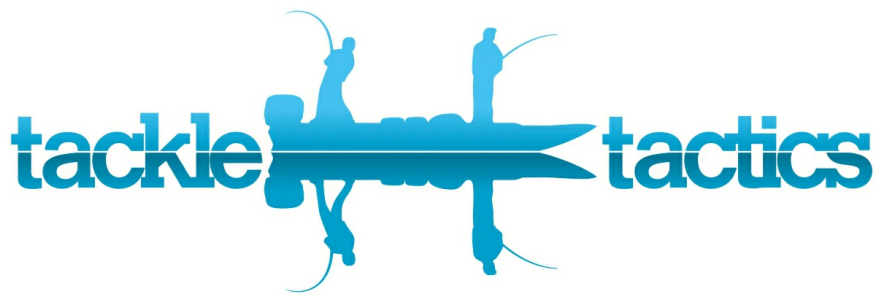
SOFT PLASTICS 101

RIGGING & SELECTION GUIDE



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About Us -

Tackle Tactics is an Australian family owned and operated business that has been manufacturing and distributing fishing tackle for over 20 years. We manufacture the TT Lures, Platypus and Tribe Fishing brands, while also distributing Pro-Cure, Okuma, Mepps, Fish Inc., Bagley and more in Australia. We also export to countries including the USA, UK, New Zealand and Asia Pacific.



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Australian
business**

Our Brands -

Platypus is Australia's longest established fishing brand, established in 1898 when a Scottish rope making began making fishing line in Australia and Platypus was born - good on the land (rope) and in the water (fishing line). Our monofilament and braided fishing lines are still proudly Made in Australia and world renowned, with an injection of new machinery and technology into the business ensuring that we remain on the cutting edge of fishing line development. New Hard Armour Leader out now, with more new products to follow.



TT Lures is the brand that started it all for Tackle Tactics and it has established itself as Australia's number one jighead brand, with a comprehensive range of world class jigheads that are trusted and proven in Australia and globally. TT Lures established its own factory in Fiji to ensure quality control throughout the whole manufacturing process. Along with jigheads, TT Lures also manufactures spinnerbaits, tail spinners, metal lures and more. Product quality and innovation has been recognised with multiple AFTA industry awards.



ZMan soft plastics revolutionised soft plastics fishing in Australia with their 10X Tough ElaZtech construction, super-soft and flexible realistic feel and natural buoyancy that comes to life in the water. Proudly Made in the USA, in their own factory, by their own team, using machines built from the ground up to get the most out of this style of material. ZMan pioneered the use of this material in lure manufacturing and the copies continue to come and go as ElaZtech remains unmatched.



Pro-Cure Scents have established themselves as Australia's number one range of scents for adding to lures and baits. Real ground bait, powerful amino acids and bite stimulants, UV enhanced formula and more, designed to attract fish and trigger strikes. Proudly Made in the USA, Pro-Cure has proven itself globally, with angler results speaking for themselves. Scent up and catch more fish.



Okuma rods, reels and fishing accessories offer anglers quality and value for money, from entry level products right through to the flagship Makaira range, which has accounted for some of the world's largest, hardest fighting sportfish. Since taking over the distribution of Okuma in Australia, Tackle Tactics has introduced the latest cutting edge reel models and worked with Aussie anglers to design rods specifically to suit our fishing techniques, environments and target species.

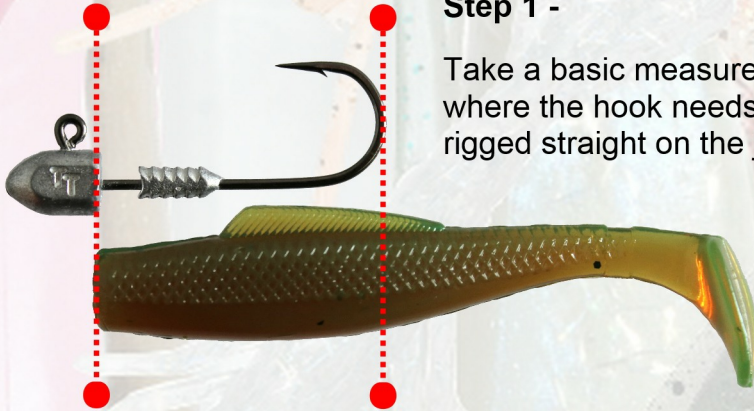
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SOFT PLASTICS 101 - STANDARD JIGHEAD RIGGING



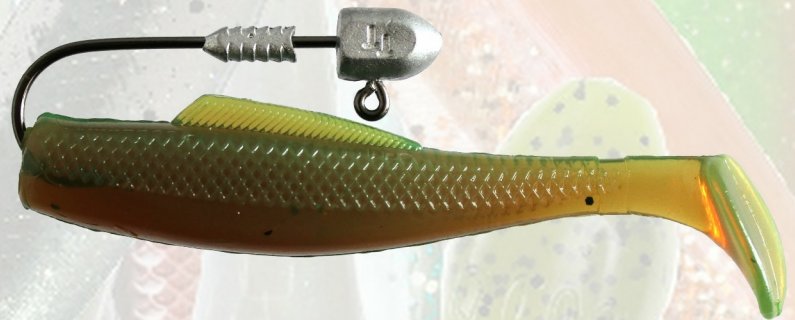
Step 1 -

Take a basic measurement / mental note of where the hook needs to exit the plastic to be rigged straight on the jighead.



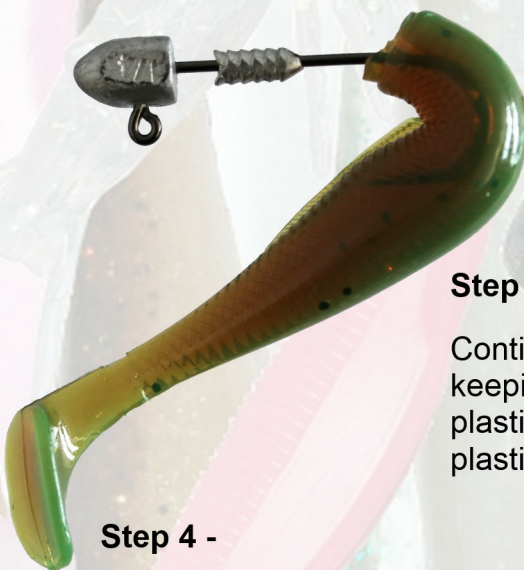
Step 2 -

Thread the point of the hook through the centre of the head / nose of the plastic, like threading on a worm.



Step 3 -

Continue to thread the plastic onto the hook, keeping the hook running through the centre of the plastic. If you start to run off centre simply pull the plastic back off the hook a little and then continue.



Step 4 -

Once you have reached the exit point that you noted earlier, push the hook point out through the top of the plastic.



Step 5 -

Once the hook point exits the plastic pull the plastic down onto the bend of the hook, then push it up and over the 'head lock' grub keeper and snug against the jighead. You can then pull it back a little so that it is sitting straight on the hook and give it a swim in the water to ensure it is swimming correctly.



If you exit the plastic too soon you will find that you do not have enough plastic on the hook to secure it on the keeper.



If you exit the plastic too far along you will find that you have too much plastic bunched onto the hook and it will not sit straight.



ZMan Soft Plastics - Choosing a TT HeadlockZ Jighead Rigging Guide

ZMan Soft Plastic	HeadlockZ Jighead
2" CrusteaZ	2, 1
2" GrubZ	2, 1
2.5" GrubZ	2, 1, 1/0
2.5" Slim SwimZ	2, 1, 1/0
2.5" TRD CrawZ	2, 1, 1/0
2.75" Finesse TRD	2, 1, 1/0
2.75" Finesse FrogZ	2/0 ChinlockZ
3" Slim SwimZ	2/0, 3/0
3" Scented PogyZ	2/0, 3/0,
3" TRD HogZ	1/0, 2/0, 3/0
3" MinnowZ	2/0, 3/0, 4/0
3" Scented ShrimpZ	2/0, 3/0, 4/0
3.5" Trick ShotZ	1/0, 2/0, 3/0
3.5" GrubZ	2/0, 3/0
3.5" Trick SwimZ	3/0, 4/0
3.5" EZ ShrimpZ	2/0, 3/0, 4/0
3.75" StreakZ	1/0, 2/0
4" Scented Jerk ShadZ	1/0, 2/0, 3/0
4" StreakZ Curly TailZ	2/0, 3/0, 4/0
4" DieZel MinnowZ	3/0, 4/0, 5/0
4" Scented PaddlerZ	3/0, 4/0
4" SwimmerZ	4/0, 5/0
4" Hula StickZ	2/0, 3/0, 4/0
4" Big TRD	3/0, 4/0, 5/0
4" Turbo CrawZ	3/0, 4/0
4" Hard Leg FrogZ	6/0 ChinlockZ
4" Pop FrogZ	6/0 ChinlockZ
4" Pop ShadZ	3/0 ChinlockZ
4.2" Trick ShotZ	3/0, 4/0, 5/0
4.5" RaZor ShadZ	3/0, 4/0
5" Pop ShadZ	6/0 ChinlockZ
5" StreakZ Curly TailZ	4/0, 5/0
5" Scented PaddlerZ	4/0, 5/0
5" Grass KickerZ	5/0, 6/0
5" StreakZ	4/0, 5/0
5" Scented Jerk ShadZ	4/0, 5/0
6" SwimmerZ	5/0, 6/0, 7/0, 8/0
7" Scented Jerk ShadZ	7/0, 8/0
8" StreakZ XL	7/0, 8/0
8" Mag SwimZ	8/0, 9/0, 10/0
9" GrubZ	6/0, 7/0, 8/0
10" HeroZ	8/0, 9/0, 10/0

This rigging guide is designed to assist you when matching a ZMan soft plastic and TT Lures HeadlockZ jighead.

The HeadlockZ grub keeper has been designed to lock on the 10X Tough, yet super-soft and realistic, ZMan ElaZtech soft plastic, cast after cast, fish after fish!

ZMan Soft Plastics

- 10X Tough - better stands up to pickers and toothies, more fish per lure.
- Super-soft realistic feel - maximum action and fish keep biting!
- Buoyant - rig to fish topwater to deep.
- Buoyant - Tail up action attracts fish and triggers Strikes.

TT HeadlockZ Finesse

- Built on a fine gauge, Japanese hook for the ultimate penetration with light lines and light drag settings.
- Unique 'head lock' grub keeper.

TT HeadlockZ HD Jighead

- Built on a brutally strong, chemically sharpened Mustad black nickel hook.
- Unique 'head lock' grub keeper.

TT HeadlockZ Extreme

- Beast of a hook available in 9/0 and 10/0 to suit XOS plastics.

Caring for your ZMan

- Store ZMan in their original packets - they may react with other plastics.
- Avoid storing lures in extreme heat for maximum life.



SNAGLESS SOLUTIONS

Fish love structure, including weed beds, standing or fallen timber, rock bars and freshly flooded grass, but the trouble for anglers is how to get the lure in and out without snagging or fouling. Soft plastics rigged on one of TT Lures snagless solutions are the perfect option for fishing structure, allowing you to fish deep in the structure where the fish are holding... when a fish eats it though, it's over to you!

ChinlockZ are an unweighted worm hook that feature a 'chin lock' system to secure your soft plastic in place on the hook, allowing you to cast hard, work your plastic aggressively and maximise the chances of your plastic still swimming correctly even after a strike. Being unweighted it is ideal for fishing soft plastics on the surface through and over structure.



ChinlockZ SWS (Snagless Weight System) feature the TT 'chin lock' system along with a belly weight that creates a slow, natural, horizontal sink that fish find irresistible. It is ideal for slow sinking soft plastics deep into structure in slower currents and water depths up to a couple of metres. It is also a go-to when buzzing frogs over weed beds and timber, and through pockets for barra and cod.



SnakelockZ feature a 'chin lock' along with a free-swinging front weight for maximum action. This front weight is attached via a 75lb test rated, stainless steel through wire loop that allows the head to be removed for surface fishing or to mix and match hook sizes and head weights as required.



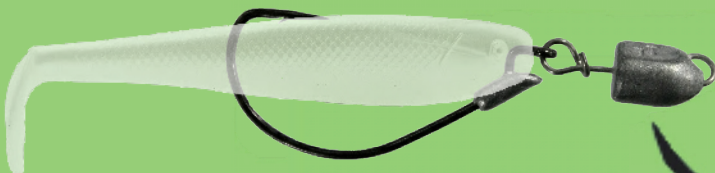
- TT Lures ChinlockZ, ChinlockZ SWS and SnakelockZ are built on Mustad, heavy duty, chemically sharpened, black nickel worm hooks.
- ZMan soft plastics are ideal for worm hook rigging due to their durability and buoyancy, along with their softness and flexibility that sees the plastic easily shifted and hook point exposed when a fish strikes.
- A general guide is 2/0-4/0 for 3-4" plastics, 4/0-6/0 for 5" and 6/0-8/0 for 6"+ plastics
- For FrogZ a 2/0 is popular in the 2.75" Finesse FrogZ, 4/0 in a 4" Pop FrogZ and 6/0 in a 4" Hard Leg FrogZ.



ChinlockZ



ChinlockZ SWS



SnakelockZ



SnakeLockZ - Rigging

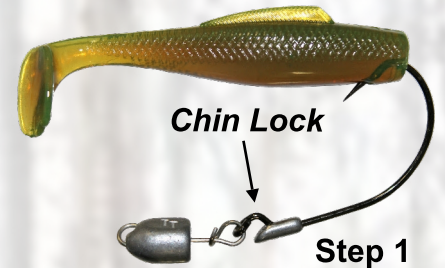


TT Lures SnakeLockZ jigheads are designed to allow anglers to fish heavy cover such as weed, lilies, mangroves, timber and snag piles, with minimal chance of snagging or fouling.

They are built on Mustad, heavy duty, chemically sharpened black nickel hooks and feature a 'chin lock' to lock your soft plastic in place on the jighead and a free-swinging front weight for maximum action. The weighted head is attached with a 75lb test, stainless steel through wire for strength and the head weights are interchangeable, simply clipping off and on to change weights. How many fish are you missing out on because you can't get your lure in amongst the structure!?

Step 1

Push the hook point into the centre of the nose of the plastic and at a 45 degree angle push it through and out of the underside of the plastic.



Step 2

The hook will slide easily through the plastic until you reach the 'chin lock' and then it will take a little effort to slide the plastic over the 'chin lock'.

You effectively want to capture a few millimetres of plastic that will be locked into the 'chin lock' when rigging is complete.



Holding the bend of the hook between your thumb and pointer finger (hook point down) and pulling the plastic over the 'chin lock' slowly is effective and avoids the pointy end of the hook.

Step 3

As the 'chin lock' exits the plastic you will feel it 'pop' out and the hook will want to turn over to face point up as the 'chin' of the plastic positions itself neatly in the 'chin lock'.



Step 4

Measure where the hook needs to sit in the plastic. Bend the plastic a little so that you can pass the hook point directly from the centre of the underside of the plastic out through the topside of the plastic.



Step 5

Pull the barb and hook point down against the top of the plastic and you're ready to fish some heavy cover. Get that plastic in their and hang on!





WEEDLESS JIGHEAD SELECTION GUIDE

ZMan Soft Plastics - Selecting a TT Lures ChinlockZ / SnakelockZ Jighead

ZMan Soft Plastic	ChinlockZ / SnakelockZ
2" CrusteaZ	#4
2" GrubZ	#4
2.5" GrubZ	#4
2.5" Slim SwimZ	#4, #2
2.5" TRD CrawZ	#2, #1
2.75" Finesse TRD	#1/0, #2/0
2.75" Finesse FrogZ	#2/0
3" Slim SwimZ	#1, #1/0, #2/0
3" Scented PogyZ	#4/0
3" TRD HogZ	#1, #1/0, #2/0
3" MinnowZ	#2/0, #3/0
3" Scented ShrimpZ	#2/0, #3/0
3.5" Trick ShotZ	#2, #1, #1/0, #2/0
3.5" GrubZ	#2, #1
3.5" Trick SwimZ	#2/0, #3/0, #4/0
3.5" EZ ShrimpZ	#2/0, #3/0
3.75" StreakZ	#1, #1/0, #2/0
4" Scented Jerk ShadZ	#2/0, #3/0, #4/0
4" StreakZ Curly TailZ	#1/0, #2/0, #3/0, #4/0
4" DieZel MinnowZ	#4/0, #5/0, #6/0
4" Scented PaddlerZ	#2/0, #3/0, #4/0
4" SwimmerZ	#4/0, #5/0, #6/0
4" Hula StickZ	#2/0, #3/0, #4/0
4" Big TRD	#3/0, #4/0, #6/0
4" Turbo CrawZ	#2/0, #3/0, #4/0
4" Hard Leg FrogZ	#6/0
4" Pop FrogZ	#4/0, #5/0, #6/0
4" Pop ShadZ	#3/0, #4/0
4.2" Trick ShotZ	#3/0, #4/0
4.5" RaZor ShadZ	#4/0, #5/0, #6/0
5" Pop ShadZ	#5/0, #6/0
5" StreakZ Curly TailZ	#5/0, #6/0
5" Scented PaddlerZ	#5/0, #6/0
5" Grass KickerZ	#6/0, #8/0
5" StreakZ	#4/0, #5/0, #6/0
5" Scented Jerk ShadZ	#5/0, #6/0
6" SwimmerZ	#8/0
7" Scented Jerk ShadZ	#8/0
8" StreakZ XL	#10/0, #12/0
8" Mag SwimZ	#10/0, #12/0
9" GrubZ	#8/0
10" HeroZ	#10/0, #12/0

This rigging guide is designed to assist you when matching a ZMan soft plastic and TT Lures ChinlockZ / SnakelockZ weedless jighead. The 'chin lock' grub keeper has been designed to lock on the 10X Tough, yet super-soft and realistic, ZMan ElaZtech soft plastic, cast after cast, fish after fish!

TT Lures ChinlockZ/SnakelockZ

- Available in both Finesse (fine wire / ultimate penetration) and Extra Heavy (heavy wire / stopping power) versions.
- Unique 'chin lock' keeper to secure your soft plastic in place.
- Built on quality Mustad, black nickel, chemically sharpened hooks.

ChinlockZ Finesse / ChinlockZ

An unweighted option for fishing the surface or a dead slow sink over and into structure or when surface fishing larger plastics.



ChinlockZ SWS

The SWS stands for Snagless Weight System, a belly weighted version that offers additional casting weight, keeps the plastic and creates a slow, natural, horizontal sink.



SnakelockZ Finesse / SnakelockZ

Features a free-swinging, interchangeable front head weight, attached via an in-built stainless steel wire for strength. Mix and match your head weights and hook sizes to fish to fish a variety of plastics across a wide range of depths.



ZMan Care

- Store ZMan in their original packets - they may react with other plastics.
- Avoid storing lures in extreme heat for maximum life.

MATCHING SOFT PLASTICS AND JIGHEADS



AN EXPERT GUIDE ON COMBINING
THE RIGHT SOFT PLASTIC TAIL
AND JIGHEAD TO TARGET YOUR
FAVOURITE FISH SPECIES

SMALL - MEDIUM
MEDIUM - LARGE ON THE OTHER SIDE

ZMAN 2.5" GRUBZ



TARGET SPECIES

Bream, Bass, Flathead, Estuary Perch, Golden Perch, Redfin, Silver Trevally, Sooty Grunter, Jungle Perch, Trout, Grunter and other small-medium fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #2, #1

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/16oz, 1/12oz, 1/8oz, 1/6oz



ZMAN 3" MINNOWZ



TARGET SPECIES

Flathead, Bass, Mangrove Jack, Barramundi, Mulloway, Snapper, Trevally, Saratoga, Tailor, Salmon, Murray Cod and other medium-large fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #2/0, #3/0

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/8oz, 1/4oz, 3/8oz, 1/2oz



ZMAN 2.5" SLIM SWIMZ



TARGET SPECIES

Bream, Bass, Flathead, Estuary Perch, Golden Perch, Redfin, Silver Trevally, Sooty Grunter, Jungle Perch, Trout, Grunter and other small-medium fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #1, #1/0

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/12oz, 1/8oz, 1/6oz, 1/4oz



ZMAN 3" SLIM SWIMZ



TARGET SPECIES

Flathead, Mangrove Jack, Barramundi, Mulloway, Snapper, Trevally, Saratoga, Tailor, Salmon, Murray Cod and other medium-large fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #1/0, #2/0

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/8oz, 1/6oz, 1/4oz



ZMAN 3.75" STREAKZ



TARGET SPECIES

Bream, Flathead, Bass, Snapper, Trevally, Tuna, Mackerel, Tailor, Salmon, Sweetlip another small-medium fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #1/0, #2/0

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/8oz, 1/6oz, 1/4oz, 3/8oz



ZMAN 4" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ



TARGET SPECIES

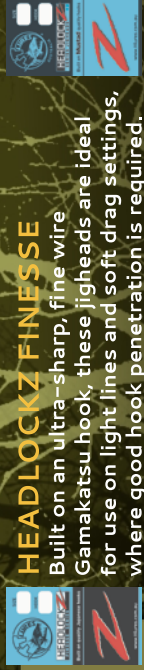
Flathead, Snapper, Mulloway, Bass, Trevally, Kingfish, Mangrove Jack, Sweetlip, Threadfin Salmon, Grunter and other medium-large fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #2/0, #3/0, #4/0

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:
1/8oz, 1/4oz, 3/8oz, 1/2oz



HEADLOCKZ FINESSE

Built on an ultra-sharp, fine wire Gamakatsu hook, these jigheads are ideal for use on light lines and soft drag settings, where good hook penetration is required.



HEADLOCKZ HD

Using a heavy duty Mustad extra sharp hook, the Headlockz HD suits use on medium to large fish species, ensuring the power to stop and turn hard fighters.

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MEDIUM - LARGE
SMALL - MEDIUM ON THE OTHER SIDE

ZMAN 4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ



TARGET SPECIES
Flathead, Mangrove Jack, Barramundi, Murray Cod,

Mulloway, Trevally, Kingfish and other medium-large fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #3/O, #4/O, #5/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

1/8oz, 1/4oz, 3/8oz, 1/2oz

ZMAN 4" SWIMMERZ



TARGET SPECIES

Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Mulloway, Flathead, Murray Cod, Trevally, Fingermark, Threadfin Salmon and other medium-large fresh and saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #3/O, #4/O, #5/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

1/8oz, 1/4oz, 3/8oz, 1/2oz

ZMAN 5" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ



TARGET SPECIES

Snapper, Coral Trout, Murray Cod, Mulloway, Cobia, Kingfish, Tuna, Trevally, Flathead, Fingermark, Threadfin Salmon and other medium-large saltwater species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #4/O, #5/O, #6/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

3/8oz, 1/2oz, 3/4oz, 1oz

ZMAN 5" SCENTED JERK SHADZ



TARGET SPECIES

Snapper, Mulloway, Flathead, Coral Trout, Tuna, Mackerel, Kingfish, Cobia, Dhufish, Mahi Mahi, Queenfish, Trevally, Tailor, Salmon and other medium-large reef and pelagic species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #4/O, #5/O, #6/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

3/8oz, 1/2oz, 3/4oz, 1oz

ZMAN 6" SWIMMERZ



TARGET SPECIES

Barramundi, Murray Cod, Mulloway, Kingfish, Cobia, Trevally and other large saltwater reef and pelagic species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #6/O, #7/O, #8/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

3/8oz, 1/2oz, 3/4oz, 1oz

ZMAN 7" SCENTED JERK SHADZ



TARGET SPECIES

Snapper, Mulloway, Tuna, Trevally, Cobia, Kingfish, Mackerel, Dhufish, Queenfish, Mahi Mahi, Pearl Perch, Coral Trout and other large saltwater reef and pelagic species.



JIGHEAD MATCH

TT LURES HEADLOCKZ #7/O, #8/O

POPULAR WEIGHT CHOICES:

1/2oz, 3/4oz, 1oz, 1.5oz

HOT TIP: PRO-CURE SCENTS

A few drops of Pro-Cure bait scent on your soft plastic adds another bite trigger, that can often mean the difference between a follow and a strike. Made with real ground bait enriched with powerful amino acids and bite stimulants, Pro-Cure comes in a wide variety of scents to suit both fresh and saltwater applications.



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Species Model Selection Guide



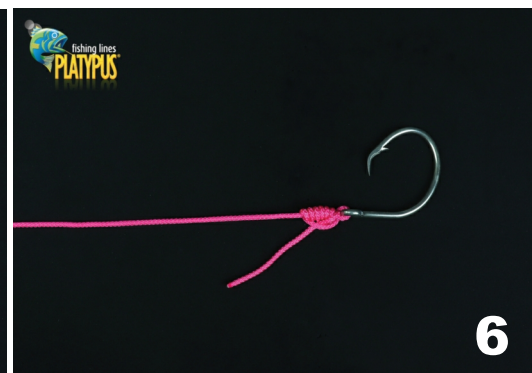
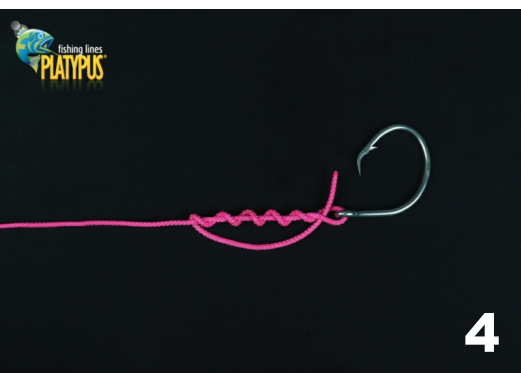
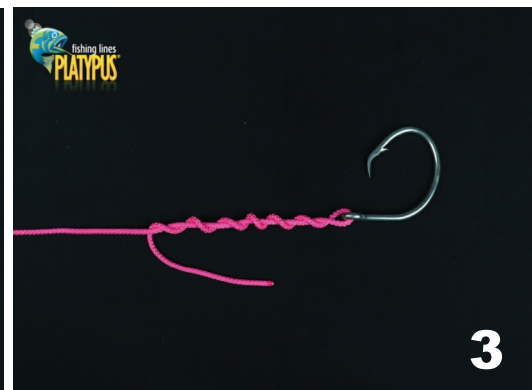
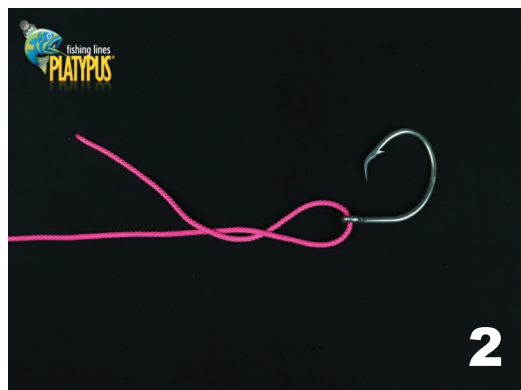
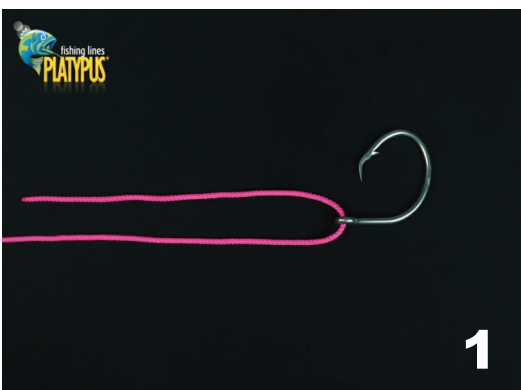
SPECIES	MODEL 1	MODEL 2	MODEL 3	MODEL 4	MODEL 5
AMBERJACK	7" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" STREAKZ	5" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	8" STREAKZ XL
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	2.5" SLIM SLIMZ	3" SLIM SWIMZ	3.75" STREAKZ	4" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" STREAKZ
BARRAMUNDI (FRESH)	5" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	6" SWIMMERZ	4" SWIMMERZ	8" MAG SWIMZ	4" HARD LEG FROGZ
BARRAMUNDI (SALT)	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	5" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	3" MINNOWZ	4" SWIMMERZ	3.5" EZ SHRIMPZ
BASS	3" SLIM SWIMZ	2.5" SLIM SWIMZ	3" MINNOWZ	2.5" GRUBZ	2.75" FINESSE FROGZ
BLUE SALMON	3" MINNOWZ	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	2.5" GRUBZ	4" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	3" SCENTED SHRIMPZ
BREAM (BLACK)	2.5" GRUBZ	2" GRUBZ	2.5" SLIM SWIMZ	2.5" TRD CRAWZ	2" CRUSTEAZ
BREAM (YELLOWFIN)	2.5" GRUBZ	2.5" SLIM SWIMZ	2.5" TRD CRAWZ	3.75" STREAKZ	2.75" TRD BUGZ
COBIA	7" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	5" STREAKZ	9" GRUBZ
COD (SALTWATER)	3" MINNOWZ	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	3.5" EZ SHRIMPZ	5" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	4" SWIMMERZ
CORAL TROUT	7" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	5" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	5" STREAKZ	9" GRUBZ
DHUFISH	8" STREAKZ XL	7" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	9" GRUBZ	10" HEROZ	8" MAG SWIMZ
ESTUARY PERCH	2.5" SLIM SLIMZ	3" SLIM SWIMZ	2.5" GRUBZ	2" GRUBZ	3.5" TRICK SWIMZ
FINGERMAR	5" SCENTED JERK SHADZ	3" MINNOWZ	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	5" STREAKZ	9" GRUBZ
FLATHEAD	3" MINNOWZ	4" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ	2.5" SLIM SWIMZ	3.75" STREAKZ
GIANT HERRING	2.5" GRUBZ	2.5" SLIM SWIMZ	3" MINNOWZ	3" SLIM SWIMZ	3.75" STREAKZ
GOLDEN PERCH	3.5" GRUBZ	3" MINNOWZ	2.5" GRUBZ	4" STREAKZ CURLY TAILZ	4" DIEZEL MINNOWZ
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SPECIES	COLOUR 1	COLOUR 2	COLOUR 3	COLOUR 4	COLOUR 5
AMBERJACK	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	PINK GLOW	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	BUBBLE GUM
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	PEARL	OPENING NIGHT	SMOKEY SHAD	BAD SHAD	NUKED PILCHARD GLOW
BARRAMUNDI (FRESH)	PEARL	BAD SHAD	GOLDEN BOY	SEXY PENNY	SEXY MULLET
BARRAMUNDI (SALT)	PEARL	OPENING NIGHT	GOLD RUSH	SEXY MULLET	HOUDINI
BASS	BABY BASS	WATERMELON RED	OPENING NIGHT	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BLOODWORM
BLUE SALMON	NEW PENNY	PEARL	PINFISH	SPACE GUPPY	COPPER PENNY
BREAM	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BLOODWORM	GREASY PRAWN	WATERMELON RED	BAD SHAD
COBIA	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	BUBBLE GUM	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	FUSILIER
COD (SALTWATER)	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BUBBLE GUM	OPENING NIGHT	GOLD RUSH	PEARL
CORAL TROUT	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	CORAL TROUT	FUSILIER	COCONUT ICE GLOW	PEARL
DHUFISH	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	PINK GLOW	NUKED CHICKEN GLOW	NUKED PILCHARD GLOW
ESTUARY PERCH	BLOODWORM	BAD SHAD	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	OPENING NIGHT	PINK GLOW
FINGERMARK	PEARL	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	COCONUT ICE GLOW	OPENING NIGHT	PINFISH
FLATHEAD	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	OPENING NIGHT	GOLD RUSH	BLOODWORM
GIANT HERRING	PEARL	NEW PENNY	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BAD SHAD	OPENING NIGHT
GOLDEN PERCH	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BABY BASS	PEARL	BLOODWORM	BLACK
GRUNTER	PINFISH	HOUDINI	PEARL	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	NEW PENNY
JUNGLE PERCH	SPACE GUPPY	SEXY PENNY	MOOD RING	HOUDINI	PEARL
KINGFISH	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	NUKED PILCHARD GLOW	OPENING NIGHT	BUBBLE GUM
MACKEREL	PEARL	OPENING NIGHT	BABY BASS	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	BUBBLE GUM
MAHI MAHI	COCONUT ICE GLOW	CORAL TROUT	NUKED PILCHARD GLOW	PINK GLOW	BUBBLE GUM
MANGROVE JACK	RED SHAD	HOUDINI	OPENING NIGHT	CALICO CANDY	SEXY PENNY
MULLOWAY	ELECTRIC CHICKEN	OPENING NIGHT	PEARL	GOLD RUSH	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL
MURRAY COD	PEARL	GOLD RUSH	GOLDEN BOY	AYU	SEXY MULLET
PEARL PERCH	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	BRUISED BANANA	BLEEDING BANANA	CORAL TROUT
QUEENFISH	PEARL	COCONUT ICE GLOW	FUSILIER	OPENING NIGHT	BUBBLE GUM
REDFIN	CALICO CANDY	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	PEARL	BAD SHAD	BABY BASS
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TROUT	BAD SHAD	CALICO CANDY	PINK GLOW	BABY BASS	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL
TUNA	PEARL	BUBBLE GUM	COCONUT ICE GLOW	BABY BASS	NUKED PILCHARD GLOW
WHITING	MOTOR OIL / MIDNIGHT OIL	BLOODWORM	OPENING NIGHT	PINK GLOW	WATERMELON RED

LOCKED BLOOD KNOT

The locked blood knot is one of the most popular knots for tying on a lure, swivel or hook, when using monofilament or fluorocarbon line or leader. It's a simple knot to tie and once mastered it offers good strength.

1. Thread the line through the eye and create an open loop.
2. Begin wrapping the tag end of the loop around the line.
3. Continue wrapping, for a minimum of 6 wraps.
4. Pass the tag end of the line through the first gap created by the wraps.
5. Now pass the tag end of the line through the newly created gap.
6. Moisten the line and slowly pull tight, being careful to bunch the wraps neatly.
7. Tighten the knot by pulling the end tag and main line, then trim the tag off close to the knot.



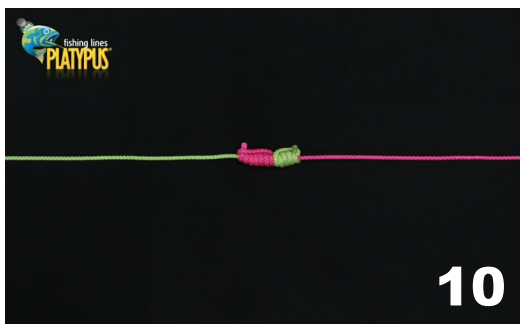
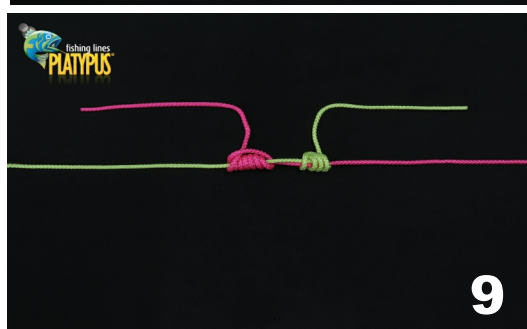
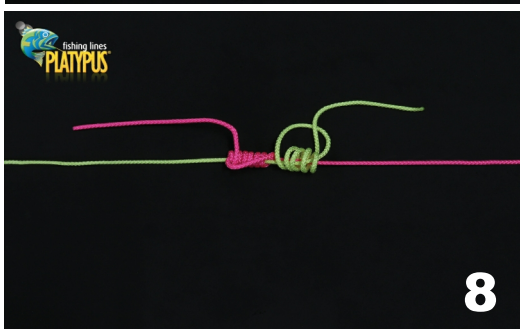
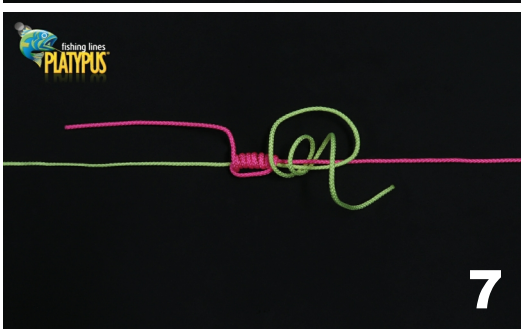
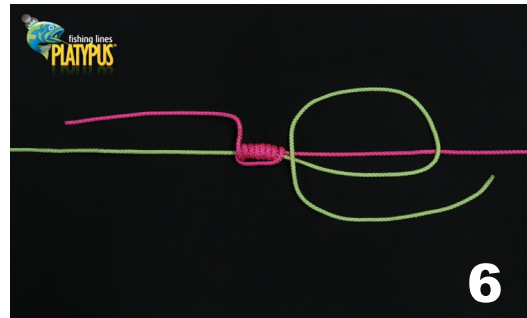
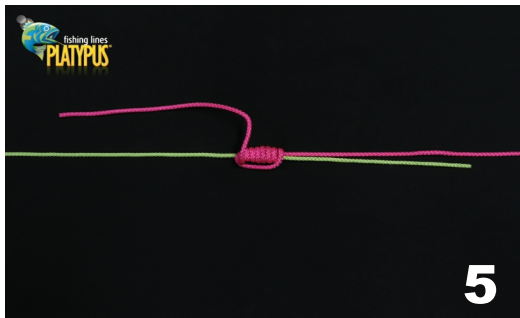
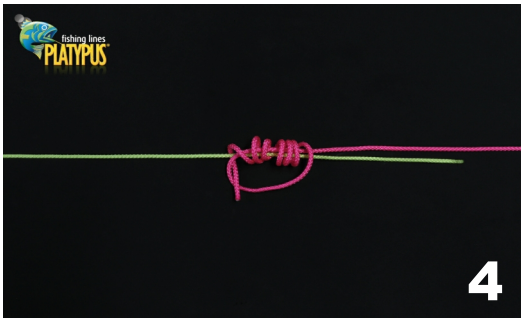
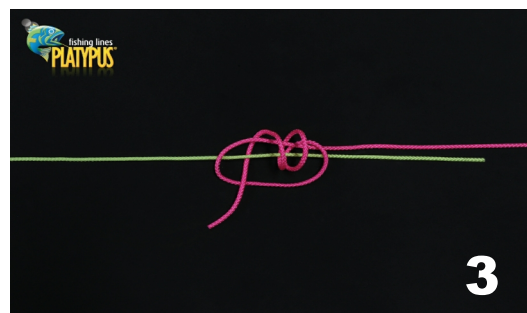
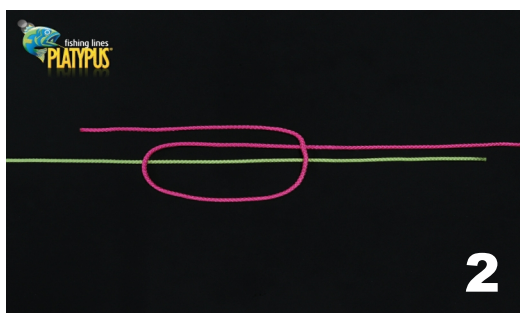
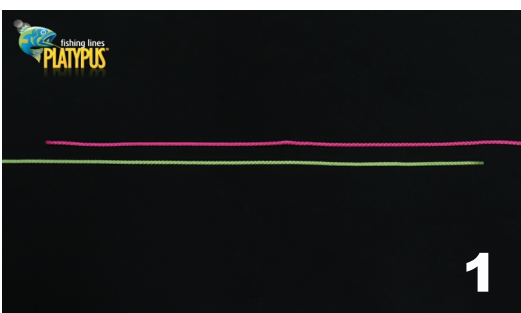
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DOUBLE UNI KNOT

The Double Uni Knot is a quick, easy and reliable knot for joining a braided mainline to a monofilament or fluorocarbon leader.

1. Start by laying your lines parallel with each other, with plenty of overlap for completing your knot. Monofilament or fluorocarbon leader material (yellow) and braid (pink).
2. Create a loop in the braided (pink) line, laying it over the leader (yellow) line.
3. Start wrapping the pink line through the loop, ensuring you are also wrapping the yellow line.
4. Create at least 4 wraps, with up to 8 preferred with thin braided lines.
5. Pull the tag end and lightly bed down the braid (pink) line.
6. We now repeat the process for our leader (yellow) line. Create a loop in the yellow line.
7. Start wrapping the yellow tag end through the loop, ensuring you are also wrapping the pink line.
8. Use up to 6 wraps, with fewer wraps in heavier lines and leaders to reduce the bulk of the knot.
9. Pull the yellow tag end and lightly bed down the yellow line.
10. After moistening both lines gently pull on your main line and leader to slide the two knots together and work the knot tight. Trim both tag ends close to the knot.



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Bream on Soft Plastics

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One of the most popular target species when fishing with lures is bream. In fact there's a whole tournament scene that has grown around this species and why not, they are available in good numbers, regularly take a range of different lures, put up a good fight on light gear and they are likely to be one of the first species that many of us encounter.

Where: Bream love structure, so focus your efforts around pontoons, rock walls, bridges, mangrove edges, drains and moored boats. Remember though structure can also include rubble patches and weed beds on the flats as these areas hold plenty of prawns and baitfish for the bream to feed on. The mouths of drains are also worth a few extra casts as they funnel bait from the flats on a dropping tide.

Soft Plastics: ZMan plastics have become the choice of many anglers because of their 10X Tough ElaZtech construction - more fish per lure, super-soft and flexible realistic feel - fish keep biting until they find the hook and the buoyancy of ElaZtech - creating a life-like appearance as their claws or tail floats up from the bottom, attracting fish and triggering strikes.

Jigheads: TT Lures HeadlockZ HD jigheads are designed specifically to lock the super-soft and flexible ZMan ElaZtech plastics on with their unique 'head lock' grub keeper. There are two types of HeadlockZ available.

HeadlockZ Finesse - built on a Japanese fine gauge, chemically sharpened, black nickel

hook that is designed for penetration on light line and with light drag settings. This is a go-to for bream anglers.



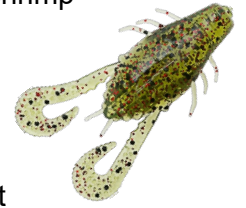
HeadlockZ HD - built on a brutally strong, Mustad chemically sharpened black nickel hook that is designed for stopping fish on heavier lines and drag settings. Ideal for stopping bream around structure.

HWS (Hidden Weight System) - Designed for the ultimate natural presentation - weight is concealed inside the plastic, slow natural horizontal sink and locks the ZMan in place.



Let's have a look at a few go-to bream plastics from ZMan to get you started:

2" CrusteaZ - a realistic crab, yabby, shrimp or insect imitation that is ideal for slow sinking around structure such as pontoons and jetties for bream. Allow it to sink and watch your line for movement, striking if you see a 'tick' or the line starts moving faster. Let it hit the bottom and then retrieve it with a few small twitches, wind and pause, then repeat.



2" GrubZ - a finesse curl tail that is deadly when the fish are finicky or the bait is small. It can be fished using a stack of different retrieves, including a slow wind, wind and pause, wind and pause with a few twitches added when winding, or hopped along the bottom.



Jighead - #2 TT Lures HeadlockZ or HWS

2.5" GrubZ - this plastic has become number one for Australian anglers chasing bream and is a great starting point for those chasing their first bream on plastics. Fish it using the same techniques as the 2" GrubZ.



Jighead - #2, #1 or #1/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ or HWS

2.5" Slim SwimZ - a lively little paddle tail that can be fished on a slow wind, slow wind and twitch, or hop and pause with deadly effect.



Jighead - #1 or 1/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ or HWS

3.75" StreakZ - is a slim jerkbait profile that has also proven effective on bream, especially when there are plenty of baitfish in the waterway. It can be fished with a slow wind, with twitches and pauses, or hopped and paused.



Jighead - #1, 1/0 or 2/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ or HWS

Tips:

- Keep your jighead weights as light as possible - 1/20 - 1/12oz is popular around shallow structure, 1/12 - 1/8oz on the flats or around deeper structure and up to 1/6 and even 1/4oz when the fish are schooled deep.
- Add Pro-Cure Scent to mask foreign odours, like fuel and sunscreen, while also attracting fish and triggering strikes - Shrimp, Mullet, Saltwater Yabby / Nipper and Blue Crab are good starters.
- If you're still not catching, try slowing down your presentation.
- Store your plastics out of extreme heat and avoid mixing different soft plastic brands together as they may react with each other.

Flathead on Soft Plastics

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Flathead are one of the most popular target species in Australia due to their availability and their willingness to eat a wide range of lures.

Where: Flathead bury themselves in the sand or mud and ambush their prey. Prime areas to target them include sand banks, channel edges and sections of sandy or gravel bottom with patches of seaweed that are home to baitfish, prawns and crabs that the flathead will feed on. The prime time to target flathead is on an outgoing tide as the falling water level forces bait off the flats to the flathead that are laying in wait on the edges and in the mouths of drains.

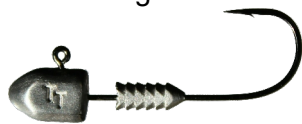
Jigheads: TT Lures HeadlockZ jigheads are designed specifically to lock the super-soft and flexible ZMan ElaZtech plastics on with their unique 'head lock' grub keeper. There are two types of HeadlockZ available.

HeadlockZ Finesse - built on a Japanese fine gauge, chemically sharpened, black nickel hook that is designed for penetration on light line and with light drag settings. This is a go-to when the flathead bite is timid.

HeadlockZ HD - built on a brutally strong, Mustad chemically sharpened black nickel hook that is designed for stopping fish on heavier lines and drag settings. Ideal for general flathead fishing and especially when chasing big fish.

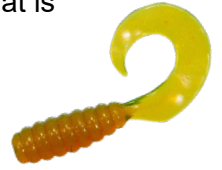
Big EyeZ - Built on the same hook as the HeadlockZ HD jigheads, Big EyeZ offer anglers a painted head option, to match or contrast your favourite plastics, and large, realistic 3D eyes that act as another strike trigger.

Pro-Cure Scent - Adding Pro-Cure to your lures has two benefits. Firstly it masks foreign scents like fuel and sunscreen that can deter fish from biting. Secondly it attracts fish and triggers strikes thanks to its powerful amino acids, bite stimulants, real ground bait and UV enhancement. Go-to flavours for flathead include Mullet, Shrimp, Pilchard, Bloody Tuna and Inshore Saltwater.



Let's have a look at a few go-to flathead plastics from ZMan to get you started:

2.5" GrubZ - a deadly little curl tail that is effective on a wide range of small to medium salt and freshwater species, including flathead. When the bite is slow it can pay to downsize to smaller plastics like the 2.5" GrubZ. Jighead - #1 or 1/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ



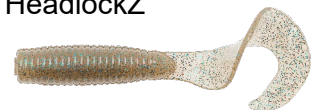
2.5" & 3" Slim SwimZ - this little paddle tail has blown anglers away with how effective it is on flathead. This lively little paddle tail can be fished on a slow wind, slow wind and twitch, or hopped and paused with deadly effect. A little plastic that definitely punches above its weight. Jighead - #1/0 or 2/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ



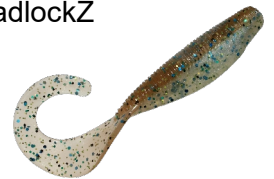
3" MinnowZ - is ZMan's go-to flathead plastic that is available in over 50 colours. Slow roll it across the bottom, roll and pause, or give it a couple of hops, pause so that it hits the bottom and repeat. Jighead - #2/0 or 3/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ



3.5" GrubZ - is a great plastic for those wanting to catch their first flathead on a plastic. It has tonnes of tail action built into its design and responds well to a wind of the handle or hop from the rod tip, and even when at rest that tail will float up and attract a bite. Jighead - #2/0 or 3/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ



4" StreakZ Curly TailZ - continues to catch flathead, including plenty of bigger fish. The long curl tail gives it a larger profile in the water than the aforementioned plastics, making it deadly when the flathead are aggressive and the baitfish larger. The belly slot is ideal for adding some extra Pro-Cure Super Gel. Jighead - #3/0 TT Lures HeadlockZ.



Tips:

- Flathead bury themselves and ambush bait, so make sure your plastic is bumping the bottom regularly.
- For beginners it is better to err on the side of heavier jigheads. In areas with tidal flow and less than metre of water 1/8 & 1/6oz jigheads are ideal, a metre to a couple of metres step up to 1/4oz and when prospecting deeper structure and channel edges a 3/8oz or 1/2oz should see you bumping the bottom.
- Store your plastics out of extreme heat and avoid mixing different soft plastic brands together as they may react with each other.

Jacks on Soft Plastics

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Mangrove Jack are an iconic sportfish, recognized for their red colouring, dog-like teeth and tackle busting runs. They are an apex predator in the creeks, rivers and estuaries, terrorising baitfish until they grow to larger sizes and head out to the reef.

Where: Mangrove Jack are snag dwellers that often occupy the best snags in our creeks, rivers and estuaries. During the day they hold tight to the rock walls, rock bars, mangrove roots, timber and pontoons that they call home, venturing out at night to hunt more actively, so during daylight hours your casts need to be accurate and close to structure.

Soft Plastics: In the ZMan range there are a couple of soft plastics that have rapidly converted many jack gurus and they have quickly dropped their old favourites in favour of the **ZMan 4" SwimmerZ** and **4" DieZel MinnowZ**. These plastics are excellent imitations of poddy mullet, a favourite food of the mangrove jack. They feature large paddle tails, that due to the buoyancy of the ElaZtech material, has plenty of action, even at dead slow speeds. Other plastics in the range that are deadly on mangrove jack include the 3" Slim SwimZ, 3" MinnowZ, 3.5" Trick SwimZ and 3.5" EZ ShrimpZ. A cool surface option for targeting jacks is a ZMan 2.75" Finesse FrogZ rigged on a 2/0 TT Lures ChinlockZ or ChinlockZ SWS jighead and this rig is also deadly on bass. Boof!

Jig Heads: When it comes to jigheads it's hard to go past the brutally strong, chemically sharpened Mustad hook of the TT Lures HeadlockZ HD jighead, which features a unique grub keeper designed to lock the super-soft and flexible, 10X Tough ZMan plastics in place, without the need for a dab of super glue to lock them on.

Popular jigheads include 3/0, 4/0 and 5/0 HeadlockZ HD jigheads in 1/4, 3/8 and 1/2oz. The heavier weight heads are often popular for deep snags



ChinlockZ SWS (Snagless Weight System) - The ChinlockZ SWS is built on a worm hook, allowing the soft plastic to be rigged weedless and features a belly weight that creates a slow natural sink into the snag. This jighead also features a 'chin lock' to lock the plastic in place. It is extremely popular when fishing shallow structure and when there is less tidal movement. A **3/0 ChinlockZ SWS** is ideal for most 3" plastics and a 4/0 in the 4" jack plastics.



SnakelockZ - The SnakelockZ is also built on a worm hook to allow weedless rigging. It features a free-swinging front weight, with a built-in wire frame for maximum strength, casting weight and maximum action. Again a 3/0 for a 3" and 4/0 for a 4" is a good starting point.

Technique: At night mangrove jack will hunt and feed more actively, but during the day you need to get that lure right in among the snags and in the jack's face to trigger a strike, either out of a desire to feed or territorial aggression. Casting parallel along rock walls, bridge pylons, pontoons and moored boats can be effective and it's important to keep your lure in the strike zone as long as possible.

It is also worth taking the time to locate submerged snags such as timber and rock bars on your sounder so that you can spend time targeting these areas. Effective retrieves include a dead slow roll, keeping the lure in the strike zone as long as possible, while a slow roll, with a few twitches thrown in is also a favourite.

Pro Tips:

Keep your lures out of extreme heat for maximum life.

Be ready to strike and wind at all times when targeting jacks as they can have the lure back in the snag in the blink of an eye.

When targeting jacks around pontoons anglers will often strike, put the rod tip as deep as possible into the water (without dunking the reel) to keep the fish away from the structure under the pontoon. If you have an electric motor you can use it to tow the fish away from structure. Fish on!

Snapper on Soft Plastics

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Snapper are highly regarded as both a table fish and a sportfish, and are available from pan size bay snapper through to 10kg offshore monsters. In recent times snapper have become an extremely popular lure target, especially on soft plastics, with artificial's often out-fishing bait.

Where:

Snapper can be found from inside coastal bays to out wide and can generally be targeted / located around rock, rubble and reef, or around schools of bait.

Soft Plastics:

The most popular profile for chasing snapper is the jerkbait, with the ZMan 4", 5" and 7" Scented Jerk ShadZ being ideal options. Scented with Pro-Cure to attract fish and trigger strikes, these plastics are 10X tougher than a standard soft plastic, yet super-soft and flexible, so they have plenty of action in the tail and stand up to the pickers and toothies commonly encountered offshore.

Other models that have also proven popular on bay snapper include the ZMan 3.75" and 5" StreakZ, 4" and 5" StreakZ Curly TailZ and 2.5" GrubZ.

When it comes to chasing larger snapper offshore, it's hard to go past the ZMan 7" Scented Jerk ShadZ and 8" StreakZ XL, large jerkbaits that have also accounted for kingfish, cobia, pearlies, mackerel and wahoo.



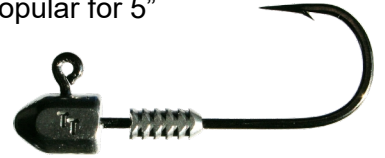
ZMan Scented Jerk ShadZ

Jigheads:

When it comes to jigheads it's often the lightest head you can get away with that gets the results. From 1/8oz over shallow reef with no run, through to 1/2oz - 2oz and even 3oz for fishing deeper offshore.

Common shallow water weights would include 1/4oz and 3/8oz, stepping up to 1/2oz - 1oz for water around the 30-50m mark and then from 1oz - 4oz for deepwater snapper fishing.

Hook sizes start around 1/0 for smaller estuary snapper, fishing a 2.5" GrubZ, with a 3/0 a popular option for 3-4" plastics, in the TT Lures HeadlockZ HD and Big EyeZ jighead range. Jigheads around 5/0 and 6/0 are popular for 5" plastics, working through to 7/0 and 8/0 for larger plastics and bigger snapper.



The TT Lures HeadlockZ Extreme range of jigheads step it up another level, with their 9/0 and 10/0 hooks, and 2, 3, 4 and 6oz weights allowing anglers to drop big plastics, such as the ZMan 8" Mag SwimZ and 10" HeroZ in deep water and strong currents.

Technique:

Chasing snapper can often be as simple as locating structure or bait and allowing your plastic to sink naturally with the bail arm of the reel open. If the line starts to speed up, flick the bail arm closed and set the hook as a snapper has eaten your plastic on the drop.

If the plastic makes it to the bottom, give it a few hops, allow it to drift back down, a few more hops and then wind the plastic up through the water column, before allowing it to fall to the bottom again in case a snapper is following.

The plastic can then be retrieved with a jig and wind or high speed retrieve and you may hook another species on the way up. If the snapper aren't actively eating your plastics on the drop, take some time to experiment by working the plastic more and less aggressively, with a series of winds, pauses and hops.

When fishing the rivers and estuaries crustacean profiles have also proven effective on snapper, especially when the prawns are running. Popular options include ZMan 2.5" TRD CrawZ, 3.5" Pro CrawZ and 3.5" EZ ShrimpZ.

Pro Tips:

Adding scent to your lure regularly can attract fish and trigger strikes, while also encouraging fish to hang onto the lure longer, maximising your chances of a solid hook set.

Keep your lures out of extreme heat and don't mix soft plastic brands for maximum life.



EZ SHRIMPZ 3.5"

The ultimate 10X Tough ElaZtech prawn / shrimp imitation, designed with a segmented body for a realistic action and glide. This super-realistic profile also features 3D eyes, along with thin legs and antennae for added realism and lifelike movement. Everything eats a prawn!

EZ SHRIMPZ 3.5" - RIGGED (2pk)

Ready to fish straight out of the packet, the rigged EZ ShrimpZ comes in a pack of two, rigged on weighted Mustad, chemically sharpened, black nickel, UltraPoint hooks.

The weight design locks into the EZ ShrimpZ to secure it in place on the jighead and ensure a balanced, realistic glide on the sink. Out of the packet the EZ ShrimpZ weighs in at about 1/4oz, with the unique segmented weight system allowing you to clip off sections of the weight with a pair of cutters should a lighter presentation be required.

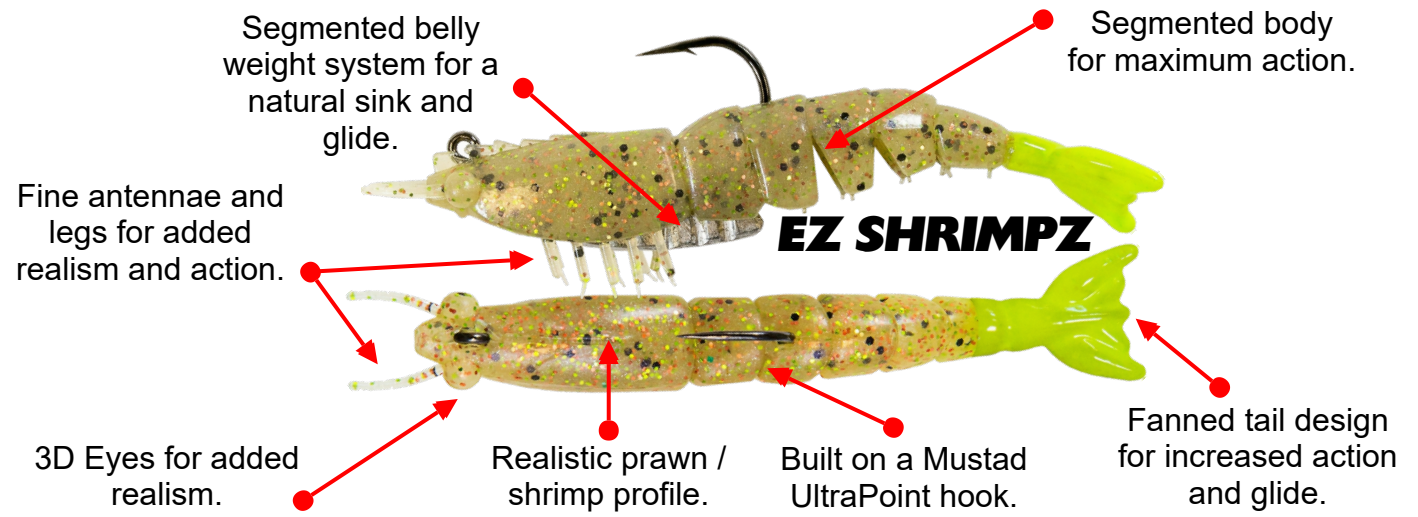
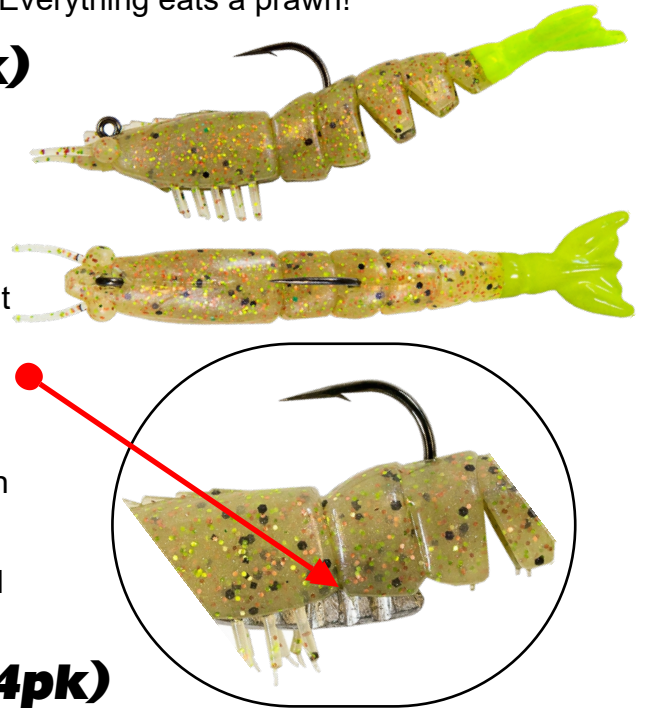
Everything eats a prawn and it's hard to beat the natural fall, realism, durability and action of this artificial.

EZ SHRIMPZ 3.5" - UNRIGGED (4pk)

Unrigged EZ ShrimpZ bodies come in a pack of 4 and act as replacement bodies for the rigged version, while also being dynamite as a stand alone soft plastic presentation rigged on your favourite jighead.

The TT Lures 'head lock' grub keeper found on the HeadlockZ and DemonZ jigheads is ideal for locking on the super-soft and flexible 10X Tough ElaZtech EZ ShrimpZ when fishing in open water, with a 3/0 hook size a good starting point.

When it comes to fishing snaggy areas a weedless jighead is an option, with the TT Lures ChinlockZ, ChinlockZ SWS and SnakelockZ all designed with a 'chin lock' to secure the ElaZtech plastic in place. Again a 3/0 hook size is a good starting point.



Segmented belly weight system for a natural sink and glide.

Segmented body for maximum action.

Fine antennae and legs for added realism and action.

EZ SHRIMPZ

3D Eyes for added realism.

Realistic prawn / shrimp profile.

Built on a Mustad UltraPoint hook.

Fanned tail design for increased action and glide.