

Zipper Pulls — Securing the Cord



There is a wide variation in cords making it very possible that simply inserting your cord and folding over the plastic cover will NOT produce a secure hold.

Here is the method I use for achieving the most secure hold for this type of zipper pull. It does take a little more time but the end result is worth the effort.

When your zipper pulls arrived, there was at least one extra included for practice and testing.



You will need:

- Purchased Zipper Pulls
- A spool of sewing thread
- Clear, adhesive type glue, such as E-6000 (craft stores) or Goop (automotive stores)
- Scissors

Preparation:

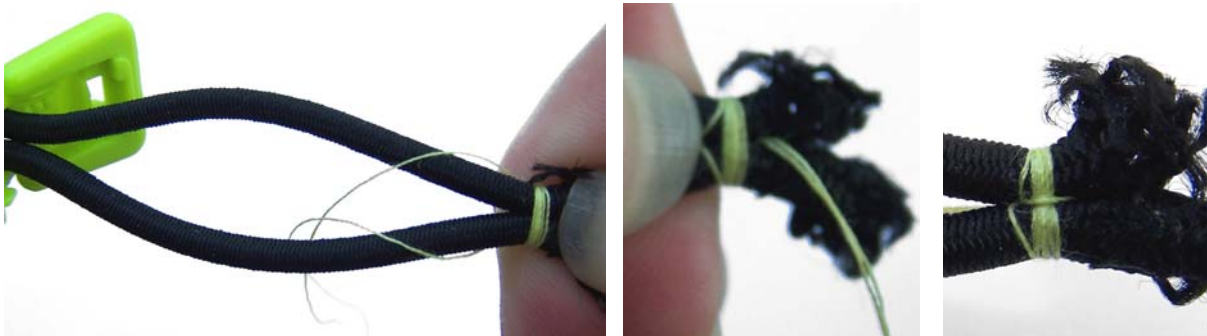
Cut a length of cord the desired length plus at least a half inch (that will be trimmed off later)

If you are attaching this to an existing zipper and want the cord to pass through the metal tab on the zipper, insert your cord through the zipper tab before proceeding.



With both ends of the cord passed through the opening in the plastic zipper pull, align the ends and hold them securely with one hand.

Pull off a foot or so of sewing thread, then wrap it around both cords at the point that corresponds to the desired finished length. What is below the thread-wrapped area will be trimmed away. After wrapping it TIGHTLY around a few times (4 or 5 should do it), take the thread tails and pass them between the cords as shown, wrap in this direction twice, pulling the thread fairly tight.





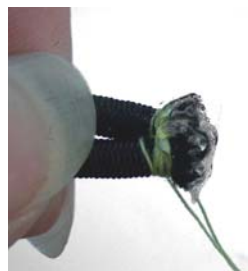
Carefully, trim away the excess cord below the thread-wrapped area, being careful not to clip the sewing thread.



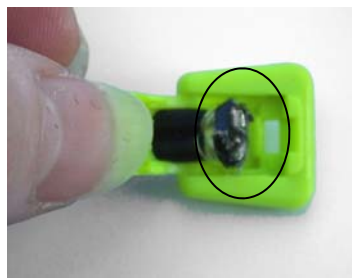
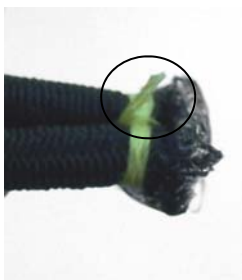
At this stage, you should have something that looks similar to the picture on the left

Depending on the type of cord you are using, the “assembly” may be secure enough to use at this point. Using the extra/test zipper pull, try it out, and if you can pull it loose, add an extra level of security by using glue. Use a clear, flexible, adhesive-type glue for best results.

To get the zipper pull apart, use a small flat-bladed screwdriver. (Not too small though, a jewelers screwdriver will damage the zipper pull). Pry the “latch” end of the fold over tab up, it should come apart without too much effort.

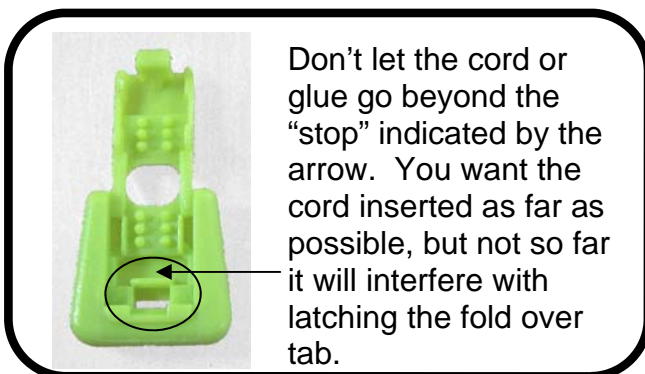


Dab the ends of the cord in the glue but don't overdo it. There should be enough glue on the ends to secure things, but not enough to squish out when you press the fold-over tab into place.



Clip off the thread tails, then position the wrapped, glued, ends in the large side of the zipper pull. Fold over the tab, press down until it latches.

Allow the glue to dry. Give the finished product a good tug, it should be as secure, or more secure, than any zipper pull found on purchased goods.



Don't let the cord or glue go beyond the “stop” indicated by the arrow. You want the cord inserted as far as possible, but not so far it will interfere with latching the fold over tab.

