

Step 1. Lay tape .250 inch from Elevator horn leading edge. This will be the reference measure line.

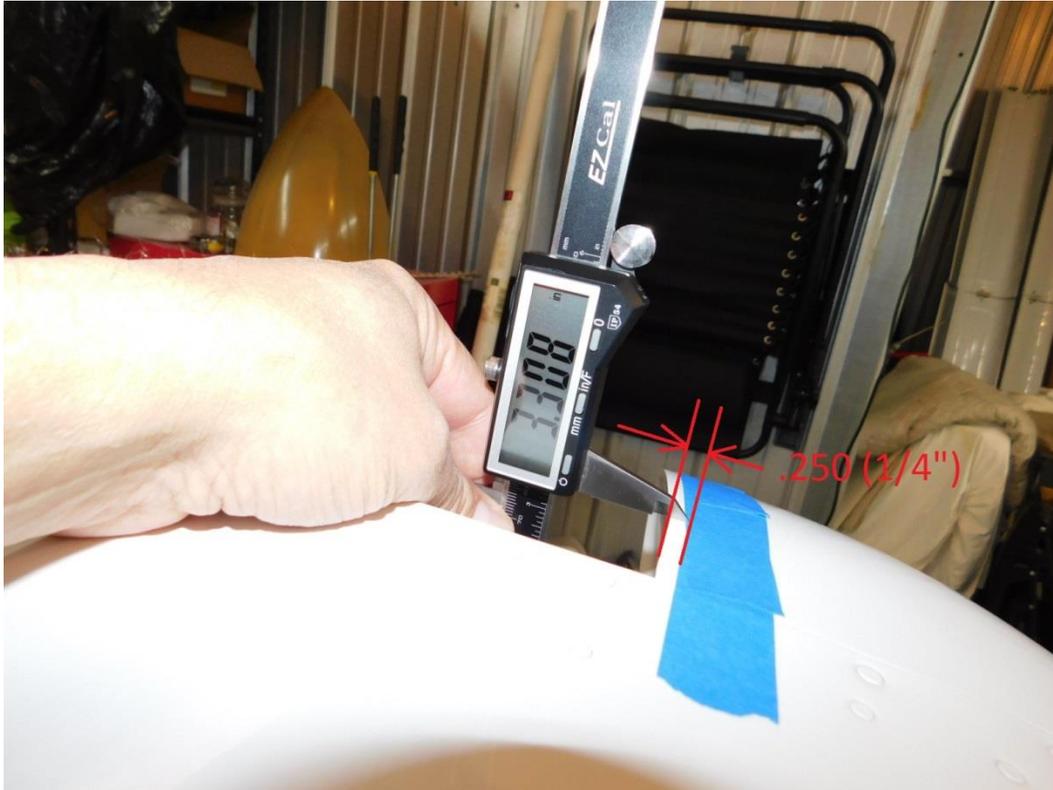
Step 2. Measure Elevator Horn Max Vertical Dimension across the Leading Edge. Note: The Elevator Horn is the moving part. In this example the value = 3.300 inch. Round up to nearest .005, so in this case, the value would be 3.300 inch (no rounding needed). Select 3.300 from the product selection list.



This is the Left Hand Side Elevator Horn, the moving part.

Step 3. Lay tape .250 inch from Fairing trailing edge. This will be the reference measure line.

Step 4. Measure Fairing Max Vertical Dimension across the fairing Trailing Edge. Note: The fairing is the fixed part. In this example the value = 3.308 inch. Round up to nearest hundredth, so in this case, the value would be rounded to 3.310 inch. Select 3.310 from the product selection list.



This is the Left Hand Side Fairing, the fixed part.

Step 5. Measure the minimum gap with the elevator in the horizontal position. This is the position of the elevator when the gust lock is installed. A feeler gauge or similar may be needed. Record minimum dimension and compare to web thickness selection list. .150 inch gap or greater choose thick web. Less than .150 inch gap, choose thin web. The typical RV-9 and RV-14 curvature of the fairing affects to ease of installation so that is why a .150 gap or less requires the thin web. If the fairing trailing edge straight then a thick web could be used for a gap .125 inches or greater.

Actual printed part web thicknesses:

Thin = .068 inch

Thick = .098 inch



Step 6. Repeat measurements for opposite side. As you will need both left (pilot side) and right (co-pilot side).

Measurement table

Left Hand Side	Measurement (inches)	Round up to nearest .005
Fairing Max Vertical Dim (fixed part)		
Elevator Horn Max Vertical Dim (moving part)		
Gap		

Right Hand Side	Measurement (inches)	Round up to nearest .005
Fairing Max Vertical Dim (fixed part)		
Elevator Horn Max Vertical Dim (moving part)		
Gap		

Rope

Size: ¼ inch diameter

Type: Use a stiff rope such as Dyneema with braided polyester cover or similar. This is the type of rope used on sailboats and is weather resistant and stiff.

Installation

When the rope setup is completed you will only need to make one knot to install the gust locks.

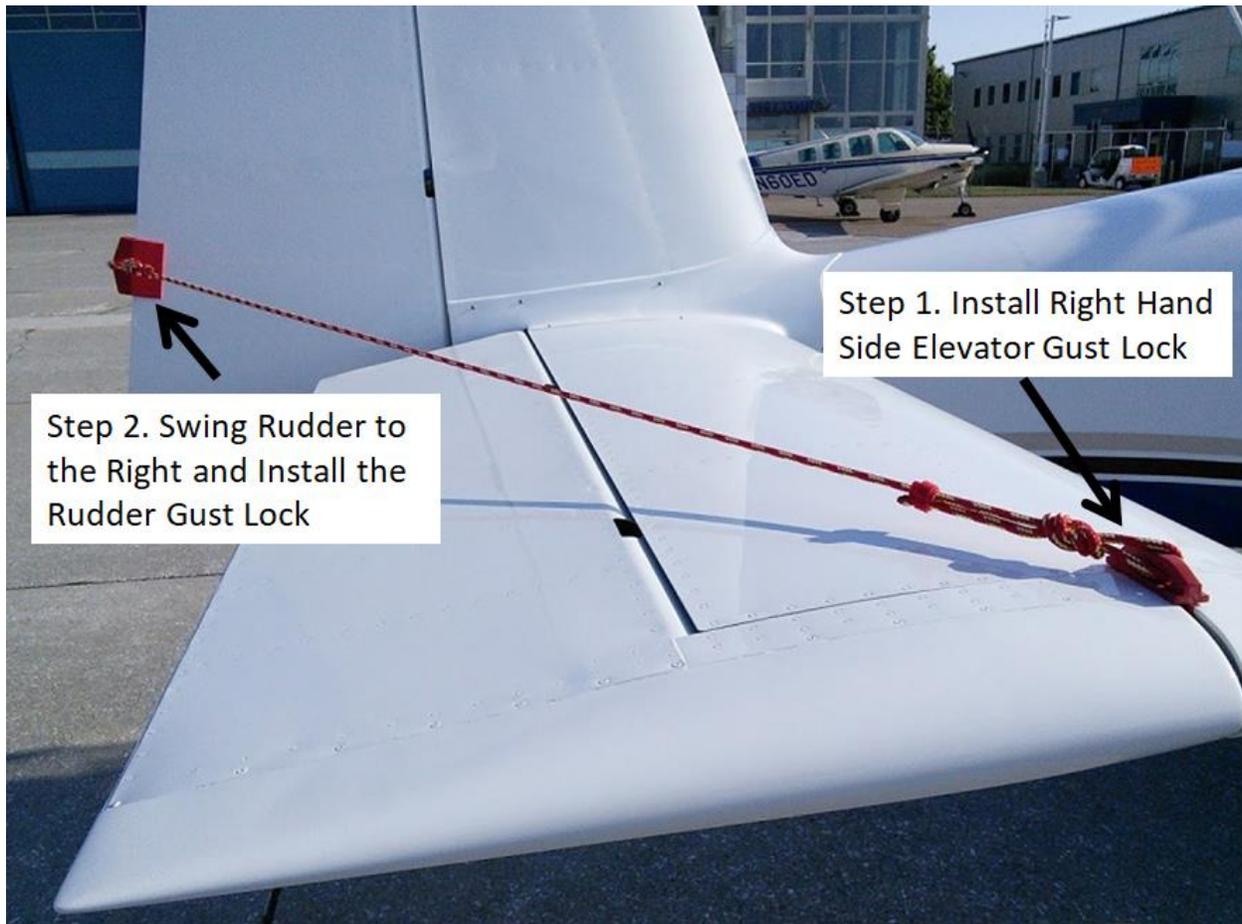
Step 1. Install Right Hand Side Elevator Gust Lock

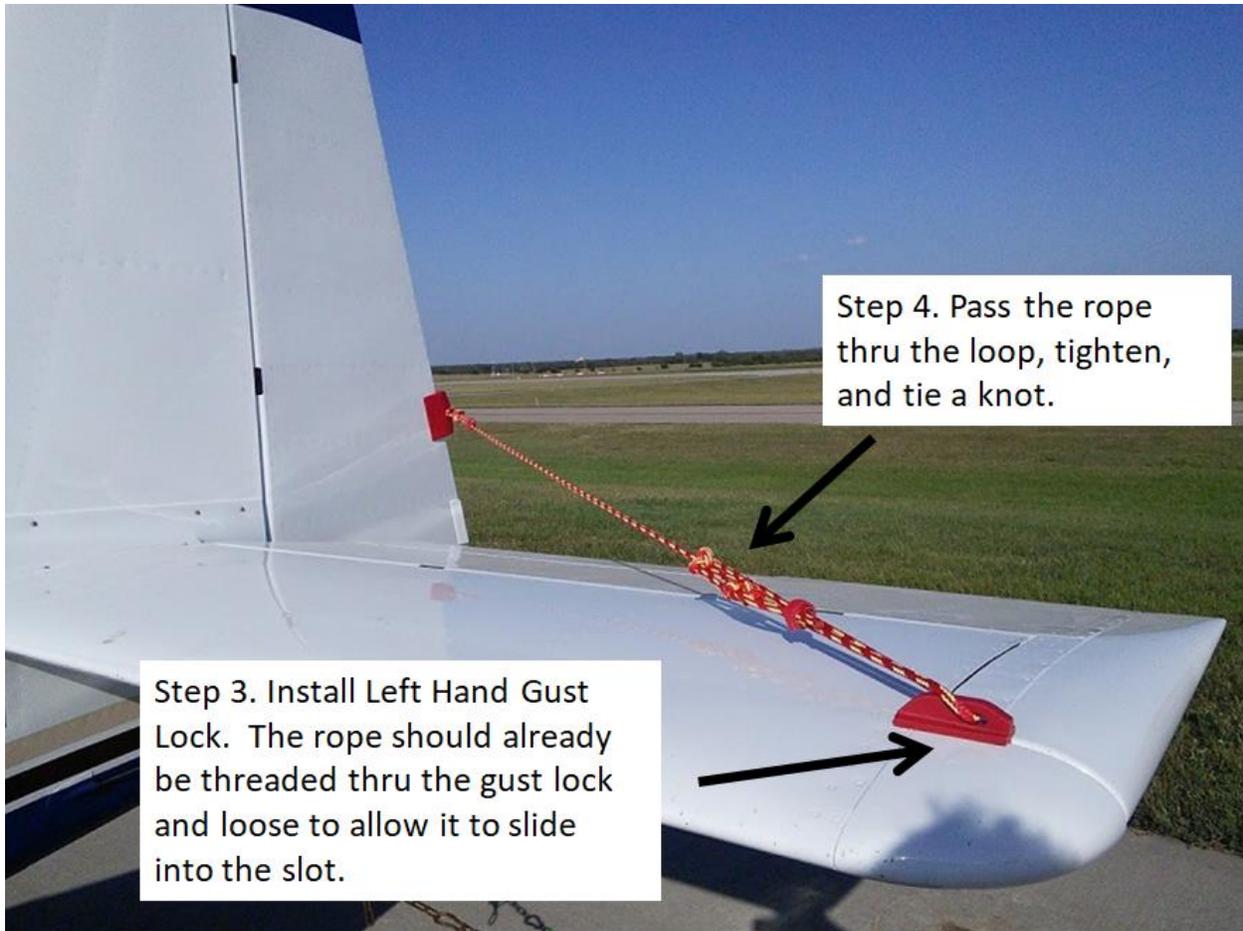
Step 2. Swing Rudder to the Right and Install the Rudder Gust Lock

Step 3. Install Left Hand Side Elevator Gust Lock

Step 4. Tighten and Tie knot

Note: You will not damage the rudder by tightening because the rudder is free to move. The tension will be taken by the rope on the opposite side. When the gust locks are installed, the rudder will self-center with the rope and remain secure in both directions.





Step 3. Install Left Hand Gust Lock. The rope should already be threaded thru the gust lock and loose to allow it to slide into the slot.

Step 4. Pass the rope thru the loop, tighten, and tie a knot.

Knots

We use three basic knots. (You may prefer different knots)

1. A Figure 8 knot to tie the Right side elevator gust lock and both the left and right side connections at the rudder gust lock.
2. A Farmers loop to provide the loop in the line for tightening.
3. A halter-hitch to secure the loop tie.

A Figure 8 knot looks like this. This is a good instructional video YouTube link for this knot.

<https://youtu.be/GFlwrvggas0>

Rudder Figure 8 knot



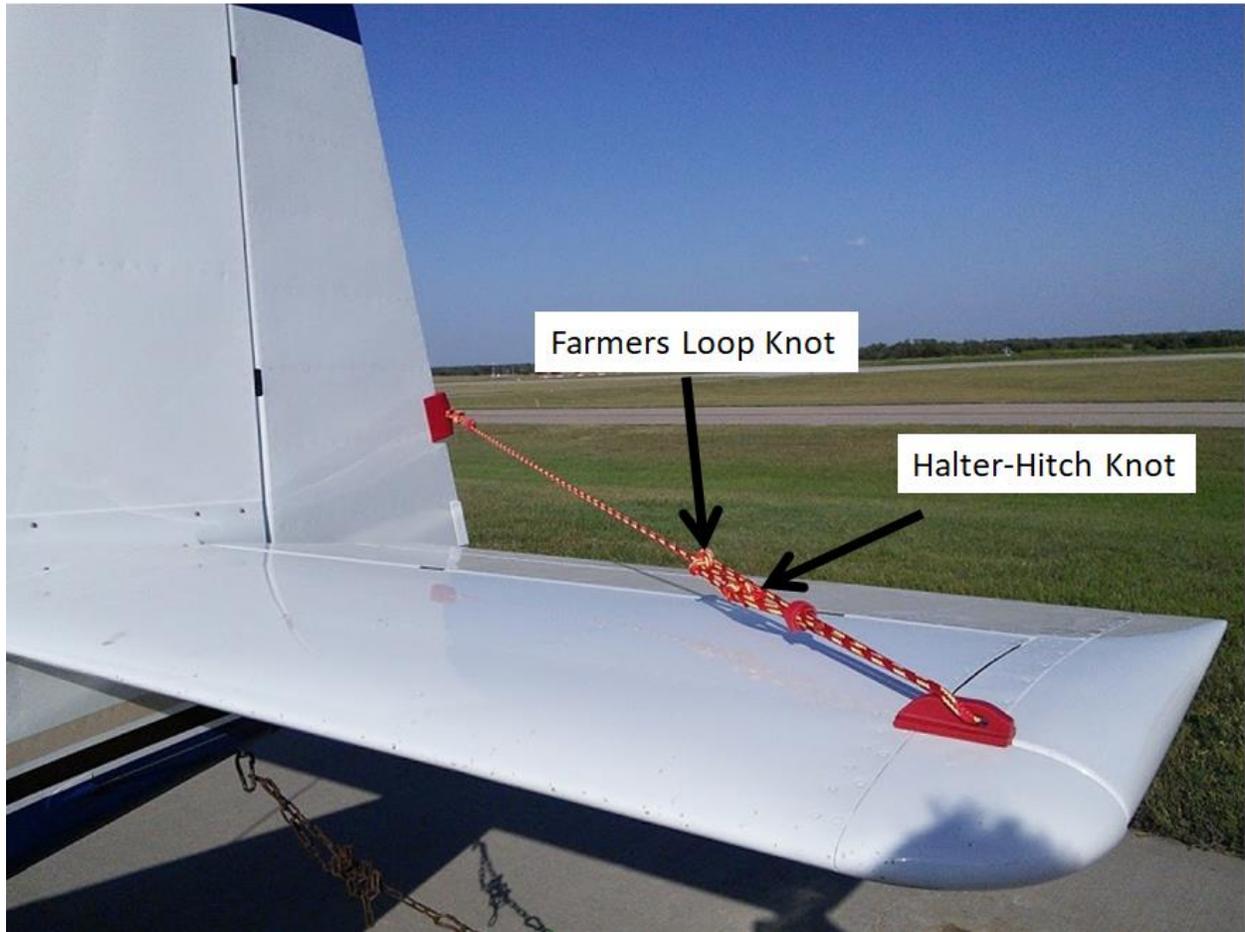
Rudder Figure 8 knot. Both sides tied independently. A zip tie keeps it neat.



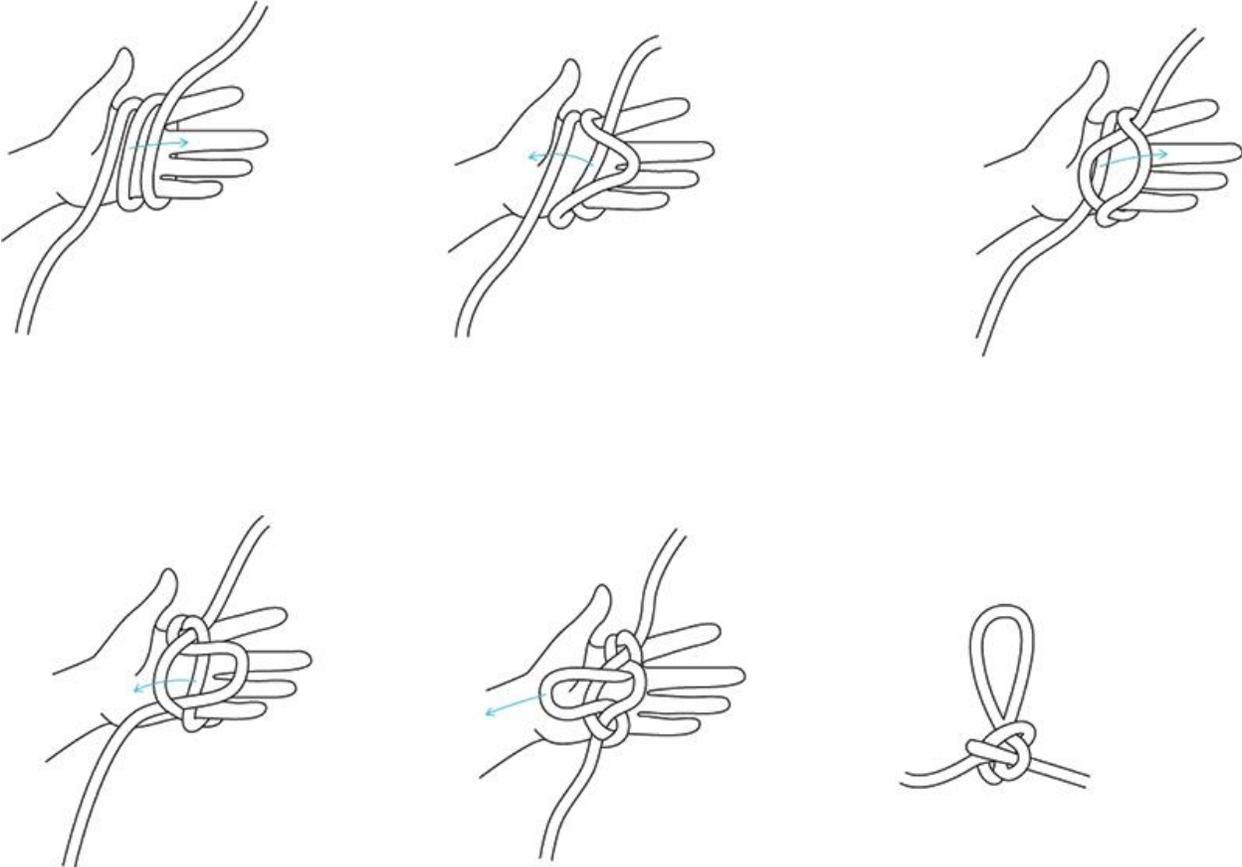
Right Hand Side Elevator Figure 8 knot



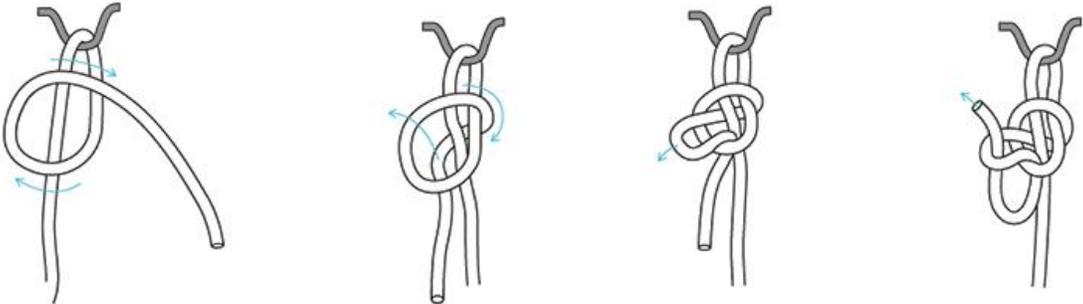
Farmers Loop and Halter-Hitch Knots



Farmers Loop



Halter-Hitch



Velcro Cable tie rope loose ends if desired

