

WEED USA, LLC

WEED EXT-135/ EXT TOUR (Z-ONE35, T-Zone & Zone) SERIES - STRINGING INSTRUCTIONS

RECOMMENDED STRING TYPES :

In this model, almost any string will propel the ball well. However, a few stringing set-ups ARE KNOWN TO FEEL, SOUND AND PLAY SUPERBLY. They are:

1. 17 ga. **GAMMA TNT2 PRO PLUS** at any tension! Recommended especially for players who hit the ball flat, it is perfect for those who prefer a livelier response and more power. (16 ga. **GAMMA 2** is very similar - just not quite as crisp of a feel as the Pro, yet its slightly thicker gauge is more durable). Also quite good are: **WEED Black Synthetic Gut 16, 17** (45' sets), Gamma TNT2 16, 17, 18 or Ruff 16 (for Spin) **Gut Lovers:** try **Wilson NXT** or **Gamma Professional**.
2. For "Hard Hitters" who need maximum stringbed stiffness and/or stringbreakers needing greater durability, we recommend **FORTEN THIN BLEND (18 ga. Kevlar** for the **Mains** paired with Sweet 17 synthetic crosses). Other similar kevlar products will work too, but beware: many of the pre-packaged sets may not be long enough (we stock the Thin Blend in reels and will be happy to cut "WEED length sets" of 25' kevlar and 20' SG). (*Suggested Tension Range for Kevlar Mains or Luxillion Big Banger / Polyester Strings: 60-65 lbs., max = 70 lbs.*).
3. For sore elbow, arm or shoulder relief: **Gamma TNT Rx 16** or **17** (if installed using our LP stringing method it will be even more beneficial - see description below).

TENSION : MAXIMUM STRING TENSION IS 75 LBS. (KEVLAR /Polyester MAX = 70 LBS!)

The **Mains & Crosses** should be strung at the same tension in these models.

When selecting a tension - fit the tension to what players are used to - they can't change their habits!

If they have been playing a small racquet at higher tensions: give them higher tensions in the WEED and consider a stiffer string.

If they're used to lower tensions in a larger frame, 45-60 lbs. in the WEED Z-ONE35 series models will probably fit them.

*******"SLACKING OFF" tensions progressively by 5, 10 and 15 lbs. on the outside 3 mains and top & bottom 3 crosses are MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENT FOR FRAME WARRANTY. This also provides an even broader sweetspot, more power on balls hit next to the frame, and eases initial shock on the arm. (The top 3 X's would slack by 15, then 10, and then 5 lbs. off the base racquet tension, and the bottom 3 X's would slack by 5, then 10, and then 15 lbs.).**

Note: WEED highly recommends their special L.P. ("Live Periphery") Stringing process for these models (description below). (*Instructions available*)

Conventional stringing procedures are outlined on the reverse side of this sheet.

L.P. instructions (and assistance via the 800#) are available upon request.

L.P. Stringing creates nearly frame to frame Power Zone. It features a more lively periphery (area out near the frame), for greater depth on off-center hits (and less shock to the arm on such hits!), which converts into much steadier, controlled play. [This progressive tension pattern also incorporates a second, much stretchier string (Durbin CDT) in the last 2 mains and crosses, to help increase the power in that area. The Durbin string is available through WEED].

LENGTH : Depends on the stretchiness of the string!
42 FEET *is enough in most cases*
ONE SET (40 FT.) OF GAMMA PRO, TNT PRO OR GAMMA 2 will string the whole racquet at 65 lbs. or higher (usually).

FOR 1 PIECE stringing use: 11 1/4 ft. for the **SHORT SIDE OF MAINS**
(add 3 to 4 inches if under 60 lbs.)

FOR 2 PIECE stringing: **MAINS = 24 ft.**
 CROSSES = 20 ft.

PATTERN : 18 MAINS X 21 CROSSES
MAINS START AT THE THROAT.
MAINS SKIP HOLE NUMBERS 8 AND 10 AT TIP & THROAT.
Tie off short side of Mains in 5 H or 7 H.

WHEN YOU GET TO THE 3RD TO THE LAST MAIN (from the outside, on both sides), **DROP THE TENSION BY 5 LBS. DROP THE TENSION BY ANOTHER 5 LBS.** (total of 10 lbs. off the base tension) **IN THE 2ND TO LAST MAIN AND 5 MORE LBS.** (total of 15) **IN THE LAST (outside) MAIN.**
(ie. if stringing the racquet at 60 lbs., the last 3 mains would be at 55, 50 and 45 lbs.)
(WARRANTY IS NOT VALID UNLESS the string tension is slacked as described).

CROSSES SKIP HOLE NUMBER 9 AT THE TIP & THROAT AND NUMBER 11 THROAT.

HOLE NUMBER 11 AT THE TIP IS A SHARED HOLE.

"SLACK-OFF" ON THE TENSION IN THE TOP CROSS BY 15 LBS., BY 10 LBS. IN THE 2ND CROSS AND BY 5 LBS. IN THE 3RD CROSS. *(ie. 45, 50 and 55 lbs).* **(DO THE SAME AT THE BOTTOM, BUT IN THE REVERSE ORDER: SLACK BY 5 LBS. IN THE 3RD TO LAST CROSS, BY 10 LBS. IN THE 2ND TO LAST CROSS AND BY 15 LBS. IN THE BOTTOM CROSS).** *(ie. 55, 50 and 45 lbs)*
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