Handle has a metal core. Increased length and weight of handle adds control and leverage of entire whip for user.

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Belly is usually lead-loaded with small lead or steel balls in the core. Correct ratio in relation to overal length adds leverage and control of tip for user. Thong is the entire flexible length of a whip. The most powerful ratio of diameter is 5 at the base to 1 at the beginning of the fall.

Fall is usually a single string of whatever makes the braided whip.

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Cracker or popper is just as fine and tough a little sliver as you can find. All the kinetic force from the heavy handle, belly, thong, fall are concentrated at this tiny point. The crack a whip makes means this tip has sped from 0 to over 741 miles per hour –or faster than sound –in seconds.