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Rick - The guy that popularized the 5/7 blood knot is Gary Berger. He recommends it for knotting material that is greater than .002" difference in diameter. In other words, materials greater than two "X-sizes" different. So 3X to 5X is OK to use an equal turn blood knot. The knot doesn't form well if the difference in diameter is too great between the knotted sections, hence the risk of knot failure.

I never use a blood knot on smaller than 2X tippet material. A double or triple surgeon's knot is quicker and easier for me to tie.

H.A.