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FEATURED PRODUCTS

Hoofjack Pastern Cradle

The Hoofjack Pastern Cradle is designed to give even more support and comfort. The double cradle/strap allows the leg to lie in a more stable position, providing greater comfort to the horse while allowing the farrier to work more easily. The Pastern Cradle fits securely into all Hoofjack bases.



Vettec Adhere

Vettec Adhere is a multipurpose, fast-setting urethane adhesive designed to bond steel, aluminum and urethane shoes to the hoof and to fabricate large and small hoof wall repairs. It sets in 60 seconds, is weight bearing after 3.5 minutes and is fully cured in 6 minutes. Perfect for most every hoof repair application, Adhere sets hard with a strong bond, yet maintains the flexibility necessary at the quarters and heels to allow the natural movement of the hoof.



Kerckhaert Steel Comfort Sport

The Steel Comfort Sport gives the sport horse optimal hoof comfort. It focuses on good movement coordination and balance with less pressure on the tendons.

A highlight of this shoe is the radius clips between the 2nd and 3rd nail holes. Built-in support on the toe, wider heel sections and marked drill points for applying additional traction all contribute to the ease of use for the farrier and performance of the horse.

Available in sizes 000 - 4.



Liberty Secure HardTop Nails

The Secure HardTop line features an innovative nail head that ensures long-lasting, close-fitting shoeing.

The nail has more material in the head and locks itself better in the crease. The nail crown is hardened to allow the nail to wear evenly with the shoe.

This unique combination of shape and material improves and maintains the firm connection of the shoe to the hoof.

Available in sizes 3 - 6, steel only.

Keep Your Belts Clean For Increased Efficiency and Longer Life

We have all heard the sayings “time is money” and “wasted time is wasted money.” The use of grinders to modify shoes and buffers to dress hooves not only improves time efficiency; it also reduces wear and tear on the body by eliminating the need for additional forging, hot rasping or the use of a finish file. Using grinders and buffers becomes inefficient when one does not care for them properly, causing a premature end to their usefulness.

Improvements in abrasive component technology have greatly enhanced material removal rates and the life of the abrasive.

However, without proper care, belts and sleeves can have their lives shortened, even with the new improvements. One of the primary reasons for shortened belt life is loading. Belt loading tends to occur most often when grinding or sanding non-ferrous metals such as aluminum. It can also occur

when working with softer materials such as leather and urethane pads or, in the case of buffer sleeves, hoof wall material.

In any of the aforementioned cases, the material being ground away becomes trapped in-between the abrasive particles to the point that there is no longer definition between the particles. Cutting performance is greatly reduced when this happens and it is often incorrectly assumed the belt has reached the end of its serviceable life.

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Luckily, belt loading is easily remedied in seconds with the use of a rubber belt cleaning stick. With regular cleaning you can expect to see increased belt life and reduced working time. The steps below show the proper use of the rubber belt cleaning stick to save you time and money. ■



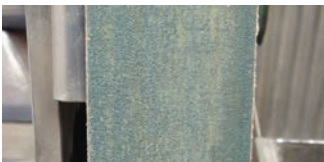
A zirconia belt with material loading present.



To clean belt, place rubber cleaning stick on belt at a 45° angle.



Turn on grinder. Maintain contact with belt and sweep side-to-side to clean.



Belt Comparison
(Top) Dirty, (Bottom) Clean



A hoof buffer sleeve loaded with hoof material.



To clean sleeve, hold buffer against rubber stick and run drill. Sweep buffer side-to-side until material is removed. Be sure to set drill direction to ensure rotation is throwing material down and not up.



A clean hoof buffer.