

NEWS FOR FARRIERS

New Products Available at FPD Dealers Near You

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Kerckhaert Steel Comfort Sport Shoes

Kerckhaert has produced a new version of the Steel Comfort. The new design has the clips between the second and third nail hole. The heel width for the new Comfort Sport is slightly wider and heels are center punched to allow drilling for studs or tungsten pins. Available in front only, sizes 0, 1 and 2. Packed in 10 pair boxes.



Hoofjack Mini Cradle with 11" Post

You asked, we delivered. The Hoofjack Mini Cradle with Standard length post is now available. The advantage of the mini cradle for normal hoof sizes is, when rasping or nailing, the cradle is not in the way; while still providing excellent support for the hoof.



Watch this product in action on FPD's YouTube channel @farrierproducts

JUST A REMINDER

Liberty 4 Combo Slim

The 4 Combo Slim is the latest addition to the Liberty Combo Slim range. This nail is a great option for 5/16" shoes in smaller sizes (000, 00, 0) where the hoof doesn't need the length of the 5 Combo Slim or a 5 City but requires a head to fit the same crease. The head is only slightly smaller than the 5 Combo Slim and the nail length of 48.5 mm is between a 5 Race and 5 City.



Improved Diamond Tools

The following new, higher quality Diamond tools are now available from your FPD Dealer:

- Diamond Crease Nail Puller
- Diamond Pulloff/Spreader
- Diamond Saddle Horse Clincher
- Diamond 10" Nail Cutting Nippers
- Diamond Hoof Nippers



Bellota 17" Big Raptor+

The Bellota Big Raptor+ is 33% wider than regular rasps and 3 inches longer than the Raptor+, making it ideal for large hooves.



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THE AUGUST 2021 FACEBOOK GIVEAWAY WILL BE (1) ONE PAIR OF KERCKHAERT STEEL COMFORT SHOES IN SIZE 0.



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Sheared Heels or Heel Shear?

By Dave Farley, CF APF-I

In this article, I will show you how I shoe a horse with a mild heel shear. In future articles, we will deal with the two severe stages that I call sheared heels. I will not attempt to diagnose the cause of this condition, which is explained in several great textbooks. Instead, I will shoe the horse just as I do in my everyday practice.

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Most textbooks describe this condition as one heel being higher than the other, when viewed from the back of the foot. If you are a farrier, you see this condition often and each of us have our own way of dealing with sheared heels. In my business, I try to deal with the heel shear before it becomes a sheared heel. I personally believe that there are three stages of this condition. I approach each stage of this foot fault a little differently.

This case is what I call a mild heel shear. Notice that the inside heel is higher than the outside (see photo above). I consider this mild because the frog is still attached. If you hold the foot with both hands the heels will not separate and move independently. Also, notice that the bulb has little deformity when the foot is bearing weight and viewed from the rear. Most feet with this mild condition will not show any lameness or gait fault. I believe that feet should be as close as possible to the center of the limb above it. Notice that the wall of the high heel is straighter and does not have a normal angle. I take this into consideration when I fit the shoe.

I trim to the highest, widest part of the frog. I use a #2 Kerckhaert Grand Prix shoe. This shoe has a wide outside branch that helps horses with stiff and/or rotating hocks that need more lateral support. Using this shoe, I hammer and/or grind the inside branch. This takes away more medial ground surface of the shoe allowing the affected heel to sink more than the outside or lateral heel.

Notice the inside (medial) fit of the shoe. If you have a horse with this mild condition, and your approach is similar, this heel shear probably will never become a sheared heel. This horse is sound, happy and a ten mover.



Cleaning up only what's necessary to protect the integrity of the hoof.



Inside heel of the shoe forged to allow the hoof to sink.



You can see the inside heel after hot fit in these views.



The shoe ground, drilled and tapped.



Fit wide for lateral support.



Note the support on the medial heel also.