

NEWS FOR FARRIERS

New Bloom Forge Stud Sets

The new Bloom Forge Stud Sets are now available in two models. One fits the head of the FootPro C11 stud and the other is for the C13. The shaft of each are marked and have a different groove pattern for quick identification on the job.

Made from H13 Tool Steel, the form fit allows easy and safe installation of carbide studs.



Plexus Pads at the International Hoof-Care Summit

During this year's International Hoof-Care Summit, Austin Edens held demonstrations of his Plexus Pads with FootPro DIM Soft (20), FootPro Cast and Vettec Adhere. If you missed these demos, be sure to check out live videos and photos at www.facebook.com/FarrierProductDistribution.

Plexus pads are now available in Full Support pads in sizes S-M (fits size 00-3 feet) and Large Open Toe pads (fits size 3-6 feet).

Find a dealer near you carrying these products at www.farrierproducts.com/locations.



JUST A REMINDER

FootPro Solid Carbide Studs

The FootPro Solid Carbide Studs are available in C11 (P-11 equivalent) and C13 (P-13 equivalent). Both require a 17/64" drill bit. Solid carbide provides excellent wear and traction. Carbide studs should be installed with caution.

Scan the QR code to view proper installation or visit www.farrierproducts.com/studs.



FootPro 17/64" Countersink Drill Bit

The FootPro 17/64" Countersink Drill Bit can be used for the FootPro Carbide Studs, FootPro 5/16" Drive-in studs and any other studs on the market that require a 17/64" bit. It's not necessary to countersink holes for drive-in studs, but can be helpful in the installation.



Dave Farley Demonstrates Modifications Using the Kerckhaert SX-10



Dave Farley, CF APF-I visited the FootPro Shop and did a variety of shoe modifications using the Kerckhaert SX-10 undipped shoes. The SX-10 is a 3/8" thick shoe that allows you to do various modifications without sacrificing the strength of the shoe.



HEEL CLEAN OUT MODIFICATION

The heel clean out modification is used to promote the sole to naturally clean out or unload the material that collects or packs into the foot and sometimes snowballs. Open the heels by hammering the inside of each heel, or grinding bevels on each heel. Taper the material from the ground side of the shoe. This shoe modification helps the foot to clean, especially if the horse is working at higher speeds.



ONION MODIFICATION

The onion modification is done by forging and displacing steel, widening the material to cover or protect an area of the sole, especially at the seat of corn at the juncture of the bar and hoof wall. There are many ways to accomplish this modification. This demonstration was done by placing the shoe on the horn and simply hammering the SX-10 material inward to cover the area of the corn. This forging exercise can be forged on any area of the shoe where the foot is compromised by a puncture, bruise or being cut too short.



DOUBLE LATERAL HEEL MODIFICATION

The double lateral heel modification is done similar to a trailer but we take almost an inch or more of material to forge a longer trailer, forging it more outward or more laterally. Then, using the horn, hammer it back into the heel area of the shoe. This provides more lateral support without as much length as a trailer. It can be forged wider by hammering from the hoof side of the shoe outward. This modification is used for horses with run under bilateral heels or contracted run under heels. For example, the type of hoof conformation that loses traction or support on tight fast turns.



ROLLED TOE MODIFICATION

The rolled toe modification is a very simple one. It requires forging the toe of the shoe approximately from the center or middle of the branch from the second nail hole outward to the second nail hole of the opposite branch. This forging of the toe area will widen the width of the branch as it thins the material the direction it's being hammered. This thinning and widening of the toe encourages the foot to break over easier and sometimes faster. This modification is helpful to take stress off the soft tissues in that limb at the break over of the foot. If you have a horse that naturally breaks over either laterally or medially, you can adjust the roll to allow that breakover in that direction.



LATERAL SUPPORT MODIFICATION

The lateral support modification is made by forging the steel at the heel of the shoe from the hoof side. Placing the ground side of the shoe on the edge of the anvil and holding the hammer at approximately 45 degrees, hammer the material outward. This will widen the branch or heel area. This modification is forged to help support a contracted or run under heel. It is very commonly helpful on hind feet but can also be used for fronts.



TRAILER MODIFICATION

A trailer modification is made by turning the end of the branch of the shoe to line up with the diagonal toe of the shoe. It can be medial or lateral but most often is used laterally. The trailer modification should extend farther back and outward to alter the landing of the foot. This modification, if used laterally, will widen a horse's landing. Useful for a horse that rope walks. ■



You can find videos of these modifications on the FPD YouTube channel at tinyurl.com/SX10Modifications.

