

Easyboot Glue-On Hoof Preparation, Gluing, Application and Removal

Please read through these instructions before starting the process. Prep time and additional supplies are needed (see accessories).

Note: We do not recommend that a boot be left on for more than ten (10) days in a dry environment, or five (5) days in a wet, humid environment. The most important part of the Easyboot Glue-On application is hoof preparation.

Additional time spent on the preparation stage will be rewarded. Make sure the hoof has been freshly trimmed before hoof preparation. If you are not comfortable with this procedure, please seek assistance from your hoof care professional.

PREPARATION

- 1. Tie the horse in a clean, dry area.** A cement slab, trailer mat or asphalt area is preferred.
- 2. Clean the hoof thoroughly.** Use a hoof pick to remove all debris from the bottom of the hoof.
- 3. Avoid using any oily products on the horse such as fly spray or mane detangler.**
- 4. Rough up the hoof wall.** Using the edge of a new rasp, score the bottom 2/3 of the hoof wall at an angle to the ground. Make the hoof wall as rough as you can with rasp striations all around the outside of the hoof wall. Use **Nitrile Tough EasyCare gloves** to protect your hands from the sharp edges of the rasp and to prevent any oils being transferred from your hands to the hoof wall.
- 5. Use a wire brush to thoroughly clean the sole and hoof wall.**
- 6. Use a heat gun on the sole and hoof wall if the feet are damp or were recently damp.** If possible, the horse should be in a dry environment for 24 hours prior to applying Easyboot Glue-On hoof boots.

- 7. Test the fit.** Fit the Easyboot Glue-On to each of the hooves without any glue first. If you do not have a tight, snug fit, change the size of boot shells you use. Rasp excess flaring if there are any visible bulges.



GLUING

- 1. Prepare to glue.** The gluing process requires the use of two glues: Sikaflex 227, a slower, softer-setting glue is applied to the base of the boot and Adhere, a faster, harder-setting glue is applied to the hoof wall area. Make sure all hooves have remained on the clean, dry surface.
 - A. 1 Caulking gun** (purchased at any hardware store)
 - B. 1 tube of Sikaflex 227** (Goobar Glue Hoof Pack is no longer available)
 - C. 1 Vettec Premium Glue Gun** with **1 Vettec Adhere cartridge** inserted
 - D. 1 - 2 mixing tips** per hoof
 - E. Nitrile Tough EasyCare gloves** or non-powdered latex hand gloves
 - F. Rubber Mallet**
- 2. Working in warmer temperatures will increase the speed at which the Adhere sets up.** Working in cooler or damp environments will delay the set-up time. You may offset the external factors by cooling the Adhere in a portable cooler or by warming it near a heater in your trailer or your truck.
- 3. Arrange the following gluing supplies** in a clean work area:

- 4. Cut off the end of the Sikaflex tip and pierce the tube so the adhesive can be extracted from the tube.** Place the tube into the caulking gun and prime the tube so the glue is ready.



- 5. Use protective hand gloves and boot shells that have not been exposed to any dust or oils.**
- 6. Apply Sikaflex in a triangular pattern to the base of the boot in the area where the frog will be in contact with the boot.** For more sole concavity, use more glue than for a hoof with less concavity. Repeat for each of the boots and keep the boots in a cool, shaded environment where no dirt or debris will get into the boots. Since Sikaflex takes several hours to set up, there is no risk of the glue drying before you apply the boots to the hooves.
- 7. Cut open the tube of Vettec Adhere at the marker line, apply a mixing tip and position the Glue-On shell and loaded dispensing gun near the hoof.**
- 8. Squeeze a little of the Adhere onto the ground to make sure the glue is mixing properly through the tip.**
- 9. Starting halfway up the inside of the boot shell, apply a generous layer of Adhere around the inner vertical wall of the boot from approximately the 8 o'clock position to the 4 o'clock position.** Do not use Adhere at the rear of the boot. Work fast, as you only have 30-45 seconds for glue application and fitting. If the mixing tip gums up, discard it immediately and use another tip. Do not apply glue to the weight-bearing (sole) area of the boot.



BOOT APPLICATION

- 1. Pick up the horse's foot. Hold the fetlock joint between your knees and apply the boot using a twisting motion.**
- 2. Center the boot and use a rubber mallet at the toe to fully seat the boot.**



- 3. Set the horse's foot on the ground. Pick up the opposite foot and hold for 90 seconds or until the Adhere becomes tacky.**
- 4. Apply a bead of Adhere around the top of the boot shell to complete the gluing process.** Do not apply Adhere to the soft tissue areas at the rear of the hoof.
- 5. Check the heel bulb area and remove any Sikaflex that has oozed at the rear of the boot.** Fill any gaps at the back of the boot shell with Sikaflex.
- 6. Sikaflex may continue to seep out at the rear of the boot over the next few hours: this is normal and a small ball of glue will likely form there.** Wait until the following morning to twist off the glue ball or carefully remove it using a sharp knife. Do not attempt to remove the glue ball before the glue is completely dry.



EASYBOOT GLUE-ON REMOVAL

The glue bond between the Easyboot Glue-On shell and hoof starts to break down after several days. You may, however, remove the boot any time before then.

- 1. Take a large, flat-head screw driver and slowly break the bond between the Easyboot Glue-On shell and hoof.** Start at one point and work all the way around each boot.
- 2. Pick up the hoof and gently pry off the boot.**
- 3. These boots are designed to be used once, but if you want to reuse the shell, this is the best time to remove any remaining glue from the shell. Use a wire grinding wheel to remove all glue residue.**

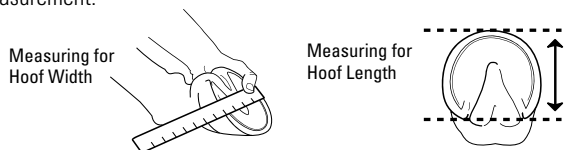


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How to Measure for Boots

1. After a fresh trim, measure the width of the hoof across the bottom at the widest point.
2. Measure the length of the hoof from the toe to the buttress line of the heel. The buttress line is the farthest weight bearing point of the heel where the hoof wall ends. Do not include the heel bulbs in the measurement.



3. Compare your measurements with the appropriate size chart. Ideally, the length and width measurements should fit into the same size on the chart. The Easyboot glue-On requires a snug fit, we recommend you order a Fit Kit to ensure you select the correct size. For more information about the Fit Kit program, please contact EasyCare or visit easycareinc.com.

Easyboot Glue-On Size Chart

Normal			Wide		
Size	Width in mm	Length in mm	Size	Width in mm	Length in mm
00	96-99mm	106-109mm	0W	114-117mm	114-117mm
00.5	100-103mm	110-113mm	0.5W	118-121mm	118-121mm
0	104-107mm	114-117mm	1W	122-125mm	122-125mm
0.5	108-111mm	118-121mm	1.5W	126-129mm	126-129mm
1	112-115mm	122-125mm	2W	130-133mm	130-133mm
1.5	116-119mm	126-129mm	2.5W	134-137mm	134-137mm
2	120-123mm	130-133mm	3W	138-141mm	138-141mm
2.5	124-127mm	134-137mm			
3	128-131mm	138-141mm			
3.5	132-135mm	142-145mm			
4	136-139mm	146-149mm			
4.5	140-143mm	150-153mm			
5	144-147mm	154-157mm			

Always double check the fit using the Fit Kit before purchasing boots. Contact us for more details. Info@horsegearcanada.com

Success of the **Easyboot Glue-On** is determined by accurate measurements and a snug fit.

For the **Easyboot Glue-On**, you will need to measure *in millimeters*. Measuring in inches and converting to millimeters will render the measurement process inaccurate. Be sure to use a ruler or tape measure that includes millimeters.



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Easyboot Glue-On Accessories

The following accessories are required for Easyboot Glue-On application and can be purchased through EasyCare at easycareinc.com, or by phone at 800.447.8836



Glue Dispensing Gun

Vettec Adhere 180cc Tube



Sikaflex 227 Tube



Mixing tips

Nitrile Tough
EasyCare Gloves

Save-Edge
Rasp

Other recommended accessories including a heat gun, rubber mallet, and other tools must be purchased separately and can be found at most hardware stores.



This boot can be converted to an Easyboot Glove by applying a gaiter. For more information see our website, easycareinc.com.

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