Easyboot Epics Frequently Asked Questions

${f Q}$ Do you need horseshoes in addition to the Easyboot Epic?

A No. Easyboot Epics provide complete hoof protection and traction. They may also be worn over regular shoes but it voids the EasyCare Guarantee.

${f Q}$ What is the difference between the Easyboot and the Easyboot Epic?

A The boots are the same, but the Easyboot Epic is shipped with a factory-installed Easyboot Gaiter and a low-profile Comfort Strap.

Q Can you leave Easyboot Epics on all the time?

A No. It is best to let the horse go barefoot as often as possible. Use Easyboot Epics only when the horse needs foot protection or traction. Do not leave Easyboot Epics on any horse longer than 12 hours at a time.

Q Are Easyboot Epics good for snow and ice?

A Yes. Easyboot Epics polyurethane surface eliminates snow balling up on the bottom of the boot as it would on the sole of a horse wearing standard shoes. Optional titanium-coated studs are available for gripping sheet ice.

Q Will sand and gravel get into the boot?

A Yes. A small amount of sand can get in, but generally not enough to cause harm. Treat your Easyboot Epic as you would your own athletic shoe, empty it out occasionally!

 ${f Q}$ Does wearing Easyboot Epics over iron shoes increase wear on the Easyboot Epic?

A Yes. Although Easyboot Epics can be worn over steel shoes in a variety of situations, wear of the Easyboot Epic is increased when fitted over shoes and will void the EasyCare Guarantee.

Q Will Easyboot Epics give good traction on pavement?

A Yes. They provide sure footing for the horse and safety for the rider. Shod horses can be dangerous on pavement. Easyboot Epics prevent slipping. They make excellent parade footwear and reduce shock on paved surfaces.

${f Q}$ Is it necessary to trim the horse's hoof?

A All horses need a proper hoof trimming program, whether they are barefoot or shod. Consult your hoof care professional for any trimming questions or concerns.

${f Q}$ With such a variety in the shape of hooves, how can a good fit be assured?

A The single most important factor to success with Easyboot Epics is to ensure the correct size. Measure the hoof, compare to the sizing chart and choose the size based on the ranges provided. Once you have selected the correct size for your horse, the fit can be tailored to accommodate most normal hoof variations. If your horses hoof shape deviates more than one size from the "standard" shape (width versus length) shown on the chart, the Easyboot Epic may not be the best choice for your application.

Q What is the projected useful life of an Easyboot Epic?

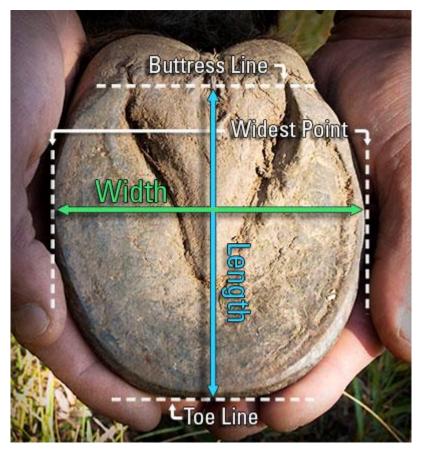
A Your "mileage" will depend, of course, on a number of factors. How often do you ride? Do you ride on asphalt or dirt, for 30 minutes or 10 miles? One horses boots may show wear at the toe, while others may indicate wear on the inside. Regardless of the way your horse travels, Easyboot Epics will out-perform a metal horseshoe, as well as provide insurance against injury.

Q Are Easyboot Epics economical?

A Yes. With Easyboot Epics, there is no need to shoe. Thoroughly tested on cross country and endurance rides, rough terrain and pavement, the Easyboot was found to out-wear steel shoes at least 3 to 1, with a range of over 500 miles. Horse owners have reported over 1000 miles per boot.

How to Properly Measure Your Horse's Hoof

We cannot over stress the importance of resizing! You wouldn't go for a jog in ill-fitting sneakers, so why would you expect your horse to do the same?



- 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 measurement with the appropriate size chart. Please note that each boot style has its own unique size chart.
- 4. Ideally, the length and width measurement will fit into the same size. If the length and width measurements indicate different sizes, select the larger size. If the hoof measurements fall closely to the maximum length or width, we recommend choosing the next size up. If the width and length measurements are different by more than one size, your selected boot style is not recommended. * Be sure to check your measurements against an alternative boot in the EasyCare line—another style may accommodate your horse's hoof shape better.

*Note: If you are fitting an Easyboot Glue-On or Glove, width and length must fall into the same size category.