# **EasyShoe Flex Frequently Asked Questions**

# Q How is the EasyShoe Flex applied?

A The EasyShoe Flex line can be applied with nails, glue or casting.

# ${f Q}\,$ Why clear urethane material?

A The clear urethane material allows the farrier to see the white line and allows for exact nail placement without guessing.

#### Q Can a farrier nail through the urethane or should the urethane be predrilled?

A Both methods work, however most farriers prefer to mark the nail locations and predrill the urethane before nailing. This allows for greater control over the pitch of the nail as it enters the foot.

## ${f Q}$ What size nail and style nail do you recommend for application?

A size 3 or 4 slim blade. E head or combo head.

# ${f Q}$ How is the shoe shaped?

A The EasyShoe Flex is not shaped by traditional means. The hoof shape is traced on the shoe and excess material is cut or sanded away for an exact fit. The spring steel insert can't be shaped and will spring back to the original shape.

#### ${f Q}$ How much material can be removed when shaping and can you grind away metal?

A Roughly 10mm of material can be removed from each side (20mm total). Removing 10mm will remove both urethane and metal. This is not an issue because the shoe is designed to have both urethane and metal removed. Sides will be smooth to the touch with no sharp edges. With 10mm removed, the nailing slots are still long enough for nailing.

# $\mathbb{Q}$ Can the angle of the toe and side clips be changed?

A The toe and side clips come angled to match most feet. The angle of the clips can be changed with a hammer or a large pair of channel locks. We recommend making the changes slowly to avoid cracking the clips.

#### **Q** Why is the core made from spring steel?

A Spring steel has unique qualities that allow the steel to bend and flex and return to its original shape. Plus, it allows for a solid nailing platform without limiting flex in the toe, quarters and heels.

## ${f Q}$ What makes the spring steel and urethane unique?

A The spring steel allows the shoe to bend and flex. The urethane absorbs concussion and has excellent traction.

# ${f Q}\,$ The nailing slots are "open." What does this mean?

A On traditional iron shoes the nailing location is roughly 10mm from the outside of the shoe. These locations are not always in the best location for the hoof. The EasyShoe Flex has an open nailing position that allows the farrier to place the nail in the precise location.

# ${f Q}$ What is the difference between the EasyShoe Performance N/G and the EasyShoe Flex?

A The EasyShoe Performance N/G has more side to side flex. The internal metal on the N/G is not spring steel.

# Q Are the shoes front or hind specific?

A No. The shoe can be used for front or hind feet. Simply trace the hoof shape on the shoe and remove excess material with a band saw or belt sander.

# Q What is the weight of the EasyShoe Flex Open Heel?

A size #3 weighs roughly 10oz. An equivalent Kerkhaert steel shoe is 14oz.

# Q What is the weight of the EasyShoe Flex Heart Bar?

A size #3 weighs roughly 11.5oz. An equivalent Kerkhaert steel shoe is 14oz.

# ${f Q}$ What is the difference between the EasyShoe Flex Heart Bar and EasyShoe Flex Full Heart Bar?

A The EasyShoe Flex Heart Bar has urethane through the heel area. The EasyShoe Flex Full Heart Bar has spring steel through the heel area and is more rigid, which may be better for certain therapy cases.

#### **Q** Can the EasyShoe Flex be reset?

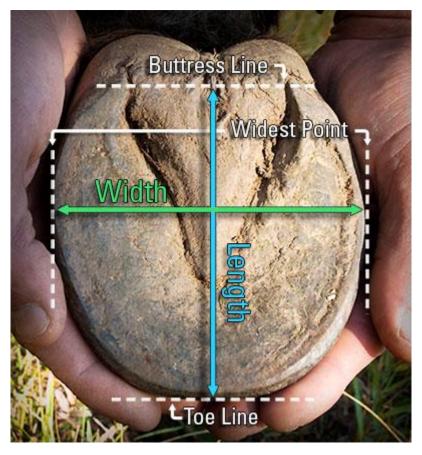
A Yes. The wide web design offers exceptional wear and resets are expected.

# Q Can studs be used in the EasyShoe Flex?

A Yes. EasyCare Quick Studs can be applied for added traction.

# 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.