

SupaStuds

GUIDE TO STUDDING

*SupaStuds are easier, faster & safer to use than any
other stud on the market*



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Which Studs When?

**The factors which you should
take into account are:**

Ground conditions

Type of horse

**Type of competition/activity
being undertaken**

Choosing which studs to use is a very personal decision, and we find that, even among the top riders, there is little consensus as to what studs will work best on a particular occasion. We can, however, offer some general guidelines to help you make your own decision.

Ground Conditions

Generally speaking, the more pointed studs are designed to be used when the ground is hard and/or slippery, and the square, dome and bullet-shaped studs are designed for use when the going is soft.

Some of the studs are a hybrid (for example the Medium Conical (SS004) and Large Conical (SS005)) which are designed to help when the ground is mixed or difficult to gauge – for instance, when there has been recent, heavy rain on top of hard ground (as can be the case in the summer).

People generally use either the same studs in the front shoes as behind, or slightly larger ones in the hind shoes – never the other way round.

If you use two studs in each shoe, either use the same ones inside and out, or smaller ones on the inside to reduce the risk of your horse catching itself with the stud in the other shoe

The Type of Horse

A general rule would be that, the smaller the horse/pony, the smaller the studs that are likely to be appropriate to use.

The impact of a large stud on a smaller, lighter animal will be more extreme than on a heavier animal, and you need to bear this in mind when selecting studs.

Studs that we consider particularly suitable for ponies and small horses would be the Original Road (SS001), Small Conical (SS002), Bullet (SS006), Mini Sharp (SS009), Polo (SS010) and Dressage (SS011

Type of Activity

This will also affect your choice of studs to an extent – if you are going to be making very tight turns (such as in a show-jumping jump-off or higher level dressage test) you might go for slightly larger studs than you would use on the same ground for less-demanding activities.

Remember, though, that larger studs increase the chance of your horse catching itself with a stud, particularly if you are using them on the inside as well as the outside of the shoe. Also, if you were to fall off and get trodden on, the larger the stud the greater the potential damage!

Instructions for Use

SupaStuds have been designed to make the whole process of studding-up easier, faster and safer. You will still need to remove stones and/or excess dirt from the stud hole, and use a spanner to insert/tighten your studs, but you will no longer need to tap the hole first.

Your farrier needs to make ordinary stud holes in your shoes, threaded as normal with a standard 3/8" Whitworth thread.

If you plug your stud holes, remove your plug by the most appropriate method (this will depend on the type of plug you use – for more advice contact our helpline 01845 523574 or help@supastuds.com). If you do not use plugs, remove the excess dirt and debris from the stud hole using your hoofpick or other preferred method: we find a horseshoe nail works best, but you need to ask your farrier to take the sharp end of the nail off before you use this method, or use a nail that is well worn.

Once you have most of the dirt and debris out of the stud hole, simply pick up the SupaStud you want to use and screw it carefully into the stud hole (it goes in clock-wise). Make sure that you are screwing it in with the thread in the hole and that you haven't "cross-threaded" it – if the stud seems to be going in crookedly take it out and try again.

Once you have screwed the stud as far as you can with your fingers (this may not be very far at all, depending on the state of the stud hole!) use a spanner to tighten it. You should find that the stud will screw in all the way up to the stud's shoulder (ie where the flat base of the stud meets the neck). Once you get to this point, give the stud one last quarter turn with the spanner if you can – this locks the stud in place against the shoe and should prevent it from loosening in use

Full Range of SupaStuds Available

Original Road Stud SS001

For use on the road and on hard ground.

Small Conical Stud SS002

For use in a variety of hard conditions where a bit more grip is required, eg for sharp turns and jumping.

Dome Stud SS003

Soft ground stud - oval shape for good grip.

Medium Conical Stud SS004

Ideal for slippery grass or greasy surface on a hard base.

Large Conical Stud SS005

Designed to give a precision response in deep going.

Bullet Stud SS006

Approved by the HPA for polo. Utility stud useful in a range of good to soft conditions.

Maxi Dome Stud SS007

Soft/deep going stud with oval shape for good grip.

Sharp Stud SS008

The best hold on the firmest ground.

Mini Sharp Stud SS009

Like a road stud but with extra penetration - a running spike for horses! Particularly suitable for sun-baked ground.

Polo Stud SS010

Cubic stud, conforms to polo regulations but useful in any sport in a variety of good to soft conditions.

Dressage Stud SS011

Conical, small radius stud requested by our dressage clients, but another good, utility hard ground stud.

Large Road Stud SS012

Similar to our original Road Stud (SS001) but slightly larger dimensions all round and specially hardened.

Travel Stud SS013

Keeps stud holes free from dirt and stones whilst travelling.

Arena Stud SS014

Designed specifically for use on an artificial surface; also good for muddy conditions.

Small Polo Stud SS015

Approved by the HPA for polo, it is a smaller version of SS010. A great small stud ideal for good to soft ground and particularly suitable for ponies

Long Bullet Stud SS016

Designed to give extra grip in deep going

Sponsored Riders

Paul Barker

Paul Barker comes from a show-jumping family, and his father rode many times for Britain in the 1960s. Paul has ridden all his life, starting his show-jumping career on a 12.2 pony called Silver Charm.

Paul has put together a string of good results on his top horses, Blue Chip Quinton and Temple Guess What, including winning the Lummen Grand Prix. He is a member of the World Class Development Squad and is consistently in the top ten rankings of British showjumpers.

Paul and his wife Hannah have recently had a baby who will no doubt one day continue the Barker family show-jumping tradition!



Matt Ryan

Matt Ryan is one of the pre-eminent event riders in the world. He has won three Olympic Gold Medals for Australia: Team and Individual Gold with Kibah Tic Toc at Atlanta in 1992, and Team Gold with Kibah Sandstone at Sydney in 2000. In 2004, Matt and Bonza Puzzle were selected as travelling reserves for the Australian squad for the Athens Olympics, but sadly they did not get a chance to compete.

Matt has recorded many top 10 finishes at the world's top three day events, including Badminton and Burghley

Vicky Tuffs

Vicky Tuffs burst onto the international eventing scene in 2006, finishing 3rd at Bramham and 9th at Blenheim (where she also won Best Newcomer and Highest-Placed Owner/Rider prizes) on her fantastic mare Tudor Romance. She completed Badminton in 2007, after which Tudor Romance was sold abroad.

Nowadays Vicky is based in Monmouthshire and concentrates on producing top quality young eventers for sale.

Based at Abergavenny on the Welsh borders, Matt still competes a team of horses up to 3* level, as well as training pupils.