

# NEWS FOR FARRIERS

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## New! Kerckhaert Prime Fit - the Ultimate Keg Shoe for the North American Market

The Prime Fit drop forged shoe offers a competitively priced option for pleasure, trail and ranch horses. Its easy-to-fit front and hind shapes will minimize fitting time. Full 5/16" thick stock has a V-Crease; accommodating a range of American style nails, including Combo Slim, Slim and City. Available unclipped only, in sizes 00,0 and 1 and packed in 10 pair boxes. The design provides excellent heel support and the attention to detail, such as the center mark on the ground side of the shoe, makes fitting and nailing almost effortless. Available unclipped in sizes 00, 0 & 1.



## New! Liberty 5 Combo Slim HardTop Nails

The 5 Combo Slim HardTop Nails are the first American style nail with a special hardening process on the top of the head; providing additional wear and strength. The nail head will wear longer and also helps with shoe wear. This nail is a Great choice for sport and trail horses and horses in rough, abrasive terrain. It is the same length as normal 5 Combo Slim - 52.5mm.



## New Size in Kerckhaert Pride Series Now Available

The Kerckhaert Pride 7/8", size 13 is now available through the FPD Dealer network. Reining horse farriers will find this new size helpful. The Pride series is designed as an option for reining and roping horses, especially younger horses. The high quality steel provides durability and strength.



## JUST A REMINDER

### Liberty Hybrid Nail Range

The Liberty Hybrid nail range is a great fit for Kerckhaert shoes, as well as most other brands of European style shoes, flat and concave. Most of the feedback we receive relates to how much better the Hybrid head fits in E punched shoes. The Hybrid nails are available in both Regular and Cu, sizes 2-6.



# Keep Your Belts Clean For Increased Efficiency and Longer Life

We have all heard the sayings “time is money” and “wasted time is wasted money.” The use of grinders to modify shoes and buffers to dress hooves not only improves time efficiency; it also reduces wear and tear on the body by eliminating the need for additional forging, hot rasping or the use of a finish file. Using grinders and buffers becomes inefficient when one does not care for them properly, causing a premature end to their usefulness.

Improvements in abrasive component technology have greatly enhanced material removal rates and the life of the abrasive. However, without proper care, belts and sleeves can have their lives shortened, even with the new improvements. One of the primary reasons for shortened belt life is loading. Belt loading tends to occur most often when grinding or sanding non-ferrous metals such as aluminum.

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It can also occur when working with softer materials such as leather and urethane pads or, in the case of buffer sleeves, hoof wall material. In any of the aforementioned cases, the material being ground away becomes trapped in-between the abrasive particles to the point that there is no longer definition between the particles. Cutting performance is greatly reduced when this happens and it is often incorrectly assumed the belt has reached the end of its serviceable life.

Luckily, belt loading is easily remedied in seconds with the use of a rubber belt cleaning stick. With regular cleaning you can expect to see increased belt life and reduced working time. The steps below show the proper use of the rubber belt cleaning stick to save you time and money. ■



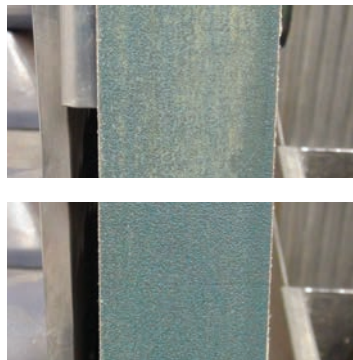
**A zirconia belt with material loading present.**



**To clean belt, place rubber cleaning stick on belt at a 45° angle.**



**Turn on grinder. Maintain contact with belt and sweep side-to-side to clean.**



**Belt Comparison**  
(Top) Dirty, (Bottom) Clean



**A hoof buffer sleeve loaded with hoof material.**



**To clean sleeve, hold buffer against rubber stick and run drill. Sweep buffer side-to-side until material is removed. Be sure to set drill direction to ensure rotation is throwing material down and not up.**



**A clean hoof buffer.**