

Easyboot Application

1. PUTTING ON THE EASYBOOT

Untie the 3/4" nylon webbing pull-strap that is tied around the heelstrap. Loop it around the heelstrap so that it is easily removed once the boot is applied. Pick up the horse's leg and support it between your knees (as if you were picking the hoof) so that you can use two hands when applying the boot. Place the boot over the horse's toe and using a slight back and forth twisting motion, slide the boot on the rest of the way.



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2. USING THE PULL-STRAP

After the boot is on as far as it will go, use the nylon pull-strap (one included with each boot) for leverage to pull the boot the rest of the way on, as well as to pull the inside heelstrap out from under the sole of the hoof. Make sure the heelstrap is not pulled into the soft area of the heel bulbs. If you are applying the boot over steel shoes, make sure that the heelstrap is above the back of the shoe.



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3. SETTING THE HEEL

Put the foot down on the ground and allow the horse to put weight into it. From this position, you may have better leverage with the pull-strap. Remove the pull-strap after the boot has been successfully applied.



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4. LOCKING THE CABLE AND BUCKLE

After the boot is on and the inside heelstrap is in the correct position, put the horse's foot down and set the cable in the tightest position possible. Clamp the buckle down either (a) using the palm of your hand or (b) using your foot. When tight and closed correctly, the buckle should be difficult to open without the aid of a screwdriver or hoof pick. Although the buckle has three adjustments, additional cable tightness can be achieved with different cable wraps (see diagrams). Make sure to unclamp the buckle before adjusting cable.

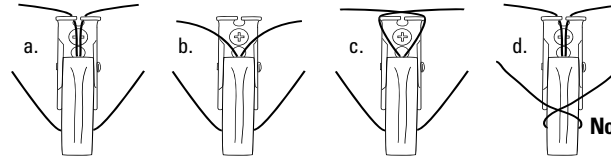


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Cable Settings



- Standard cable:** This is the normal position of the cable at the top of the buckle.
- Loose cable wrap:** If more slack is needed, adjust the cable into this position.
- Tight cable wrap:** If the cable needs to be tightened, position the cable in this loop formation, around the top of the buckle.
- Incorrect cable wrap:** Wrapping the cable in this way will result in frayed or broken wires. The buckle will also be more likely to pop up during use. Do NOT wrap the cable around the buckle clamp.

5. INSERT THE OPTIONAL EASYBOOT BUCKLE PIN

The Easyboot Buckle Pin can now be added to lock the buckle into place. The Easyboot Buckle Pin is recommended for rocky trails, endurance events or on horses that have a tendency to open the front Easyboot buckle. Note: Each buckle pin is only intended for a one-time use.

6. A PROPERLY APPLIED EASYBOOT

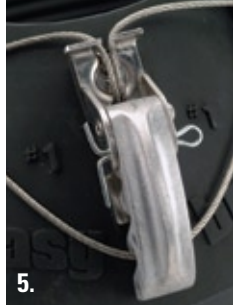
The heelstrap is designed to fit snugly, low around the quarters, below the hairline, and below the heel bulbs. If the horse has a very low heel, make sure the strap is not pulled out of its position, or in any way allowed to abrade a low heel. Horses with low heels may require the inside strap to be cut down a notch or two to avoid chafing near the heel bulbs. Do not use the boot if any portion of the plastic is above the hairline or touching sensitive skin.

For flexibility in cold weather, keep the Easyboot in a heated room or soak in hot water before fitting on hoof.

Normal use of Easyboot implies removal when not required. It is NOT recommended that the Easyboots be left on the hoof for more than 24 hours. If it is necessary to leave them on for a week or longer (please consult your vet or hoof care specialist), treat the hoof before putting on an Easyboot. An application of antiseptic hoof dressing, "Clorox," or "Koppertox" around the frog is insurance against bacterial or thrush buildup.

7. REMOVING THE EASYBOOT

The easiest way to remove a properly fitted Easyboot is to use a flat-head screwdriver. (a) Open the buckle with the screwdriver or hoofpick. (b) Next, place the screwdriver inside the boot, between the boot and the hoof at the quarter. Wedge the screwdriver under the hoof to pry the boot off. You may have to work both sides of the boot for easier removal. If the boot is fitted over steel shoes, you will have to work the heelstrap over the back of the shoe for removal.



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8. ADJUSTING THE HEELSTRAP

a. The width and length of the hoof determines the correct size Easyboot, but the length of the heelstrap can also be a factor. If the heelstrap in a properly sized boot is too long for your horse's hoof conformation, it can be replaced with a smaller heelstrap—just remove the strap and side clips with a screwdriver, and replace with the new strap available from EasyCare. Make sure to preserve the position of the cable and roller when re-attaching the heelstrap.



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9. ADJUSTING THE SIDE PLATES

The points or "teeth" on the side plates provide a positive grip to the hoof wall. A less aggressive grip can be obtained by attaching the optional side clip cover. When exposed, the points may mark the hoof wall, but will not hurt the hoof. All boots come with side clip covers installed, but the most secure fit will always be obtained by removing these covers.



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