

NEWS FOR FARRIERS



Try the New Liberty Cu 5 Race Nail

The Liberty Cu 5 Race nail is now available in North America and Canada.

All Cu Nails feature Copper (Cu) Shield Technology. This technology provides much more protection than traditional horseshoe nails. Hoof wall, white line and sole are stronger and healthier when Liberty Cu nails are used on a daily basis. The Copper(Cu) Shield Technology is unique to Kerckhaert and Liberty Cu horseshoe nails.



Liberty Cu 5 Race 250 count box

New Diamond® Aprons Now Available

Kerckhaert has added 2 aprons to the Diamond program. Ask your favorite FPD dealer about these new aprons.



Diamond Apron Short 22"

Diamond Apron Long 28"

New Grinder Belts

Two new Zirconia grinder belts in sizes 2x36 and 2x48 are now available. 120 grit belts are popular for working tools and for some stages of knife-making. Ask your favorite FPD dealer about these quality belts.

2x36 Zirconia 120 grit

2x48 Zirconia 120 grit

Kerckhaert SX Roller

With features similar to the Classic Roller, this shoe is an excellent choice for horses needing additional ease of breakover, whether for movement in performance, or simply more comfort because of injuries or chronic ailments. While this half round style boasts more ground surface than a true half round, it allows the ease of breakover half round shoes are noted for. The crease gives traction while not taking away from the rollover effect of the shoe. Punched for 5 City, 5 Slim or 5 Combo



The Bellota Product Line is Growing

Ask your FPD dealer about the expanding line of Bellota Rasps, Files and Tools. Learn more at farrierproducts.com/bellota.html

14" Flat Tapered File



8" Round File



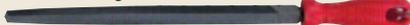
12" Round File



14" Halfround Tapered File



12" Triangular File



12" Nail Cutter

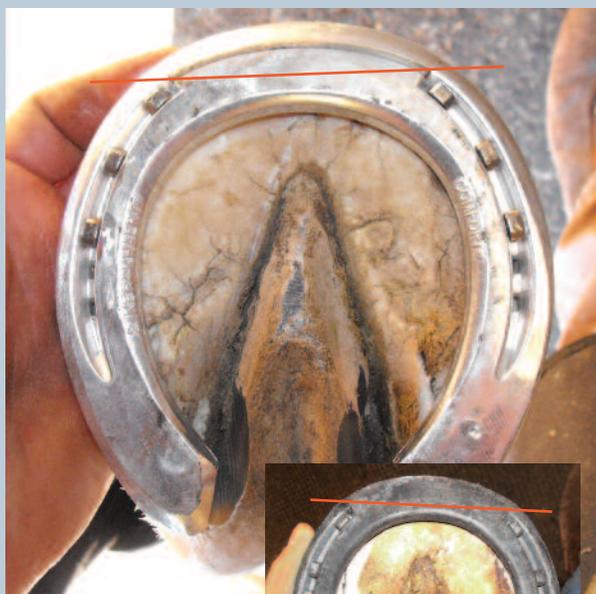
Options for Break Over in Every Day Work

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THERE ARE MANY THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT OF BREAK OVER AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HORSE'S FOOT AND LIMB FUNCTION. I would like to discuss some of the options we have using modifications to keg shoes, as well as shoes manufactured with modifications built-in by the manufacturer. This is my opinion only but I do not like to set shoes back off the toe in most situations. I prefer to fit the foot and modify the shoe to alter break over of the foot. There are many variations that we can use and it can be like putting a puzzle together, every time we add a piece the picture becomes more visible. There are many things to consider when determining type of modification or shoe we use for each horse, but my starting point is conformation, age, job or discipline, and type of footing the horse is working in. The three basic modifications I use most are rolled toe, rocker toe and half round or roller type shoe.

The rolled toe is a simple modification that can be achieved with your hammer, rasp, grinder or manufactured shoe. The foot surface of the shoe remains flat and the ground surface of the toe is beveled to reduce leverage or purchase of the toe. I find this modification helpful with horses being worked on synthetic footing. Synthetic footing for the most part does not allow the foot to slide or slip at all and by reducing the purchase of the toe the horses seem to move better and stay sounder. For the most part, I roll the toe of my shoe with my grinder on keg shoes. And, I also like the Kerckhaert Comfort shoe in steel and aluminum because the toe is already rolled.

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Top and Middle:
Kerckhaert Aluminum
Comfort **Inset:**
Kerckhaert Steel
Comfort



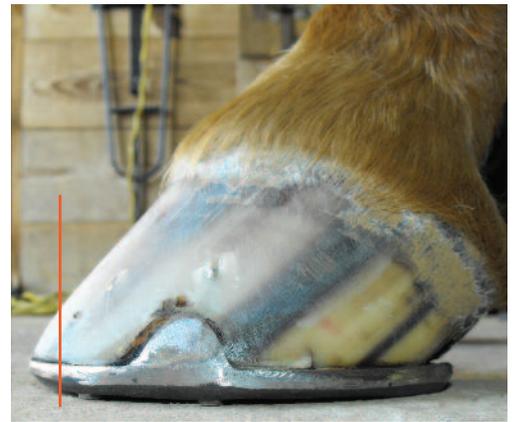
Choose Kerckhaert for Shoes that Aid in Breakover



Classic
Roller

SX
Roller

DF Quarter
Motion



Left and Center: Kerckhaert DF with Rolled Toe **Right:** Kerckhaert Classic Roller

The rocker toe is a more aggressive modification achieved by breaking the plane of the foot at the toe on the shoe and foot. This modification allows you to move the break over point farther back than the rolled toe while still maintaining weight bearing on the toe wall. I like this modification on many of my older horses. I think it gives them a little help dealing with those old joints. I will also rocker the toes for some horses on synthetic surfaces for the same reasons I mentioned above.

Roller or Half round shoes have the entire outside and inside edge of the shoe beveled or rounded from heel to heel. These are great shoes for that conformational challenge you may encounter. The design of

the shoe allows you to shoe the foot without creating corners the horse will need to compensate for while moving. I like this shoe on horses that are working on a firmer surface, it gets in the ground a little bit and its rolled design can compensate for some conformation issues, such as angular deviations causing slight toe-in or toe-out. I like the Kerckhaert SX Roller in smaller sizes up to 1 and the Classic Roller for larger feet.

I do not believe that all horses need to have enhanced break over. I think horses need all the purchase they can physically use but that is different in all horses. Do not be afraid to experiment. What you experience on your own, you will never forget, especially the things that don't go your way.



Above: Kerckhaert with Rocker Toe Modification



Above: Rocker Toe



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