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NEWS FOR FARRIERS

FPD 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FACEBOOK GIVE-AWAY

AUGUST » Diamond Loop Knife

As a show of our appreciation to the farrier industry, we will be conducting a drawing each month on Facebook. Thirty names will be drawn each month to receive the free item for that month. **During the month of August, the giveaway item will be one Diamond Loop Knife.**

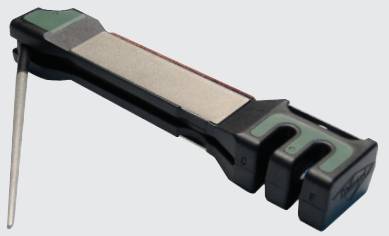
Follow FPD on Facebook @farrierproductdistribution to see what we're offering in the current month. This giveaway is only valid in the U.S. and Canada.

Look for posts like this one on Facebook @farrierproduct distribution and register for a chance to win the monthly free give-away.

Kerckhaert Copper (Cu) Shield Race Plates

The Kings XT Front Cu (sizes 4-7) and Legendary XT Front Cu (sizes 5-7) offer even more protection to the weight bearing edge of the hoof and the white line area, for stronger and healthier hooves. Copper (Cu) Shield Technology™ is unique to Kerckhaert.

JUST A REMINDER



Diamond All-In-One Sharpener

The Diamond All-In-One Sharpener is designed for deburring and sharpening farrier tools and more! The All-In-One Sharpener can be used on straight and curved hoof knives, loop knives, nippers and every other edged tool you own.

Diamond Hoof Knives

Diamond hoof knives are designed with the horse owner and farrier in mind. These knives feature sharper stainless steel blades that hold their edge much better than other knives. In addition to the Diamond Loop knife, Diamond offers the Narrow (shown at left) and Wide (shown at center) Hoof Knives in both Left and Right handed models and a Double Edge Hoof Knife (shown at right).

Find an FPD dealer near you online at farrierproducts.com/locations.

Avoid Unnecessary Damage to Your Nail Puller

A significant number of crease nail pullers are returned to suppliers each year because of damage that can be avoided – not as a result of defective material or workmanship. It is possible for heat treatment or defective metal to be a problem but be sure you used your tool correctly before returning it.

Be sure that you cut or rasp the clinches off before trying to pull the nails. Start the tool opened as wide as possible to allow the points to penetrate any dirt or debris in the crease and get under the nail head. The nail puller has to get under the head of the nail to work properly. If you only have contact with the tips of the tool and then squeeze and try to pull the nail without first lifting it you are asking for trouble. *(Photo 6 - Page 3 shows damaged tip of nail puller, likely a result of trying to pull the nail before getting the puller tips completely under the nail head. Notice the other puller has no damage and has been used much longer, but more correctly.)*

Once you are under the head, a steady squeezing pressure should pop the nail loose. You can often hear the nail break loose from the crease. You will see that the nail head is fit snugly into the cavity of the pullers if you have used the tool correctly. When the head is in this cavity, the pressure of the rolling motion you use to pull the nail will not cause damage to the tool.

From time to time you may want to touch up the nail puller tips so they can penetrate the debris in the crease and get under the nail head. You should also be sure the tool is not too thick to fit into the crease. If it appears to be too thick you can use a belt sander to dress them to a thickness that works. Be careful not to grind too aggressively or for too long. You don't want heat to build up and destroy the heat treat. If you can't hold the tool because of the heat or it develops a blue color– it's too hot. Quench it occasionally as you go through this grinding process.

AS SEEN ON FPD'S HOOFWALL BLOG

Start with wide opening.

Puller tips are not under nail head; this method causes damage to tool.

Tips should go under head.

Pop head up before pulling.

Note full contact of tool to nail head.

Older tool on right has been modified and used properly. Fairly new tool on left with broken tip.