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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The **Kerckhaert Prime Fit** drop forged shoe is the ultimate keg shoe. This shoe offers a competitively priced option for pleasure, trail and ranch horses. The 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. Sized the same as the Kerckhaert Steel Triumph.

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#### **KnKut Step Point Bits**

The KnKut Step Point bits are available in three sizes: 1/4", 17/64" (for drive-in studs) and 5/16" for use with a 3/8" tap. These bits are all made in the U.S. and are machine shop grade; producing very precise holes with less heat buildup which adds to the life of the bit.

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Center mark helps with fitting and nailing V-Crease for best nail fit Front and hind patterns minimizes fitting time S/16" Thick Drop forge process ensures good wear and strength

Excellent heel support



You

Vettec is the brand with a proven record for consistent quality and performance. NOW, with great availability of all Vettec products, 2024 price reductions, and 5% more volume in Vettec 210cc cartridges than some other brands, Vettec is your best choice!

#### LOWER MSRP PRICING FOR 2024\*

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Equi-Pak CS 210cc	\$22.65
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Sole-Guard 210cc	\$26.50
Sil-Pak 210cc	\$21.40
Sil-Pak Soft 210cc	\$21.40

\*MSRP in US dollars and applicable only to us market. Actual dealer prices may vary.

#### **Upcoming Event**

The International Hoof-Care Summit will be January 21-24, 2025 in Kansas City, MO. www.americanfarriers.com/ihcs

# Forging a Plain Stamped Shoe

#### by Roy Bloom, APF CJF

Roy Bloom, APF CJF provided us with an opportunity to get some good step by step shots of him forging a plain stamped shoe using  $5/16'' \times 3/4''$  flat stock. Notice that Roy, right-handed, works with his struck tools in line with his center-right side and is not trying to cross-over the shoe. This allows much more controlled use of the tools and allows you to strike the center of the tool in a balanced position. You are likely to get better results in the shoe and also avoid damaging your tool with off balance impact. You can see Roy talking about tool maintenance and forging in videos we have posted on our YouTube channel - youtube.com/farrierproducts.





Start your toe bend working on the face or horn, making your first blow just off center.



Working with round side of hammer, establish first one side of bend then the other.



Keep stock in line and flat as you put toe in.



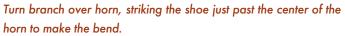


You can eyeball it or use a Bloom t-square tool to mark your toe nail.



Working on face and at opposite edge of anvil, form your heels and heel check.







Use hammer to position forepunch to minimize heat build-up in tip. Establish your nail position and punch almost to finish depth.



Work branch to clean up frog eyes.



Forepunch to final depth, drift and pritchel.



After drifting and pritcheling, make your flatting run and any last adjustments to shape.

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