



From Finland, to all across the world

Flex Hoof Boots



Let your horse feel the difference

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How to use Flex Boots correctly

Flex Boots are unique in their design and functionality. Follow this step-by-step guide to fit your boots correctly.

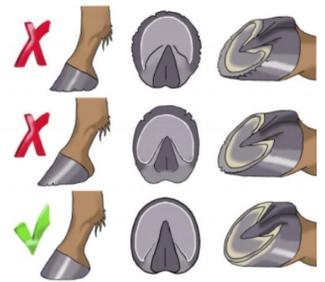
For more information, go to www.flexhoofboots.com/fit-size or scan the QR code.



A correct trim

A good, correct trim is the foundation of the horse's welfare, but also a key to long-lasting Flex Boots.

- White line should be healthy, tight and visible.
- Hoof wall should follow the healthy white line.
- Hoof wall should not carry the weight, the weight should divide between the hoof wall and the sole.



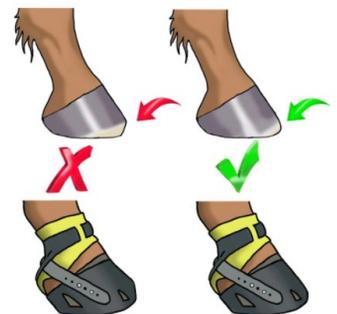
Balanced body

When a horse's body is unbalanced, so are their gaits and this causes strain on the horse's joints, tendons, ligaments and musculature, leading to shorter and stiffer stride. Imbalances in the body also cause the horse to wear out its hooves and boots unevenly.

Groundwork and correct ridden work help keep the horse's body balanced and improve its ability to carry a rider, and lengthens and softens the strides. To get the most out of your Flex Boots, it's essential to ensure your horse's body is balanced.

Back up the toes

Keep the toe in balanced length and rasp the hoof so there is no bulge left on the hoof. If you do a mustang roll, make sure the edges are smoothed out. Otherwise that extra bulge triangulates against the boot and may cause looseness or a gap at the top of the boot and potentially a twisted boot. This is because the boot doesn't follow the hoof wall smoothly, instead it's only gripping at that peak.



When you keep the break over of the hoof in balance all the time with weekly maintenance trims, the hoof will function with the boot in the best way possible.

*Do you want to learn to do a weekly maintenance trim yourself, with confidence and skill?
This online course is designed to teach you just that!*

Visit www.holistichoofcareforhorseowners.com/weeklytrim for details about the **Weekly Maintenance Trim course**

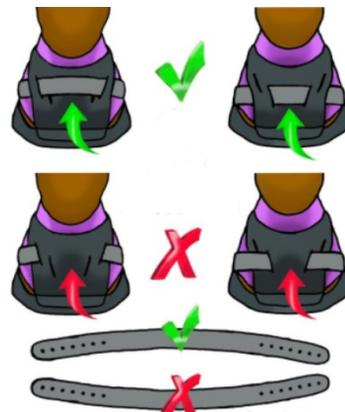
Attaching the neoprene gaiter

Attach the neoprene gaiter to the TPU gaiter with the elastic that is on the neoprene gaiter. Slide the TPU gaiter straps through the elastic loop, and position the elastic on the TPU gaiter so that the bottom half of the rivets are visible below the elastic.

Strap placement

Back strap needs to be visible from the middle of the TPU gaiter. When putting it through the TPU gaiter, go from under the gaiter to top of the gaiter, then under it again like in the top photos.

When inserting the strap, make sure that the strap is arching upwards.



Strap adjustment

The TPU gaiter has two options for the back strap: lower and higher holes. In most cases, the back of the TPU gaiter sits best when the back strap is adjusted to the upper holes.

Using the lower holes may be considered if:

- The horse has low heels.
- The hooves are between two boot sizes and the boot is a little loose, lowering the strap gives the boot more fit. Flex Pad should also be used in this case.



Often the boots fit back hooves better when the lower setting is used.

Back strap and pastern strap tightness

You should be able to fit one finger snugly between the strap and the leg. If you can't fit any, the strap is too tight. If you can fit two fingers or more, it's too loose.

The strap holes should not be stretched even when you insert a finger between the foot and the strap.

The pastern strap is the correct tightness if you can comfortably fit two fingers between the horse's leg and the strap.

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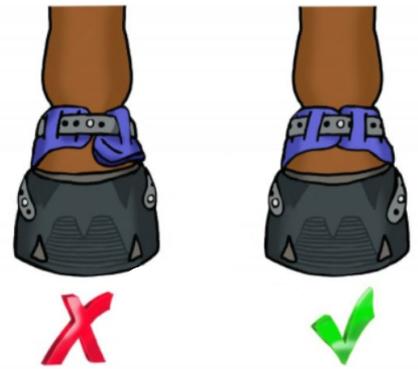
In general, Flex Boots work better if they are fitted slightly too loose, rather than too tight.



Gaiter adjustment

If the neoprene gaiter doesn't sit straight under the pastern strap but hangs down from the front, you should loop the strap through different holes at the front of the gaiter to make it fit better and prevent it from rubbing your horse's feet.

Please make sure to put the tail of the strap under the loop of the neoprene gaiter, like you would do with a belt and belt loops on your trousers.



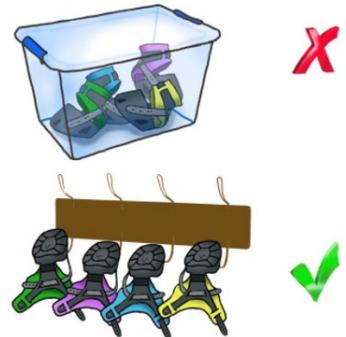
Check adjustments

When you first put the boots on, the toe might not go all the way in to the front of the boot. Therefore it's advisable that you put the boots on, ask your horse to walk a bit so that the toe pushes to the front of the boot, and then check the boot fit again and adjust the straps if necessary.

Cleaning and storage

Rinse the boots with water after every use and hang to dry in a cool, well ventilated dry place. Do not use solvent based detergents as they can make the TPU material brittle.

Always store the boots away from direct sunlight. Do not store them in a hot or humid environment, i.e. in a box, in your car or in any enclosed space.



Need help with sizing and fitting?

Email us for expert sizing and fitting advice - we are here to help! Please include clear, accurate photos of your horse's hooves, and their width and length measurements.

Send the information to us at helpdesk@flexhoofboots.com and we will help you make the most of Flex Boots!

 We offer 90 days replacement or repair warranty from purchase date for material failure. Warranty does not cover abuse or misuse of the product. In case of warranty, please contact your retailer with photos as advised on our website www.flexhoofboots.com/warranty

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Holistic hoof care is the key to success

Our passion for barefoot horses extends beyond hoof boots. With more than 15 years of professional barefoot trimming and hoof care education experience, our online courses equip all horse owners to take a knowledgeable, proactive role in their horse's hoof care. Our courses are easy to understand and they are based on our own experience trimming tens of thousands of hooves.

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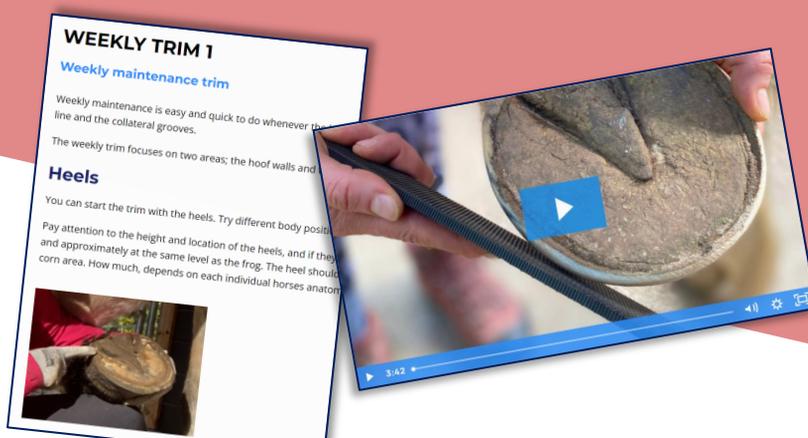
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