



Frequently Asked Questions. Sept. 2010

Question:- How long does it take to put on ShoeSecures?

Answer:- With practice 35 seconds per stud, stud and stud holes should be clean. It takes me on average two and a half minutes to put on ShoeSecures ® and the over reach boots.

Question:- How long do ShoeSecures last?

Answer:- My horse, Banjo, has worn the same pair of ShoeSecures at least 6 days a week for well over 9 months now and the ShoeSecures are still in very good condition. ShoeSecures are made from extremely strong and very durable polyurethane. Banjo has a new set of shoes every 5 weeks.

Question:- How difficult is it to know where to drill the holes in the ShoeSecure?

Answer:- Follow the fitting instructions carefully. **The heels of the horseshoe should sit as far back as possible into the back of the ShoeSecure**, (see photographs below). Your Farrier will judge by eye when drilling the stud holes in the new sets of shoes to keep the stud holes in the same place as the shoes being taken off. Most Farriers have the most fantastic eye for judging distances and invariably drill the stud holes in the same place. Alternatively, they could use the shoes they take off as a template to mark where to stamp and drill the stud holes in the new shoes. In addition, you could make the holes in the ShoeSecure slightly bigger by using a 13 mm drill bit to accommodate any variation in position of the holes. However, take care do not make the holes too big, it is the flat square stud head that secures the ShoeSecure to the horseshoe. Make sure you tighten the studs firmly with the spanner to hold the ShoeSecure securely onto the horseshoe.

Question:- Why do you recommend wearing over reach boots and sports or combination boots?

Answer:- It is a well known fact that horses do the most damage to themselves when turned out in their fields. Any extra protection is a good thing, when it is very wet as it can also help prevent mud rash. It is important to keep the horses legs as dry as possible and put on clean boots every time you turn them out.

Question:- Will ShoeSecure rub my horse's heel?

Answer:- If fitted correctly ShoeSecures do not rub as they do not move round the pastern like an over reach boot. The horseshoe keeps ShoeSecure still. ShoeSecure holds the over reach boot away from direct contact at the back of the pastern so the over reach boot is less likely to rub. It is important to keep ShoeSecure and all other boots as clean as possible.

Question:- Will mud and stones go down the back of ShoeSecure?

Answer:- If ShoeSecure fits snugly to the back of the heels of the horse, very little gets down the back, also the over reach boot helps prevent this happening. Banjo lives in a Scottish bog, and mud does get round the base and inside back of ShoeSecure but this does not cause any problem. He would be standing in the bog with or without ShoeSecures but at least with ShoeSecure on; he cannot rip his shoes off!

Question:- Will ShoeSecures fit all remedial horse shoes?

Answer:- There are so many shapes of remedial shoes, it is important to discuss this with your Farrier. The inside area at the back of the ShoeSecure may be removed by using a dremel or a grinder to accommodate bespoke remedial shoes.

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Question:- I have difficulty pushing the stud through the ShoeSecure can I enlarge the holes in the ShoeSecures?

Answer:- Yes, but first make sure that the holes have been drilled through carefully and cleanly, that there are no small pieces of the rubber or rough edges to catch the stud. If you are still having difficulty, yes you can drill the hole in the ShoeSecure using a 13mm drill bit to make the collar of the stud fit easily but still snugly inside the holes drilled through the ShoeSecure. Take care not to make the holes too big, it is the flat square stud head that secures the ShoeSecure to the horseshoe. Make sure you tighten the studs firmly with the spanner to hold the ShoeSecure securely onto the horseshoe. The studs should be checked and re-tightened whenever you check your horse.

Question:- My horse has very flat feet and the back of the ShoeSecure looks quite high can I trim the back?

Answer:- First ask your Farrier for advice, but yes the back can be trimmed down with a very sharp knife or dremel. Take the usual precautions when using knives!

Question:- The thread in the stud hole in the horseshoe is damaged or the hole is too big and the stud is loose have you any tips to keep the stud in?

Answer:- I have used the following to help keep my jumping studs in, wrap a little plumbers "Ptfе thread seal tape" available at B&Q round the thread of the stud and screw in as normal.

Question:- Can I ride in ShoeSecure?

Answer:- I am testing the ride in one at the moment and have still to test them going cross country. I will put a notice on the web site when the trials are complete.

Question:- Will you have a large size available soon?

Answer:- I have delayed making the mould for the large size until I can determine the demand for the larger size. However a modification to the medium size has now been developed and this allows for the slightly larger horses shoes and horses with flatter broader heels,. The Medium Plus will be available shortly; in the meantime, your farrier can make the adjustments. Please ask for the instruction sheet or you can download the instruction sheet from the web site.

Question:- The small is too big for my small riding horse will you make an extra small?

Answer:- The existing small can be made smaller please ask for the instruction sheet.

The fitting instructions leaflet can be downloaded from the web site. www.shoesecure.com or phone Muriel Colquhoun on +44 (0) 7836740557.



View of heels from above
A well fitted ShoeSecure ®



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