

# **ShoeSecure**®

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2014**



## Question: - Do I need jumping stud holes in my horse's front shoes.

Answer;- Yes.

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

Answer: - With practice 35 seconds per stud, the stud holes should be as clean as possible. It takes me on average two and a half minutes to put on ShoeSecures ® and the over reach boots. Make sure you push the studs firmly through the ShoeSecures into the stud hole in the shoe, take care not to X thread the thread of the stud hole. Turn the stud a couple of times, then tighten the studs firmly with the spanner to hold the ShoeSecure securely onto the horseshoe. See fitting video demonstration on www.shoesecure.com

### **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 2 years now and the ShoeSecures are still in good condition. ShoeSecures are made from extremely strong and very durable polyurethane. Banjo has a new set of shoes every 5 weeks.

#### **Question: Does my Farrier have to fit them?**

Answer: No, if your horse has jumping stud holes in his front shoes you can do the Tooth Paste Trick and fit them yourself! Read the instruction leaflet "Fitting to an existing Shoe" or read on the web site.. Using the toothpaste tip i.e. fitting to an existing shoe ensures a really neat fit. **Which is important for the ride-Ins.** 

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

Answer: - Follow all 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 should use the shoes they take off as a template to mark where to stamp and drill the stud holes in the successive new front 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.

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

Answer: - 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 it can also help prevent mud rash. The over reach boots protect the top of the ShoeSecure and help stop excess mud going down the back. 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 the ShoeSecure static. ShoeSecures hold the over reach boot away from direct contact at the back of the pastern so the over reach boot is less likely to rub.

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

Answer: - If the 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 with extended heels.



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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 retightened whenever you check your horse, particularly if you leave the ShoeSecures on for longer periods of time.

#### 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 as per the instruction leaflet supplied with the ShoeSecures. A very sharp knife or dremel will be required. Take the usual precautions when using knives!

### Question: - The thread in the stud hole in the horseshoe is damaged or maybe 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 "Ptfe thread and seal tape" (available at B&Q or other DIY stores), round the thread of the stud and screw in as normal.

### Question: - Can I ride in ShoeSecure?

Answer: - Some people are, the Turn-Outs are modified by hand please contact me if you are interested! Please read the Belts and Braces tips included with the ShoeSecures or view on the web site. **To get the best fit for the Ride-Ins it is important to use the fitting to an existing shoe instructions.** 

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



Turn-Outs Full Back Support

Ride-Ins Back Refined



View of heels from above Patent Number GB2463542



Back view US 8,651,193 B2



Gorilla tape secures the Ride-Ins