

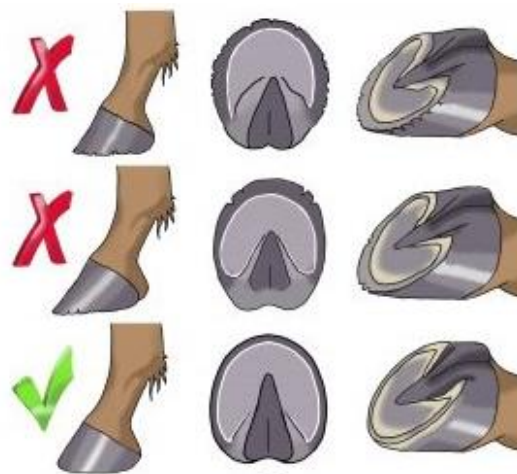
How to use Flex Boots



A correct trim

This 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 stiffed 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 and smooth the mustang roll



Keep the toe in balanced length and rasp the hoof so there is no bulge left on the hoof. 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 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.

Correct adjustment of the back strap

STEP 1 - How to adjust the back strap to get the TPU gaiter to sit better

The strap goes under the TPU gaiter, over the gaiter at the middle, then under again.



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.

Lowering the back strap into the lower holes may be considered if:

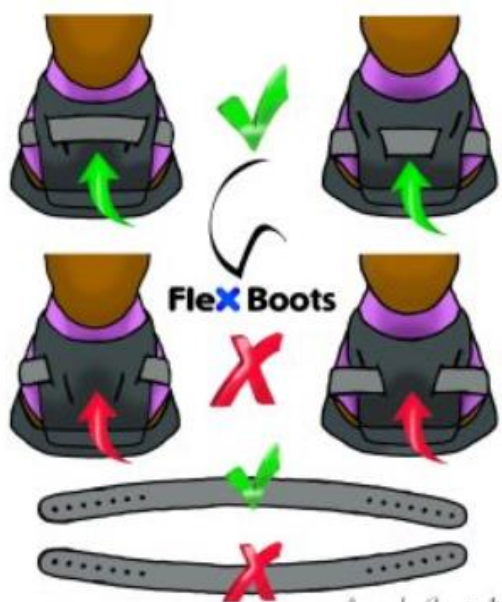
- The horse has low heels.
- The hooves are between two boot sizes and the boot is a little loose, lowering the strap gives the boot more fit. Flex Pad should also be used in this case.
- Often the boots fit back hooves better when the lower setting is used.

[Click here](#) to see a video of how to adjust the back straps.

STEP 2 – Back 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.

Holes of the straps should not be stretched even when you insert a finger between.



STEP 3 – Back 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.

Correct adjustment of the pastern strap

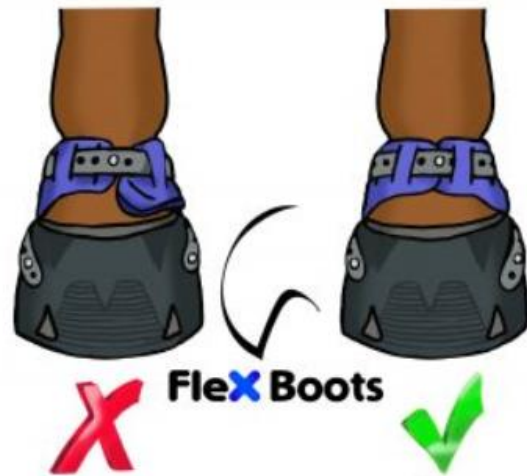
Ensure you can comfortably fit two fingers between the horse's leg and the pastern strap.



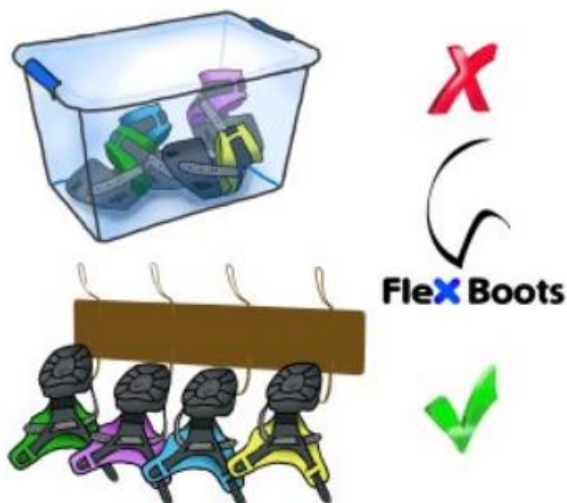
Correct adjustment of the neoprene gaiter

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.



Storing the boots



Make sure to keep your boots clean (wash with water after every use) and hang them in a dry, cool place with good circulation. Always store them away from direct sunlight.

IMPORTANT!

Do not store the boots in a hot or humid environment, in a box, in your car or in any enclosed space.

Do not use solvent based detergents – all of the above can make the TPU material brittle.