

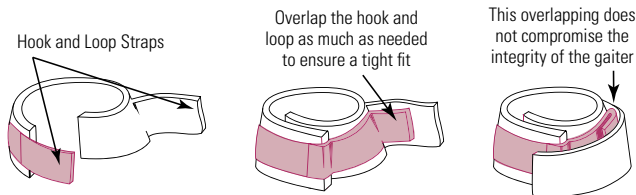
# EASYBOOT EPIC APPLICATION

## Fitting the Easyboot Epic on Your Horse

1. Putting on the Easyboot Epic: Untie the 3/4" nylon webbing pull-strap\*\* that is tied around the heelstrap. Loop it around the heelstrap so that it is easily removed once the boot is applied. Fold the gaiter over the back of the boot before fitting the boot over the toe. Loosen the cable and make sure the buckle is open. Pick up the horse's leg and support it between your knees so that you can use two hands when applying the boot. Place the boot over the horse's toe and, using a slight back and forth twisting motion, slide the boot on the rest of the way keeping the gaiter from bunching into the boot.
2. Using the pull-strap\*\*: After the boot is on as far as it will go, use the nylon pull-strap (one included with each boot) for leverage to pull the boot the rest of the way on, as well as to pull the inside heelstrap out from under the sole of the hoof. Make sure the heelstrap is not pulled into the soft area of the heel bulbs. If you are applying the boot over steel shoes, make sure that the heelstrap is above the back of the shoe. \*\*In many cases you will not need to use the nylon pull strap. If you do not use it, be careful not to pull on the gaiters. Make sure you remove the nylon pull strap completely from the boot prior to riding.
3. Setting the heel: Put the foot down on the ground and allow the horse to put weight into it. From this position, you may have better leverage with the pull-strap. Remove the pull-strap after the boot has been successfully applied.

## IMPORTANT! Please read this section carefully before fastening your gaiter.

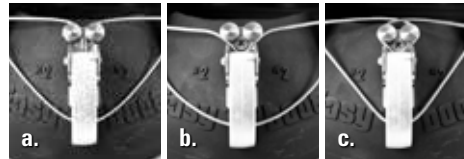
4. Fastening the Easyboot Gaiter: Pull the top of the gaiter tight around the pastern. Fasten the hook and loop straps. The tighter the fit, the better the boot will perform. Due to their great deal of elasticity, gaiter straps cannot be over tightened. Overlap the hook and loop system as much as needed to ensure a tight fit and avoid rubbing issues. This overlapping does not compromise the integrity of the gaiter.



When properly tightened, it should be difficult to fit a finger between the pastern and the top of the gaiter.




Locking the cable and buckle: After the boot is on and the inside heelstrap is in the correct position, put the horse's foot down and set the cable in the tightest position possible. Clamp the buckle down either (a) using the palm of your hand or (b) using your foot. When tight and closed correctly, the buckle should be difficult to open without the aid of a screwdriver or hoof pick. Although the buckle has three adjustments, additional cable tightness can be achieved with different cable wraps (see diagrams). Make sure to unclamp the buckle before adjusting cable.



Cable Options:

- a. Standard cable: This is the normal position of the cable at the top of the buckle
- b. Loose cable wrap: If more slack is needed, adjust the cable into this position.
- c. Tight cable wrap: If the cable needs to be tightened, position the cable in this loop formation, around the top of the buckle.

**Do NOT wrap the cable around the buckle clamp.**

5. Insert the OPTIONAL Easyboot Buckle Pin: The Easyboot Buckle Pin can now be added to lock the buckle into place. The Easyboot Buckle Pin is recommended for rocky trails, endurance events or on horses that have a tendency to open the front Easyboot buckle. 
  6. A properly applied Easyboot Epic: The heelstrap is designed to fit snugly, low around the quarters, below the hairline, and below the heel bulbs. If the horse has a very low heel, make sure the strap is not pulled out of its position, or in any way allowed to abrade a low heel. Horses with low heels may require the heelstrap to be cut down a notch or two to avoid chafing near the heel bulbs. Do not use the boot if any portion of the heelstrap is above the hairline or touching sensitive skin.
- Important: The Easyboot Epic should fit tight around the hoof and the Gaiter snugly around the pastern. The Easyboot Epics should require effort to put on. After you fit the Easyboot Epic and the horse has had a chance to move around, make sure the Easyboot Epics are still fitted squarely and securely on the hoof. Make sure the Easyboot Epic has not twisted to the side. If the Easyboot Epic has twisted to the side it is either too large or needs to be tightened. Discontinue use if the boot continues to twist. Boots that twist can cause damage to the hoof wall. For flexibility in cold weather, keep the Easyboot Epic in a heated room or soak in hot water before fitting on hoof. Normal use of Easyboot Epics implies removal when not required. It is NOT recommended that the Epic be left on the hoof for more than 24 hours.**
7. Removing the Easyboot Epic: The easiest way to remove a properly fitted Easyboot is to use a flat-head screwdriver. (a) Open the buckle with the screwdriver or hoofpick and unhook the Gaiter straps. (b) Next, place the screwdriver inside the boot, between the boot and the hoof at the quarter. Wedge the screwdriver under the hoof to pry the boot off. You may have to work both sides of the boot for easier removal. If the boot is fitted over steel shoes, you will have to work the heelstrap over the back of the shoe for removal.



## HOW TO MEASURE FOR THE EASYBOOT EPIC

# Easyboot® Epic

### Comfort Pads

Give your horse more comfort in each step! Comfort Pads are available in two thicknesses to allow you to decide what level of extra cushioning you give your horse. The pads are available in the original 12mm thickness, as well as the newer, thinner 6mm thickness. This thinner pad option may be used by itself or stacked in any desired combination for your custom application and is great for modifying boot fit.



### Dome Comfort Pads

These pads have proven to be very popular with a variety of users including trail riders, endurance riders and hoof care professionals. We recommend that you work with your veterinarian or hoof care practitioner when treating any type of hoof ailment.



*"I use these pads in Bares, Epics and Easyboots every time I ride. They are perfect when transitioning a horse from shoes to barefoot. My horses love them!"*

— Diane Conklin

*"I absolutely love the comfort pads. They hold up very good and they offer my horse the frog stimulation she should have. They can also help you to get your boots to fit a little better when you just need a little extra help with the fit."*

— Lisa Grigaitis

1. After a fresh trim, measure the width of the hoof across the sole at the widest point.
2. Measure the length of the hoof from the toe to the buttress line of the heel. The buttress line is the farthest weight bearing point of the heel where the hoof wall ends. Do not include the heel bulbs in the measurement.
3. Compare your measurement with the size chart below.
4. Ideally, the length and width measurement will fit into the same size. If the length and width measurements indicate different sizes, select the larger size. If the width and length measurements are different by more than one size, this boot style is not recommended. Be sure to check your measurements against an alternative boot in the EasyCare line--another style may accommodate your horse's hoof shape better.



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Size	Width in inches	Length in inches
Pony	3 3/16" - 3 3/8"	3 3/8" - 3 5/8"
000	3 3/8" - 3 13/16"	3 5/8" - 4 3/16"
00	3 13/16" - 4 3/8"	4 3/16" - 4 5/8"
0	4 3/8" - 4 9/16"	4 5/8" - 4 15/16"
1	4 9/16" - 4 7/8"	4 15/16" - 5 1/8"
2	4 7/8" - 5 1/8"	5 1/8" - 5 9/16"
3	5 1/8" - 5 1/2"	5 9/16" - 5 15/16"
4	5 1/2" - 5 15/16"	5 15/16" - 6 7/16"
5	5 15/16" - 6 7/16"	6 7/16" - 6 7/8"
6	6 7/16" - 6 7/8"	6 7/8" - 7 7/16"
7	6 7/8" - 7 9/16"	7 7/16" - 7 3/4"

Size	Width in mm	Length in mm
Pony	78-85mm	85-92mm
000	86-97mm	93-105mm
00	98-110mm	106-117mm
0	111-116mm	118-124mm
1	117-123mm	125-130mm
2	124-130mm	131-140mm
3	131-139mm	141-150mm
4	140-150mm	151-163mm
5	151-163mm	164-174mm
6	164-175mm	175-188mm
7	176-192mm	189-195mm



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