

# NEWS FOR FARRIERS

## New Products Now Shipping to FPD Dealers

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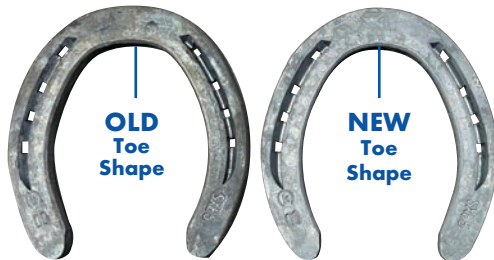
### Save Edge Hook & Loop File Kit

The Save Edge Hook & Loop File is now being packaged as a kit and includes a handle and three files. The Save Edge Hook & Loop file is an excellent tool for sharpening the hooks of traditional hoof knives and loop knives. This is a great value!



### Kerckhaert SX-8 Select with New Toe Shape

The redesigned SX-8 Select features a more narrow toe, making it easier to fit to the American Quarter Horse foot. The widest part of the shoe is moved forward allowing for an extended heel fit. Shoes are unclipped and symmetrical. Punched for 5 City, 5 Slim, and 5 Combo Slim nails.



### Have you Heard?

We're seeing a new trend on Facebook of farriers using the Roy Bloom Book of Shoes to hone their skills. This book includes 150 shoe diagrams and forging specifications. It's printed on a heavy, coated paper and bound in a three-ring binder. The Roy Bloom Book of Shoes is only available through FPD dealers. Join the trend and order your copy today!



## JUST A REMINDER

### Kerckhaert Dura Max

The Kerckhaert Dura Max replaces the Kerckhaert Dura Plain and Kerckhaert Standard Max series by combining features of both shoe styles into one.

The Dura Max features a full, thick toe and a hybrid width of stock between the original stock sizes of the Dura Plain and Standard Max. Dura Max shoes have increased width and thickness from the Dura Plain and Standard Max. The 3/8" thickness provides wear and strength. The width of stock, deep V-crease, and clean punching make this an excellent shoe for modifications and extra wear.



### Liberty 5 Combo Slim HardTop Nails

The Liberty 5 Combo Slim HardTop Nails are the first American style nail with a special hardening process on the top of the head; providing additional wear and strength. The nail head will wear longer, as well as help with shoe wear. As trail riding season approaches, this is a great choice for horses working in rough, abrasive terrain.



# THE TOOL CORNER

# TOOL TIPS

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## 1. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY GLASSES

*You are striking steel against steel and working with hot material. Anything can happen, so be safe.*

## 2. ALWAYS STRIKE THE TOOL IN THE CENTER OF THE STRIKING SURFACE

*Striking off center or on the edge will cause breakage and possible injury.*

## 3. ALWAYS STRIKE THE TOOL WITH THE ROUND FACE OF YOUR HAMMER

*Striking with the flat face causes deflection off the rounded surface of the tool. The round face of your hammer produces a solid hit.*

## 4. ALWAYS PRITCHEL AT A BLACK HEAT

*This allows you to shear the material and avoid heat buildup in the pritchel. You will get much longer life from your pritchel and better nail holes.*

## 5. ALWAYS MAINTAIN YOUR TOOLS

*If your tool should mushroom on the struck end, grind off the mushroomed area. If the working end should deform for any reason, regrind to the proper size and shape. Do not overheat.*

## 6. NEVER LET THE WORKING END OF YOUR TOOL GET TOO HOT

*Allowing your tools to remain in hot material too long will create a heat buildup in the working end of the tool that will destroy the heat treat and hardness of the tool. The result will be deformed working ends. This is especially critical with the forepunch and drift.*

## 7. NEVER PUT THE TOOLS IN THE FIRE TO ADJUST THEM

*Excessive heat will destroy the heat treating and render the tool useless. Excessive heat will also destroy the weld on some tools and cause the weld to crack. (An exception would be tong adjustment and pritchels which can take some heat)*

## 8. NEVER QUENCH YOUR TOOLS IN WATER

*If your tools get hot they should be allowed to air cool. In normal work we recommend that you dip your tools in Forshners Hoof Packing to provide cooling and lubrication.*

## 9. NEVER QUENCH YOUR TONGS IN WATER

*If you make adjustments to your tongs do not quench them. Allow them to air cool before you use them. In normal work, you can quench them in water provided there is no color in the tong.*

**1.** This steel handled bob punch needs immediate dressing of the struck end. Never let your tool reach this stage before dressing. Notice the missing pieces. You'll need a full suit of armor to protect yourself if you let your tools get to this point! **2.** From struck end you can see again the dangerous situation that has developed and needs immediate attention. The struck ends of these tools are softer to avoid damage to your hammers, but must be dressed on a regular basis. **3.** This punch has been in hot material for too long, resulting in the heavy coloration seen here. Get your tools in and out of the material quickly and don't allow this kind of heat buildup. The damage that results is because of misuse, not because the tool is defective.

