

## Be Prepared for Colder Weather with Traction Devices

### Kerckhaert Snow Rim Pads

Kerckhaert Snow Rim pads come in both urethane (clear) and rubber (black). The urethane pads are longer-wearing for heavy winter use. Each pair comes in an individually wrapped package.



### Drive-In Studs and Tungsten Carbide Pins

For those situations when you need only enough traction to prevent sliding or slipping on hard surfaces, Tungsten Carbide Pins, Drive-In Studs and Vector V-Trak nails are very simple to apply.



Simply drill with a bit and seat the tapered shaft of the stud into the hole. It's amazing how much confidence your horses will gain when on blacktop or concrete. The studs should also give good traction for trail riding in terrain with large rocky footing. 50 pieces per pack.



As with the Drive-In Studs, you seat the tapered shaft of the pin into the hole. Holes may be drilled in toe or heel of the shoe. Installation requires the use of a drill bit - included with every package of 100 pins.

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## JUST A REMINDER

### Liberty Cu Copper Coated Race Nails with Cu (Copper) Shield Technology

In addition to all of the same great features of the regular Liberty nail, the Liberty Cu horseshoe nails include Copper (Cu) Shield Technology.



This technology provides more protection than traditional horseshoe nails. Hoof wall, white line and sole are stronger and healthier when Liberty Cu nails are used on a daily basis. The Copper(Cu) Shield Technology is unique to Kerckhaert and Liberty Cu horseshoe nails.



Liberty Cu 5 Race



Liberty Cu 4-1/2 Race



Liberty Cu 3-1/2 XL Race



Liberty Cu 3-1/2 Race

# Winter Traction Tips

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Winter can create traction problems for horses, and therefore for farriers charged with their care. Care should be used when deciding how much traction is needed. Excessive traction can create torque to the limbs, too little allows the horse to slip or fall. In addition to forged caulks, there are four primary traction devices that you can apply to horseshoes:

- Borium Head Nails
- Drive-in Studs and Pins
- Screw-in Caulks
- Borium or Drill Tek

Each type of traction device requires special skills and knowledge for proper application. In this excerpt we'll discuss Drive-In Studs.

## TECHNIQUES FOR APPLYING DRIVE-IN STUDS

1. Be sure to use the exact size drill bit the manufacturer dictates. If the hole is too small, damage will occur to the stud when driven. If it is too large, the stud will quickly loosen and dislodge.
2. Do not drive the stud to the bottom of the shoe. The shaft of the stud is tapered and will tighten as the hoof bears the weight of the animal. If you drive it to the bottom of the shoe the stud will loosen and dislodge. Leaving about 1/8" will help ensure the studs remain where you put them.
3. Do NOT use your good hammer to drive the studs into the shoe. Either keep an old hammer for this purpose or place a piece of flat steel on top of the stud and hammer on the steel.



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