

NEWS FOR FARRIERS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Diamond Tracker Horseshoes

Kerckhaert continues to make innovative changes to the Diamond brand with the new Diamond Tracker horseshoe. This shoe is available in an unclipped generic pattern; easily shaped into front or hind patterns. The shoe has a nice shape that will fit a lot of front feet with very little modification. **Time is money.**

The Diamond Tracker features include the following:

- First shoe in this style easily converted for both front and hind
- V-Style Crease
- Sole Relief
- Ideal nail hole position
- Good heel support
- Ideal nail choices include Liberty and Liberty Cu with Copper Shield Technology in sizes 5 City, 5 Slim or 5 Combo



Ask Your Favorite FPD Dealer about Liberty Cu Hybrid Nails

The bevel angle on the trademark face of the nail allows the nail to lock in better in all types of shoes punched for E-Heads, including concave. The slightly larger specifications of the shank immediately under the head will provide additional strength and a better fit in the pritcheling of the shoe.



Liberty Cu Hybrid nails with Copper (Cu) Shield technology is available in sizes 3, 4 and 5.

DIAMOND® AN EASY CHOICE	DIAMOND TRACKER	ST. CROIX EVENTER
Better Steel Quality	✓ Yes	?
V-Crease	✓ Yes	X No
Clean punching	✓ Yes	?
Sole Relief	✓ Yes	Less Pronounced
Generic Pattern (requires less product to carry)	✓ Yes	No (need both fronts and hinds)

DON'T MISS OUT: Upcoming Educational Events

INTERNATIONAL HOOF-CARE SUMMIT

JANUARY 23 - 26, 2018
CINCINNATI, OHIO
americanfarriers.com/ihs

47TH ANNUAL AFA CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2, 2018
RENO, NV
americanfarriers.org/convention/
2018-convention-reno-nv/

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New Size Available for Kerckhaert DF Select Hind

The Kerckhaert DF Select Hind pattern shoe has an extended heel design, especially popular on hunters and jumpers. DF Select Hind size 0 in 10x10mm is now available.



Using the Undercut

By Roy Bloom & Dave Farley

HoofWall™ Blog

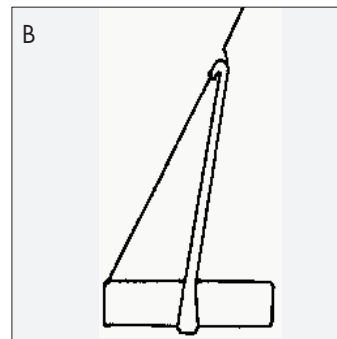
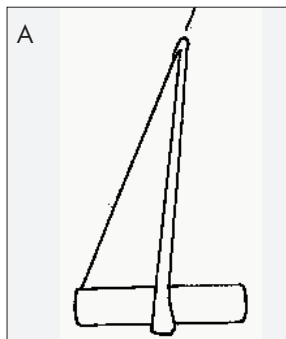
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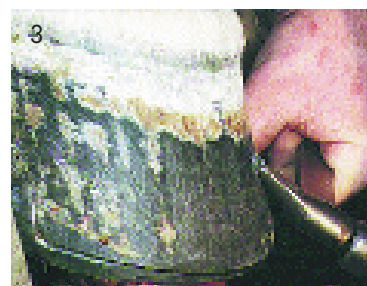
The undercut, sometimes called a hoof gouge, can be used in place of the rasp when clinching. The photos give an excellent view of the steps involved. Like all new methods, the undercut may seem awkward the first few days of use.

I think the undercut gives me a stronger clinch with a smooth finish. The sketches illustrate the results of clinching with and without the undercut. In sketch A, you can see that after clinching, either with a clincher or a hammer, the nail is rasped or filed to eliminate burrs or jagged edges. This process takes material away from the clinch, weakening it. In sketch B you have the nail that has been clinched after undercutting. The undercut provides a pocket to fold the clinch into. The end of the clinch is also resting within the pocket, lessening the chance that it will loosen. Because it is not protruding from the hoof wall it does not need to be filed as aggressively. A sanding block may be all that's necessary to finish.

I also think that the horizontal mark or scratch that is often caused by the rasp is weakening the wall, a bit like the process of cutting glass by scratching the surface. The undercut minimizes the area disturbed in the clinching process. The undercut requires very little maintenance. If it feels like it is becoming a bit dull just use a small flat file to touch it up. A couple strokes following the angle of the end of the tool is all you need. You need to be sure your undercut has the angles as shown in the photos. ■



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1. After cutting the end of the nail fairly close to the wall, strike the undercut straight into the wall. You should be approximately 3/16" under the nail on the first hit. **2.** Tilt the undercut (about a 45 degree angle) on the second hit. **3.** The last blow at a high angle should finish the removal of the pocket. **4.** Use the clincher with a very light squeeze to start the clinch over. **5.** Now push the clinch back into the pocket produced by the undercut. Do not use a severe pulling motion, just a squeeze and push. **6.** Place your clinch block on the nail head and set the nail with the heel edge of your hammer. **7.** A light flat blow with the hammer completes the steps of clinching. You're now ready to sand or lightly file finish the foot.