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# NEWS FOR FARRIERS

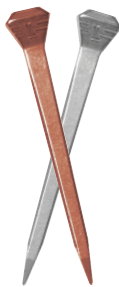
## Now Available – New Sizes in Kerckhaert Steel Comfort Sport and SX-10 Clipped

Sizes 000, 00, 3 and 4 - along with 0, 1 and 2 - are now available in the Kerckhaert Steel Comfort Sport series. The Comfort Sport design has the clips between the second and third nail hole. The heel width for the new Comfort Sport is slightly wider and heels are center punched to allow drilling for studs or tungsten pins. Available in front only. The Kerckhaert SX-10 Clipped in size 4 Front and Hind is also now available.



## Liberty 4 Combo Slim Nails

The 4 Combo Slim is the latest addition to the Liberty Combo Slim range. This nail is a great option for 5/16" shoes in smaller sizes (000, 00, 0) where the hoof doesn't need the length of the 5 Combo Slim or a 5 City but requires a head to fit the same crease. The head is only slightly smaller than the 5 Combo Slim and the nail length of 48.5 mm is between a 5 Race and 5 City. Find FPD dealers carrying these nails at [farrierproducts.com/locations](http://farrierproducts.com/locations).



If you are a first time attendee to the AFA Convention, you can register through FPD or Diamond Farrier Co. to win a free registration for the 2021 American Farrier's Association Convention - Courtesy of AFA/FIA

This year, two farriers, *who have not attended a previous AFA convention*, can win a **FREE Registration** to the 2021 AFA Convention (value \$295.00 for AFA members, \$375.00 for non-members).



Register for free through FPD or Diamond Farrier Co. at: [www.farrierproducts.com/afa2021](http://www.farrierproducts.com/afa2021).

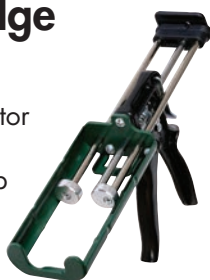
It's that easy and you may be on your way to the 50th Annual AFA Convention, November 8-12 in Arlington, TX. While there, you will have an opportunity to hear lectures and see competitions and demonstrations by world class farriers. In addition, you can visit FPD and Diamond at the Marketplace, where you will see what's new in the world of farrier supplies. Don't miss an opportunity to meet other professional farriers, from across the country and the world!

**Deadline for submitting your name is 10/18/21. Drawing for new AFA Convention attendees ONLY.**

## JUST A REMINDER

### Diamond 210ml Cartridge Applicator Gun

The Diamond 210ml Cartridge Applicator Gun fits cartridges in 200 and 210ml varieties. The applicator gun weighs up to 1/2 lb. less than other guns and will work with the new Vettec Cartridges.



### FPD 21 for '21 Facebook Giveaway

THE OCTOBER 2021 FACEBOOK GIVEAWAY IS (1) ONE LIBERTY WRIST MAGNET.



Look for posts like this one on FPD's facebook page to register for a chance to win the monthly free give-away. This giveaway is only valid in the U.S. and Canada.

### 2021 AFA Convention

FPD will be attending the 2021 AFA Convention, November 8 through 12 in Arlington, Texas. Stop by and see FPD at booth 220. Find details about the 2021 Convention at [americanfarriers.org/2021-convention-home](http://americanfarriers.org/2021-convention-home).

# Building Efficiency With Equipment Adds Profit

No matter what business you are in, building efficiency into your operation is a key to making more profit in less time. A shoeing business is no different from a manufacturing or distribution business. You need to look for equipment that helps minimize your labor and time spent in getting to the final product, the finished shoeing job.



There are a number of power tools and other pieces of equipment that can be worked into your rig setup that will help with everyday steps in shoeing. A propane forge is the most obvious. The ability to heat your shoes will make the shaping and modification steps much easier. Everyone runs into feet that are in such bad shape that simply punching additional nail holes will make an otherwise difficult situation easier to handle. This doesn't require a large forge but can be done with some of the single burner units. Mounting the forge on a swing out arm or slide out will help get the heat away from the rig and more accessible for your forging steps.



A lot of horseshoers are finding a belt sander/grinder combo to be an extremely useful piece of equipment. The belt sander is more versatile than a grinding wheel as you can select coarse grit belts (24 or 36 grit) for heavy grinding and finishing of steel and aluminum shoes. A quick change to finer grits like 80 or 120 and you will have the ideal setup for maintenance of your tools. You can even cut fine belts to a narrow width and use them for sharpening knives. If you have room for a buffer you can mount various buffing wheels, like sisal, felt or Scotch-Brite® to use for final honing of your knives or cleanup of nippers, punches and other hand tools.



If you already have a grinder but it doesn't have the belt sander you can buy an attachment like the FootPro attachment arm and mount it. They are available in a 2"x36" or 2"x48" belt option. They are compact and have a 8" rubber drive/contact wheel that creates great belt speed and makes working shoes and tools very easy. These attachments work well on 1/2 hp or larger grinders. Expander wheels are another good option if you are primarily grinding shoes.

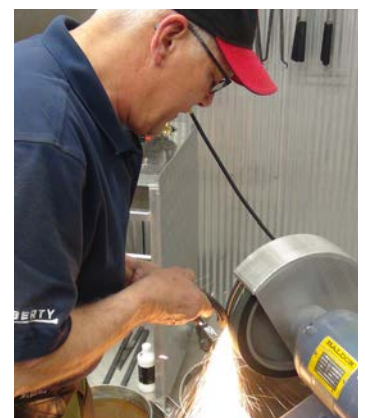
Don't look merely at price when you buy equipment like grinders. You are making an investment and want to maximize your return. Buy brands like Baldor, Jet or Kalamazoo in order to get the most life from the unit. One of the easiest ways to compare quality is to check the weight of the units. A 1/2 horsepower unit that weighs 20 lbs. will not have the "guts" of one that weighs 35-40 lbs and will not perform as well or last as long.

If you are doing a lot of work with hunters and jumpers you will have to drill and tap for studs. For pleasure horses the drive in studs are excellent traction devices but require holes to be drilled. Setting up a small drill press will make these jobs much easier, with less broken drill bits and less effort. A drill press will also make the job of riveting pads an easy task.

Remember the key phrase – time is money. If you consider the time spent using inefficient tools or methods to get your work done you will see that the investment in a few key pieces of equipment will add significant profit to your bottom line.



FootPro Grinder Attachment



FootPro Expander Wheel