

Walkease blocks are made from a specially-formulated ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) material. They are attached to the hoof by use of a cyanoacrylate adhesive. Walkease blocks are low-cost and easy to apply. Special skill and experience are not required. The directions in this instruction must be adhered to. Any deviation from these instructions will likely result in failure of the adhesive.

Walkease blocks are intended for use to repair minor hoof injuries. They are ideal for the recovery of such ailments as thin soles, and other conditions needing about 2-3 weeks of elevation. For serious injuries needing long-term elevation, other systems should be used.

Walkease glue is different to most other hoof-block adhesives. The natural moisture in the hoof and in the atmosphere is required to activate the glue. **The hoof must not be artificially dried (hot air or alcohol).** In very cold weather, when the air is very dry, more time might be required to activate the glue. (Breathing closely on the glued surface a few times before application to the hoof will help.)

For best life the glue should be stored in a refrigerator. The glue is best used at about room or body temperature. Taking from the fridge and carrying in your pocket before use, is ideal.

### Fitting procedure:

Treatment of the injured claw must be completed, then the healthy claw is prepared for fitting the block. The Walkease rasp should be used to finish the hoof surface regardless of what other tools may have been used to prepare the hoof. This rasp provides the correct clean and flat surface for the Walkease block to adhere to. The rasp must be kept clean.

Handle the Walkease block carefully ensuring the gluing face is kept clean. Test the block for size and shape on the hoof. Choose the correct size that will support all of the hoof wall, but without creating any large overlap.

**Always wear gloves when handling Walkease glue.** Apply glue using the full contents of the 2ml single-use tube to secure the block. After about 10 seconds of steady pressure you will feel the block 'grip'. (Possibly longer in cold weather). Promptly after 'grip', lower the hoof so the animal can put full weight on the block to complete the bond. The Walkease block will not attach properly if weight is not applied before the glue has completely cured.

The glue sets very quickly under the animal's weight. The excess glue is squeezed out and the block conforms to the hoof surface. This improves the surface area contact giving a stronger bond. In cold weather the bond time may increase a little, so give the animal a bit longer standing on the block before releasing it from the crush.

Walkease blocks do not generally need to be removed. They ablate naturally after 2-3 weeks.

Extra blocks and glue can be ordered through your Shoof dealer.

Fig 1. Treat the injured claw as required

Fig 2. Use the rasp to prepare the adjacent claw for gluing

Fig 3. Apply full tube of glue to the Walkease block

Fig 4. Press the block firmly onto the healthy claw, overlapping the hoof wall

Fig 5. Promptly drop the leg for the cow to put weight on the block

**NB: See 'Grip Time' chart on first page.**

