

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are Horse-Mocs?

Horse-Mocs are the perfect alternative to traditional metal shoes. They are intended to help your horse make a painless transition to barefoot living as well as for exercise and moderate riding. They can protect your horse's hooves from abrasive terrain and are perfect for short-term medicinal use.

## How are Horse-Mocs made?

Each Horse-Moc is individually hand made. The top part of a Horse-Moc is cut from smooth neoprene rubber — the same used to make scuba diving suits. The neoprene rubber is perforated with many small holes for breathability. The inside of the boot is covered with smooth, soft fleece fabric. The outside is covered with Velcro™ loop.

The sole of the shoe is made of a special polymer rubber compound cast to the exact outline of your horse's hoof. The rubber is ideal for healing tender feet. The tough compound gives durability on rough ground.

On top of the sole is a layer of Kevlar™ coated neoprene. This gives the hoof additional cushioning and resists wear from the inside.

The lower part of the Horse-Moc is coated with an extremely tough polymer compound to extend the life of the shoe and add protection to the front and sides of the hoof. The rear of the Horse-Moc is more lightly coated to allow for natural expansion and freedom.

## Are they easy to put on?

Horse-Mocs are the easiest alternative shoe to put on! Slip it on, snug it, and fasten the Velcro™ strip.

## Do they weigh a ton?

**No!** An average Horse-Moc weighs **17 ounces!**

## Will they chafe my horse's leg?

The fleece fabric lining is the same fabric used to cushion doggie wheelchairs. It won't chafe or rub unless it is worn for an extended time when dirty.

## Will they twist around?

The elasticity of the neoprene creates a secure friction fit that resists twisting. The custom shape of the sole keeps it in place.

## Will they come off easily?

Horse-Mocs are designed to stay on until you release the Velcro™ strip. The bottom may slip on some footings. Use common sense and caution.

## How long will they last?

It depends. If your horse's hoof shape is stable, the longevity of the Horse-Moc will depend on the ground on which you ride, the vigor of your riding, and the number of hours you ride. I've successfully tested them on both my horses on crushed asphalt and gravel as they ran, bucked and reared. **No shoe is indestructible - not even steel!**

## How much do they cost?

Horse-Mocs are priced between **\$65** and **\$85(US)** each depending on the size. Our website will always have up-to-date pricing and shipping information.

## How soon can I get a pair?

Each Horse-Moc is hand made from your tracing and requires several crafting steps. The polymer

compounds we use take time to properly cure. Processing your Horse-Mocs takes one to two weeks. Allow up to 1 week for UPS ground delivery. We occasionally receive several orders simultaneously which results in a few days delay. If in doubt, call or write.

## Can you make them reflective?

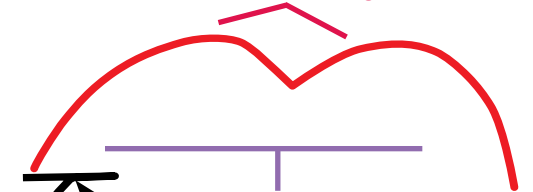
If you ride after dark, we'd suggest some reflective tape attached to some extra Velcro™ for greater visibility and safety.

## How do I care for them?

We suggest hand washing your Horse-Mocs with a gentle soap and letting them air dry. Never put your Horse-Mocs in the dryer!

## Tracing Guide

Trace the bulbs by holding a short pencil perpendicular to the ground.



Trace where the frog ends by holding your pen at a 45 degree angle or less.

**Very important:** Mark where the hoof wall stops touching the ground.

Trace tightly against the hoof wall. Be sure to trace the wall only and not the coronet band. Hold the pen at a 45 degree angle.

# What Makes Horse-Mocs So Special?

The horses in my life and I have tried to work with metal shoes for over 30 years. Shoes did terrible damage to their feet. When we moved to Washington State the damage got worse. My horses suffered stone bruises and abscesses. When my horse threw a shoe, it damaged the hoof wall. I wasn't willing to confine my horses to a stall and searched for a solution. The boots I tried didn't work. Why didn't they work?

Well...

- They came off.
- They twisted around.
- They quickly rubbed the skin raw.
- They let gravel and debris in next to the skin and sole.
- They were a pain to lace up, buckle up, strap up, and duct tape up.
- They used metal prongs that dug into the hoof surface.
- They were expensive.
- They were difficult to do fittings.

That's when I decided to design my own hoofwear — something that would eliminate **all** of the problems I'd encountered. I built shoes and tested many materials before I was satisfied. The ultimate result was **Horse-Mocs** slip-on hoofwear.

## How to Order

Each **Horse-Moc** is a **custom-made** shoe. To ensure a perfect fit, you'll need to give us a tracing of your horse's hoof. Here's how to do it:

- 1 Have your hoof care specialist remove the metal shoe and trim the hoof to the desired profile. Apply a slightly rounded bevel to the hoof.
- 2 Stand your horse on a hard surface and trace your horse's hoof on a piece of strong paper or thin cardboard. (Paper plates are great!) Trace carefully right to the edge of the trimmed hoof. At the rear of the hoof, indicate the contour of the heel bulbs, where the frog ends in the back and the back corners of the hoof itself. This is important for a perfect fit.
- 3 Label the tracing with your horse's name and indicate which hoof it is. For example, "LF" would indicate the horse's left-front hoof. **Important!** Write this label on the side of the tracing **facing** the hoof!
- 4 Measure the circumference of the hoof at the coronet band and the circumference of the pastern at the slimmest part. Write these on the tracings clearly. Measure from the tip of the toe to the coronet band.
- 5 Fill out our questionnaire thoroughly and enclose it, your tracing(s) and payment in an envelope and send them to the address below. (Check, money order, or PayPal only for now.)

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Feel free to call or write with any questions you might have. We'd be glad to talk with you.

# Horse-Mocs Finally!

A slip-on horse shoe that's:

Comfortable!

Custom made for your  
horse's hoof!

Easy to slip on and off!

Affordable!

