

Benefits of using composite horse shoes

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If you have ever considered using a composite horseshoe or wondered what they are used for, this article will help you determine if they are right for you.

Composite horseshoes have been around for quite some time and are typically made out of a blend of plastic and rubber materials. They provide your horse with a more cushioned and shock absorbing shoe that creates less impact on their feet and joints. They are a great alternative for horses that have foot problems and lameness issues because they provide therapeutic hoof support. When used in conjunction with a skilled horseshoer they can be very useful in correcting some serious hoof problems.

Here are a few ways that these shoes can be used to benefit your horse.

Pastured horses

If you have ever boarded your horse in pasture, you know that hind shoes are often not allowed because of the risk of injury to other horses in the pasture. [HOOF-it composite plastic horseshoes](#) are a perfect solution for

this! Since they are made of composite material that mimics the shore hardness of a bare hoof. These shoes will not stop your horse from kicking another horse. However, these shoes will significantly lessen the blow when compared to a horse shod in steel.



Carriage/Police horses

Composite shoes are perfect for carriage and police horses that are working on pavement. The material in composite shoes acts as a shock absorber and gives them an extra cushion for the long hours walking and standing on the

pavement. This will help save their joints from so much wear and tear and can also keep foot and leg problems at bay.





Endurance horses

For endurance horses, these shoes can be very beneficial because they provide great traction on rough terrain, are lightweight and have great shock absorption when climbing rocky hills.



These [shoes](#) are durable and the lighter weight of these shoes benefits both stride and hoof. They reduce concussion for fewer impact injuries. They can stimulate hoof growth and improve circulation. They can also help with

laminitis and navicular syndrome. They are available in all sizes and can be filed to any shape for a customized fit for your horse.