

How to Use Evolutionary Hoof Care's New Concaving Sole Rasp™

This unique rasping tool has been designed specifically for use in shaping the soles of horses' hooves. Its use promotes protective sole concavity on both shod and barefoot horses. The form of this 'half-round' rasp provides you with a variety of differently curved working surfaces. These enable you to excavate horn from the various parts of the hoof's sole and bars. Its triangular profile has been developed to provide you multiple ways of gripping it, allowing you to generate the most effective leverage on every part of the sole. In addition, the tang of the rasp has been turned into a hoof pick and scraping point for digging out decayed portions of horn. Experiment with different grips and strokes: pulling, rocking, digging, and pushing sideways. The more you use it the more ways you will discover to use it.

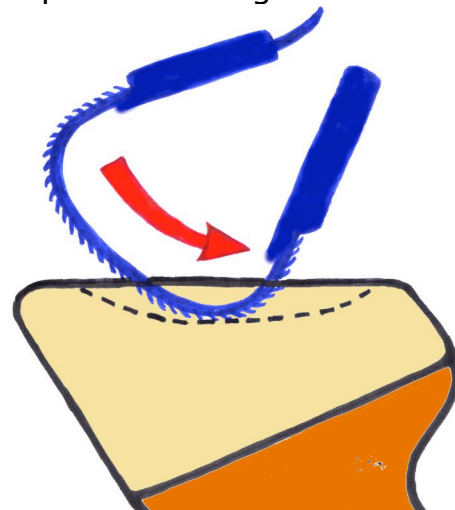
Concaving Rasp with plastic handles and hoof pick tang:



The 'half-round' arc of the rasp's teeth:



The rasp's excavating 'rocker action'



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Various grips that provide you with different types of access and leverage when 'sculpting' sole concavity:

Side Grip



Corner Grip



Top Grip



Two-handed Grip



Hoof Pick Grip



Using the corner of the rasp:

Using the flatter middle portion:

The two-handed grip:



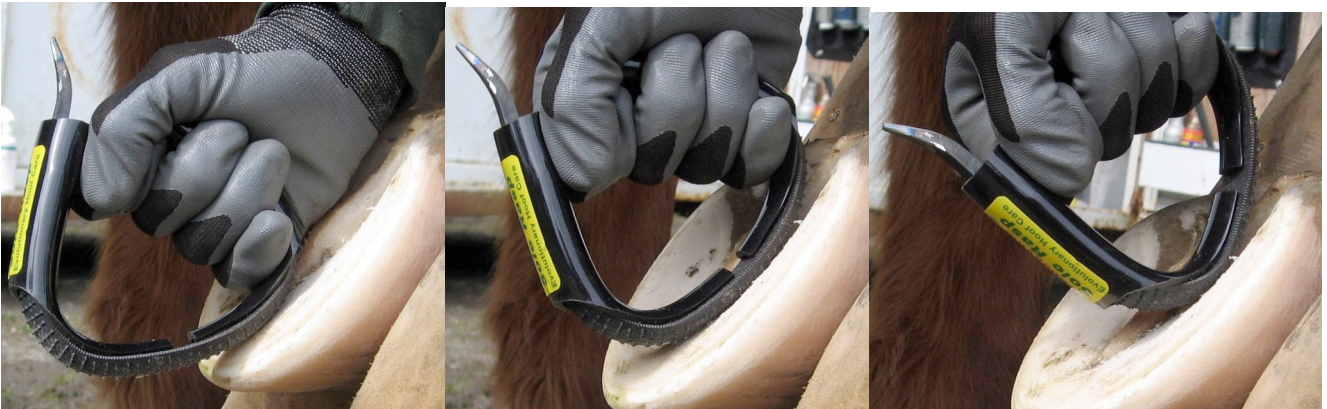
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Applying the entire rasp in a rocker-motion by rotating your wrist:

1

2

3



The two-handed, rocker-motion stroke, pulling the rasp back toward your body:

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2.

3.



Using corner rasp in narrow spots:

Using the flatter mid-section of rasp:



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Using rasp tang to scrape and clean frog commissures:



'Sculpt' with Care:

The goal of sculpting the sole and bars is to promote protective concavity that 'radiates' from the point and sides of the frog outward toward the white line. The bars should taper gradually upward, from the deeper arc of the "solar dome" along the sides of the frog, to the points of buttresses of the heels. *However, you must avoid thinning the sole horn so much that it becomes flexible under pressure from your thumb. You do not want to expose the vascular layer of the sensitive sole to injury. When in doubt, 'sculpt' conservatively.* A little 'carving' with each trimming will promote increased protective concavity over time.

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