

How to Use
Evolutionary Hoof Care's New
Concaving Sole Rasp™
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This unique rasping tool has been designed specifically for use in shaping the soles of horses' hooves. Its use promotes healthy sole horn and protective concavity on both shod and barefoot horses. The U-shaped 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 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 in the white line and around the frog. 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.

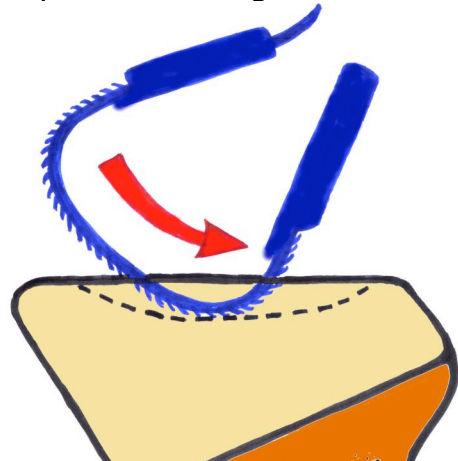
Sole Concaving Rasp with plastic handles and hoof pick tang:



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 in action:

Rasping across the toe sole:

Rasping backward beside the frog:



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

1

2

3



Two-handed rocker-motion stroke: pull the rasp back toward your body:

1.

2.

3.



'Digging' with the corner of rasp spots:

Pulling rasp side-ways:



Try a series of short rapid strokes with the rasp as well as slower, longer ones.

Use the flattened point of the to scrape and clean away dirt and weak horn in the white line and around the frog:



Clean the rasp with a wire brush and spray it with oil to prevent rusting!

'Sculpt' with Care:

The goal of sculpting the sole and bars is to remove deteriorated and excess horn in a way that promotes protective concavity. Sole concavity should 'radiate' 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. . A little sculpting with each trimming will promote increased protective concavity over time. ***However, you must avoid thinning the sole horn too much. You do not want to expose the vascular layer of the sensitive sole to injury. Be particularly careful around the toe region of the sole. When in doubt, remove only obviously deteriorated layers of horn.***

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