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## EPONASHOE CASTING HOOKS ELIMINATE NEED TO CAST UNDER SHOE

Shoe Traction is preserved, life of Casting Material is extended

John and Monique Craig, creators of EponaShoe have struck genius once again. EponaShoe Casting Hooks are designed for the hoof care professional choosing to cast as opposed to nailing a shoe.

The use of Casting Hooks eliminate the need to have the casting material go underneath the shoe- hence the shoe's traction is preserved and the casting material is not worn away on the underside of the shoe. EponaShoe's test horses were able to keep the cast shoes on for a full 6 week shoeing cycle!

Casting Hooks are extremely easy to use. Simply press the hooks into the nail holes, and if needed, tap in with a hammer. 2 or 4 hooks (or possibly more) may be used depending on the situation. The hooks are tapped in place and then the hoof is cast from the ground up, but not going underneath the shoe.

Casting Hooks are sold in packs of 10 for \$5.00

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If you would like more information about Casting Hooks, or to schedule an interview with Monique Craig, please call Bailey Blake at 805.239.3505 or email [bailey@eponashoe.com](mailto:bailey@eponashoe.com).

The following images sequence is the most successful route of attachment and application that was found with test horses.





**Three Casting Hooks. We will sell them in a pack of 10 for \$5.**



**Shoe is glued, four Casting Hooks positioned. They are fairly tight to the hoof, so they will not create a large bulge under the casting material.**



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**We like to put some of our packing over the heels/bulbs to give some flexibility under the quite-rigid casting material as it covers the heels.**



**Start wrapping – we do this with the horse bearing weight on the foot and with the bottom of wrap flush with the ground.**



**Pull casting tight so it engages with the “barbs” on the Casting Hooks.**



**We fold down a bit in the back so as not to put pressure on the bulbs. The Casting Hooks have “barbs” that are engaging with the first few layers of casting.**



**In this case, we cast “dry” -- then dabbed water with a sponge on the casting after it was wrapped.**



**You can hardly tell that Casting Hooks are there. They do not make large bulges under the casting. We could have wrapped even closer to ground so that the Casting Hooks would be totally covered with casting material.**



**Note the Casting Hooks are tight into the nail holes – they are lower than the tread, so when the horse stands the metal of the Casting Hook is not touching the ground.**