



Horse clipping

Guidelines on the correct way to clip horses



Tips for clipping horses

Good preparation

- Set aside at least two hours.
- Find a good time for clipping - one when there is no time pressure - and a quiet location so that the horse is calm and relaxed.
- Clean the horse before clipping - dirt and sand can damage the clipper and the blades can quickly become blunt.
- When clipping with cabled equipment, make sure the cable is securely tucked away! The combination of horseshoes and electricity can be dangerous for the animal.

Shear safely and in a relaxed manner

- The horse should be clean and dry for clipping and have been accustomed to contact with the clipper.
- Always shear in even, long strokes against the direction of the coat's growth.
- The strokes should overlap by at least one centimetre, otherwise there will be visible edges; missed strips of coat and spots can be removed in a second pass.
- For difficult sections, change the angle of the clipper.
- During clipping, the clipping blades should always be oiled and the loose hair brushed off the horse. This makes work much easier.

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Why should I clip my horse?

- The horse dries faster after riding and is thus protected from colds.
- The shorter coat is easier to keep clean.
- The horse does not sweat when it stands in the warm stable.
- The horse overheats less when riding and is therefore more willing to perform.

When horse clipping makes sense:

- The horse is ridden regularly - at least 3 times a week - and is wet and sweaty after riding
- The horse's coat takes a very long time to dry again (at least 20 minutes)
- The horse also sweats in the stable because the winter coat is too thick for the warm stable
- The horse starts to sweat even with minimal exertion, e.g. when riding at a walk, and becomes tired very quickly
- The horse has a very long, thick winter coat and can no longer be groomed properly.
- It dries very slowly once it has become wet with sweat.

If any of these points apply, it makes sense to shear or partially shear the horse.

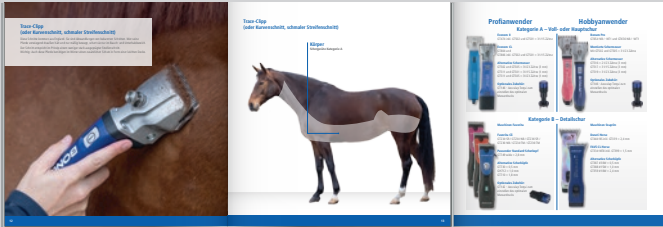
Cuts for horse clipping

Which clipping pattern is the right one?

While sports riders usually put more strain on their horses, a leisure horse sweats primarily on the neck, hindquarters and belly. Accordingly, it only needs to be shorn in these areas. The remaining winter coat protects the horse, for example in the kidney area. With different cuts, you have the option of adapting the clipping to your horse's intended use and type of husbandry.

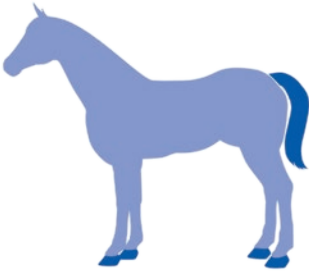
Important: shaving out the ears is prohibited for animal welfare reasons, as is removing the whiskers around the mouth.

The fold-out page at the end of this brochure gives you an overview of the perfect clipper for your chosen clipping. This means you always have the right clipper and the right blades and blade sets in view.

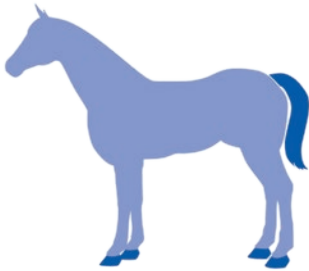


Full clipping

Full Clip

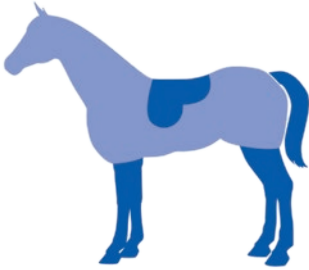


Horses with Cushing's and "retired horses"

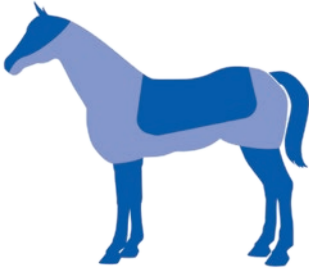


Partial clipping

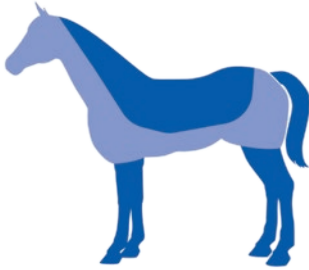
Hunter Clip



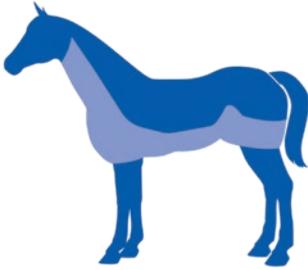
Blanket Clip



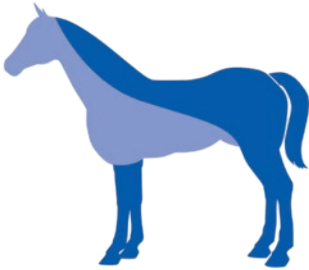
Strip clip
(or racehorse clip, rally clip)



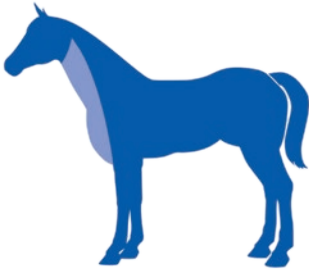
Trace Clip
(or curve clip, narrow strip clip)



Chaser Clip (or Irish clip)



Bib Clip



Full Clip

Suitable for horses that are trained all year round and take part in competitions. The full clip is elegant, easy to care for and gives competition horses a flawless appearance. Here the entire coat is clipped, leaving a small strip only at the base of the tail and along the saddle area.

However, the sensitive sensory hairs on the horse's eyes and nostrils must never be removed. Horses with this type of clipping must be covered particularly thickly, as they no longer have any way of keeping themselves warm. They are usually kept indoors in moderate temperatures.

How to do it:

Start with the body. Then clip the legs, gradually downwards, from the rump outwards. Pick up the leg to shear the back of the fetlock and the coronet band.



Full Clip

Neck / head

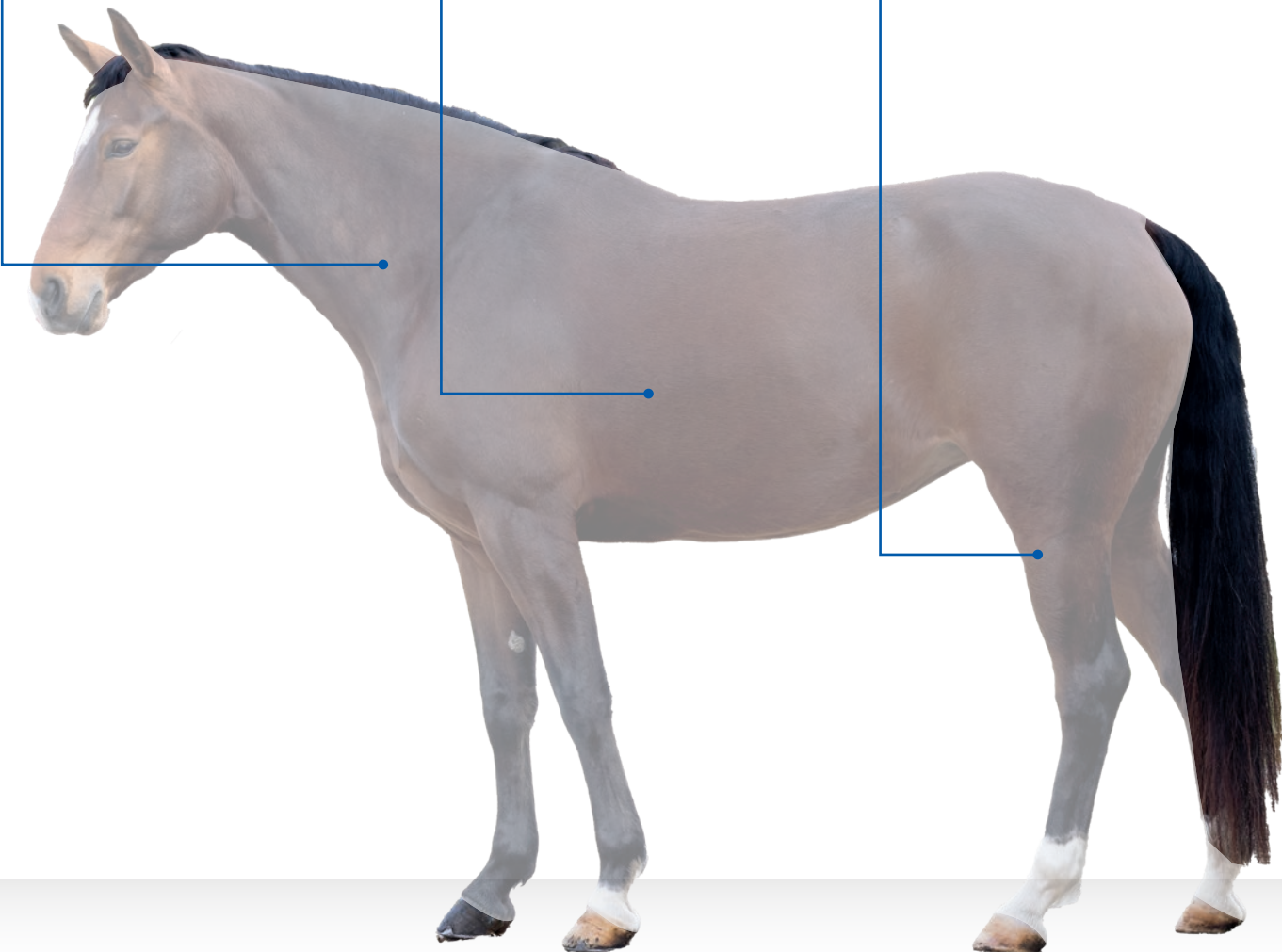
Category B clipping devices

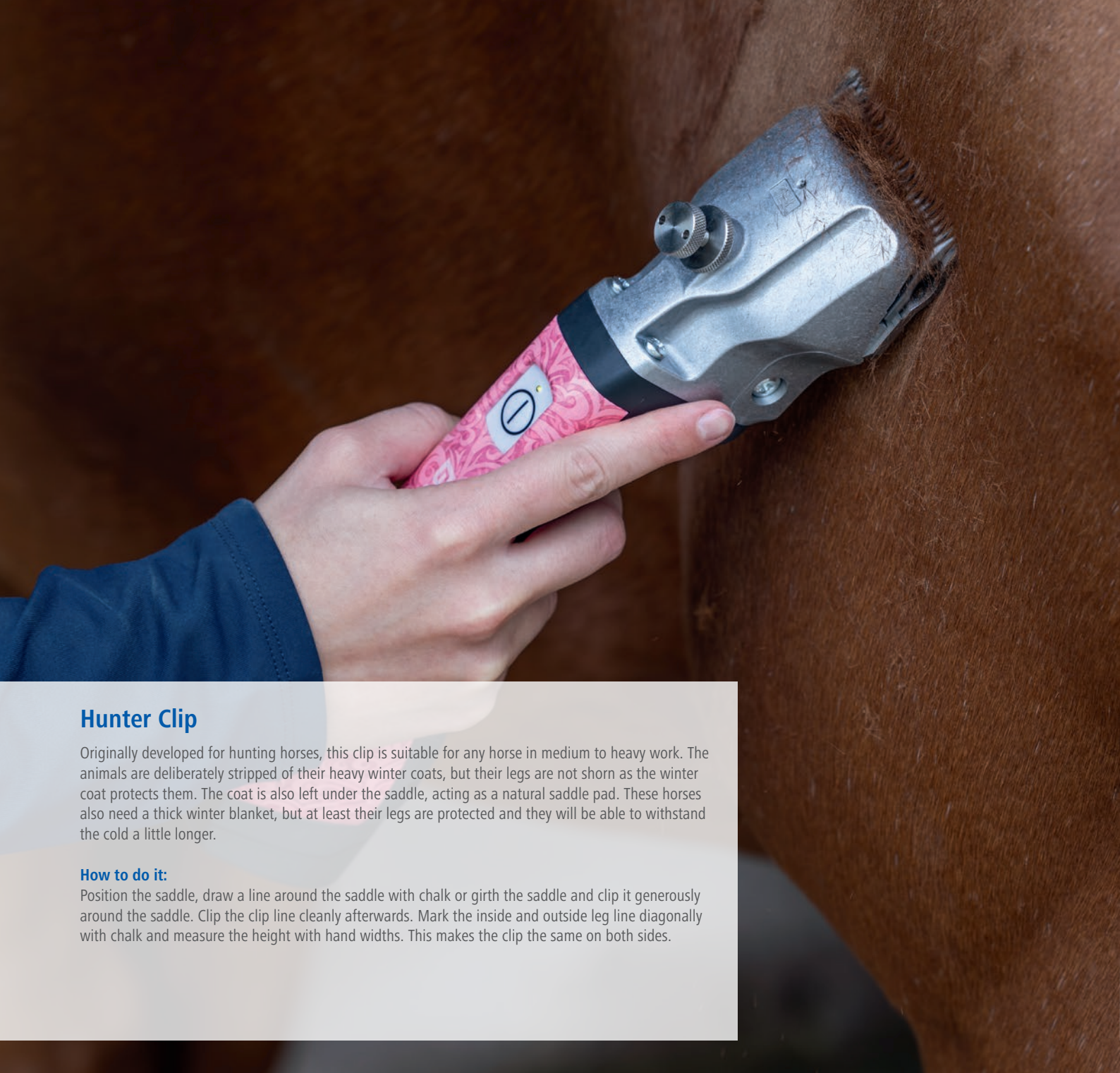
Body

Category A clipping devices

Legs

Category B clipping devices





Hunter Clip

Originally developed for hunting horses, this clip is suitable for any horse in medium to heavy work. The animals are deliberately stripped of their heavy winter coats, but their legs are not shorn as the winter coat protects them. The coat is also left under the saddle, acting as a natural saddle pad. These horses also need a thick winter blanket, but at least their legs are protected and they will be able to withstand the cold a little longer.

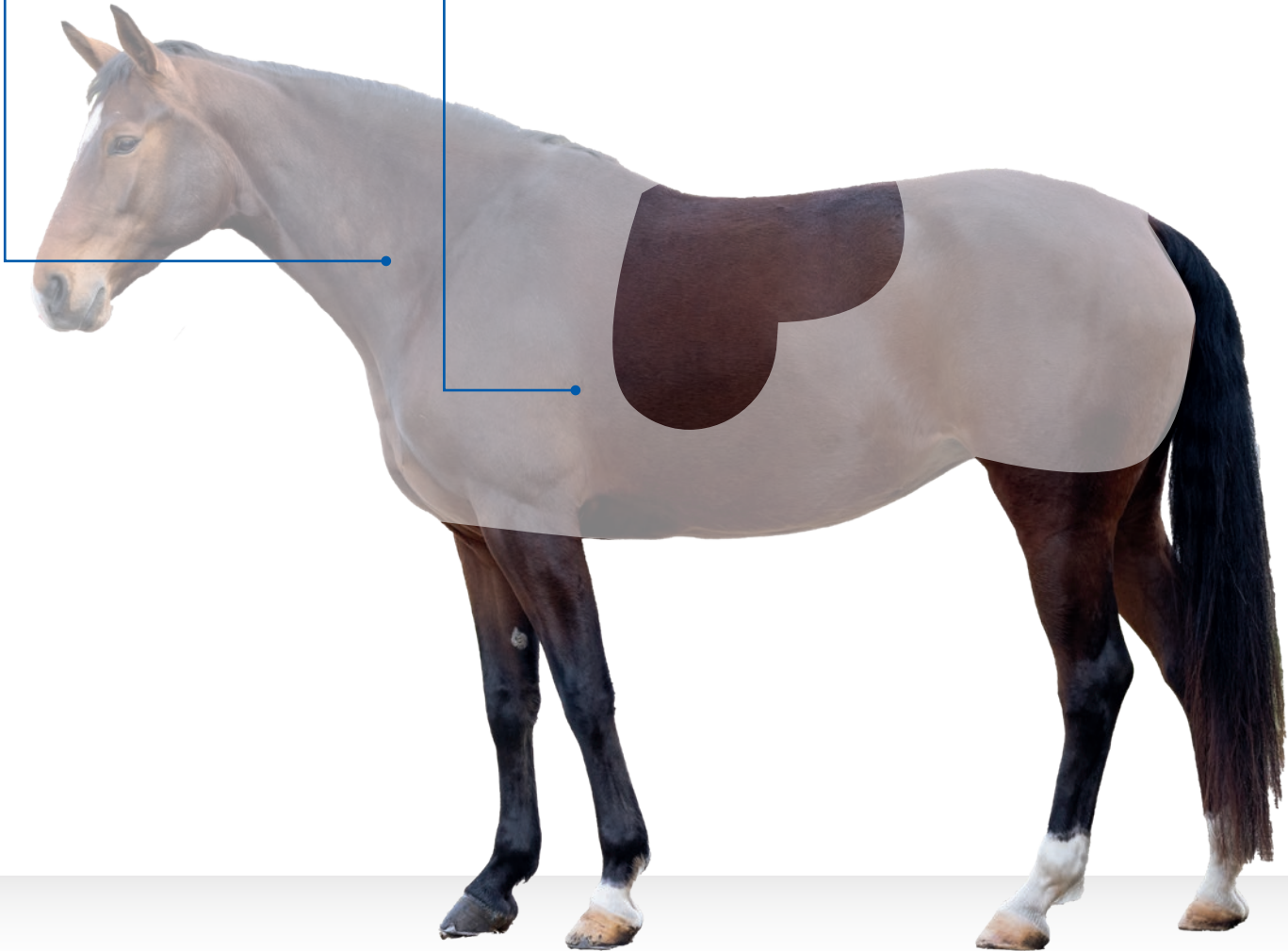
How to do it:

Position the saddle, draw a line around the saddle with chalk or girth the saddle and clip it generously around the saddle. Clip the clip line cleanly afterwards. Mark the inside and outside leg line diagonally with chalk and measure the height with hand widths. This makes the clip the same on both sides.

Hunter Clip

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices

Body
Category A clipping devices





Blanket Clip

For leisure horses and horses that need additional protection in the sensitive lumbar area. With this clip, enough of the coat is shorn away so that the horse can be ridden and still retain sufficient protection from the warming winter coat. Horses with this clipping can go out to pasture in good weather with a light blanket. Please have a thick blanket ready for cold days.

How to do it:
Put the blanket on and draw the outline on the horse's body with chalk. The lower edge of the saddle flap serves as a guideline for how deep the lower line of the "blanket" should be. It is important to always clip the corners round.

Blanket Clip

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices

Body
Category A clipping devices





Strip Clip
(or racehorse clip, rally clip)

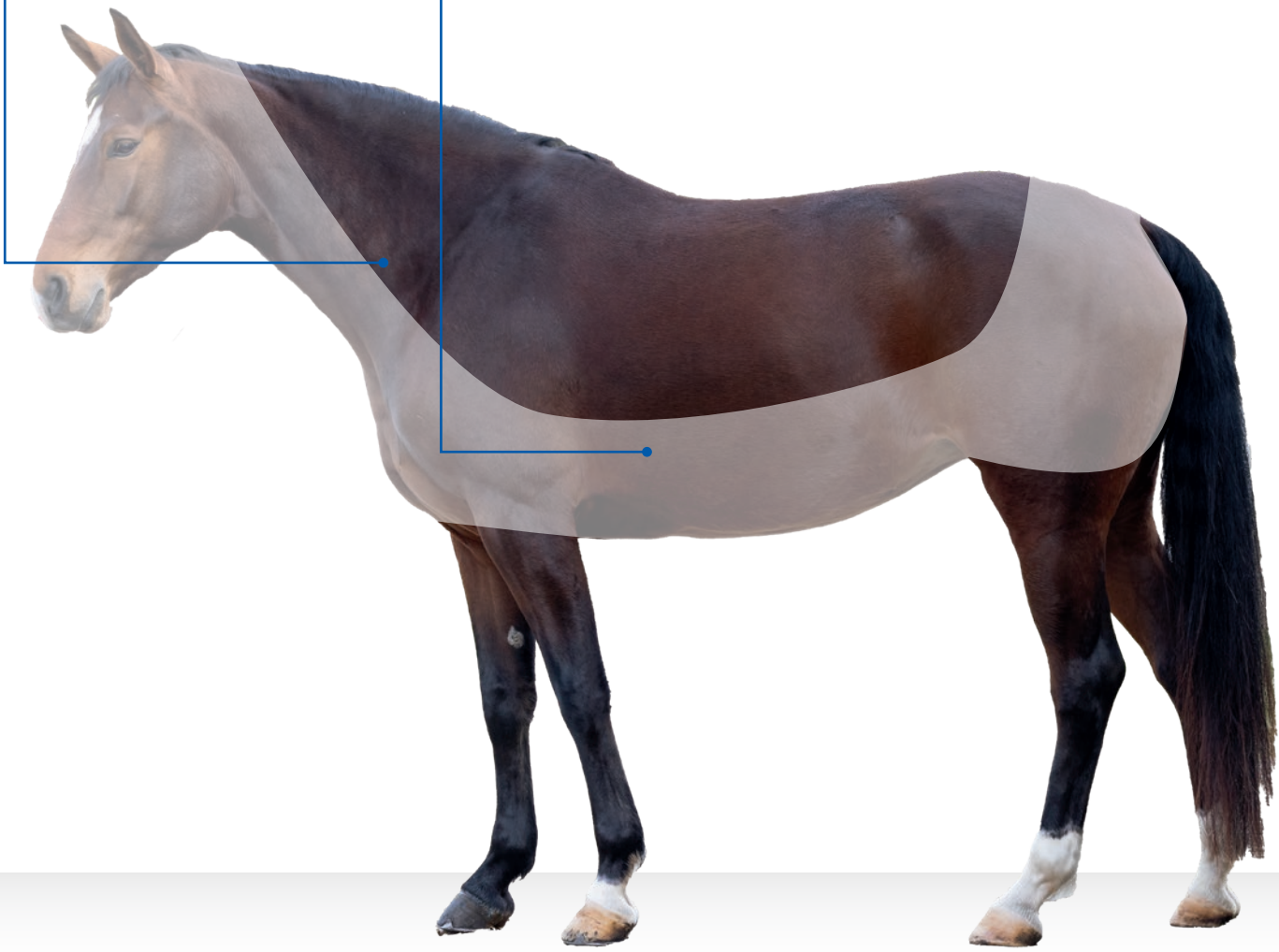
For the well-considered compromise: the strip clip is suitable if the horse is subjected to greater stress from time to time, but still needs to be protected against the cold. The basic shape of the strip clip is modified depending on where the horse sweats the most. In contrast to the blanket clip, the muscles on the upper neck are kept warm in this case. This clip is ideal for horses that are out in the pasture with a thin blanket during the day and in the stable at night.

How to do it:
First mark the lines with chalk, then start clipping.
Details are carried out as described for the hunting or full clip.

Strip Clip
(or racehorse clip, rally clip)

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices

Body
Category A clipping devices



Trace Clip
(or curve clip, narrow strip clip)

These cuts come from England. They are variations on familiar cuts. If you keep your horses mainly outside and only exercise them moderately, you only shear them in the belly and lower neck area. In principle, the clip corresponds to a less pronounced strip cut.

Important: These horses also need additional protection in winter in the form of a light blanket.



Trace Clip
(or curve clip, narrow strip clip)

Body
Category A clipping devices



**Chaser clip
(or Irish clip)**

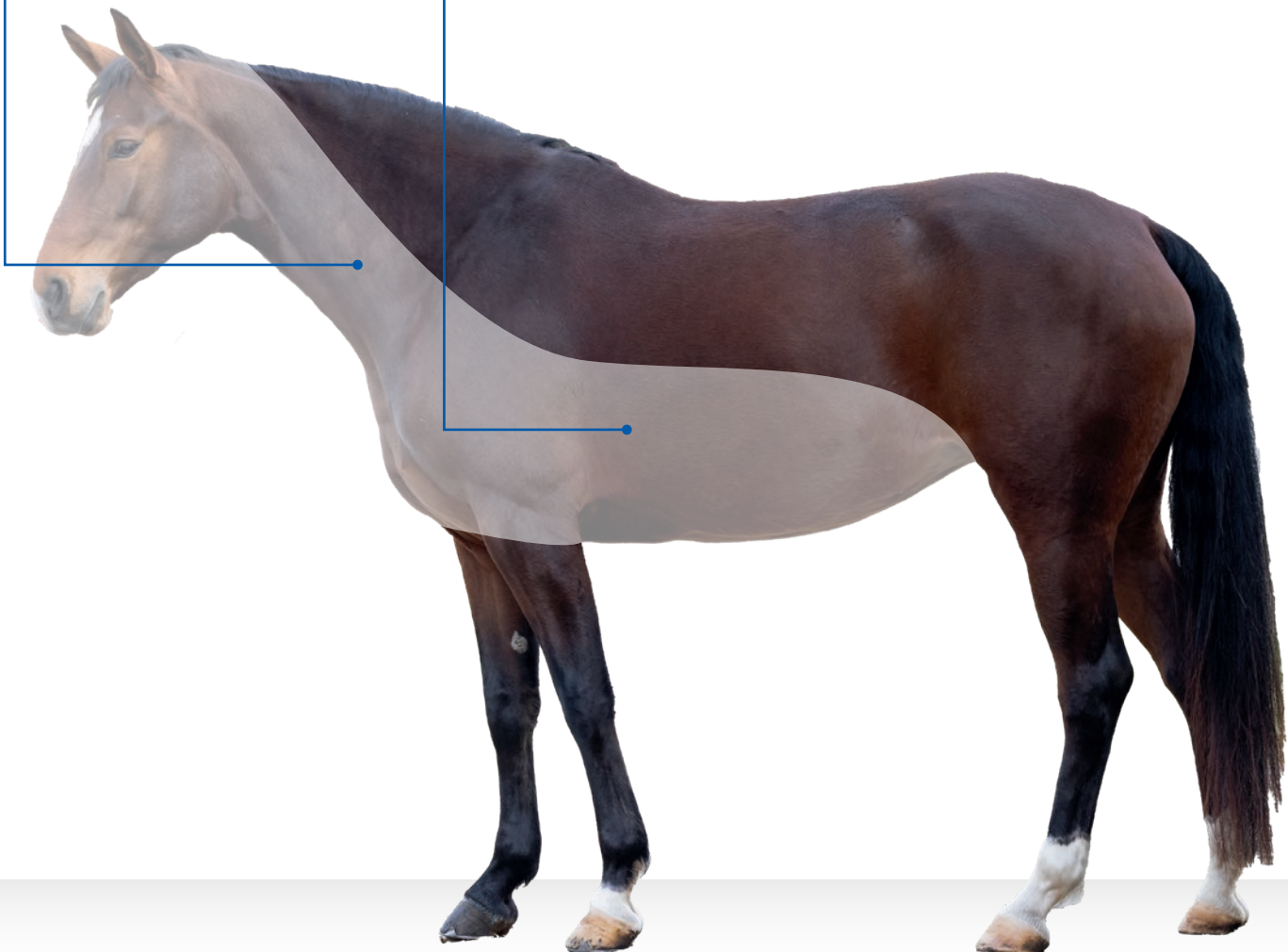
Ideal for young horses and animals in light work that are out in the pasture during the day. This clip is particularly quick and easy and only covers those areas that are predominantly affected by sweating: the lower neck, chest and forelegs. In contrast to trace clipping, the horse's head is also included here, which is mainly for aesthetic reasons. Please remember to use a light blanket on the pasture!

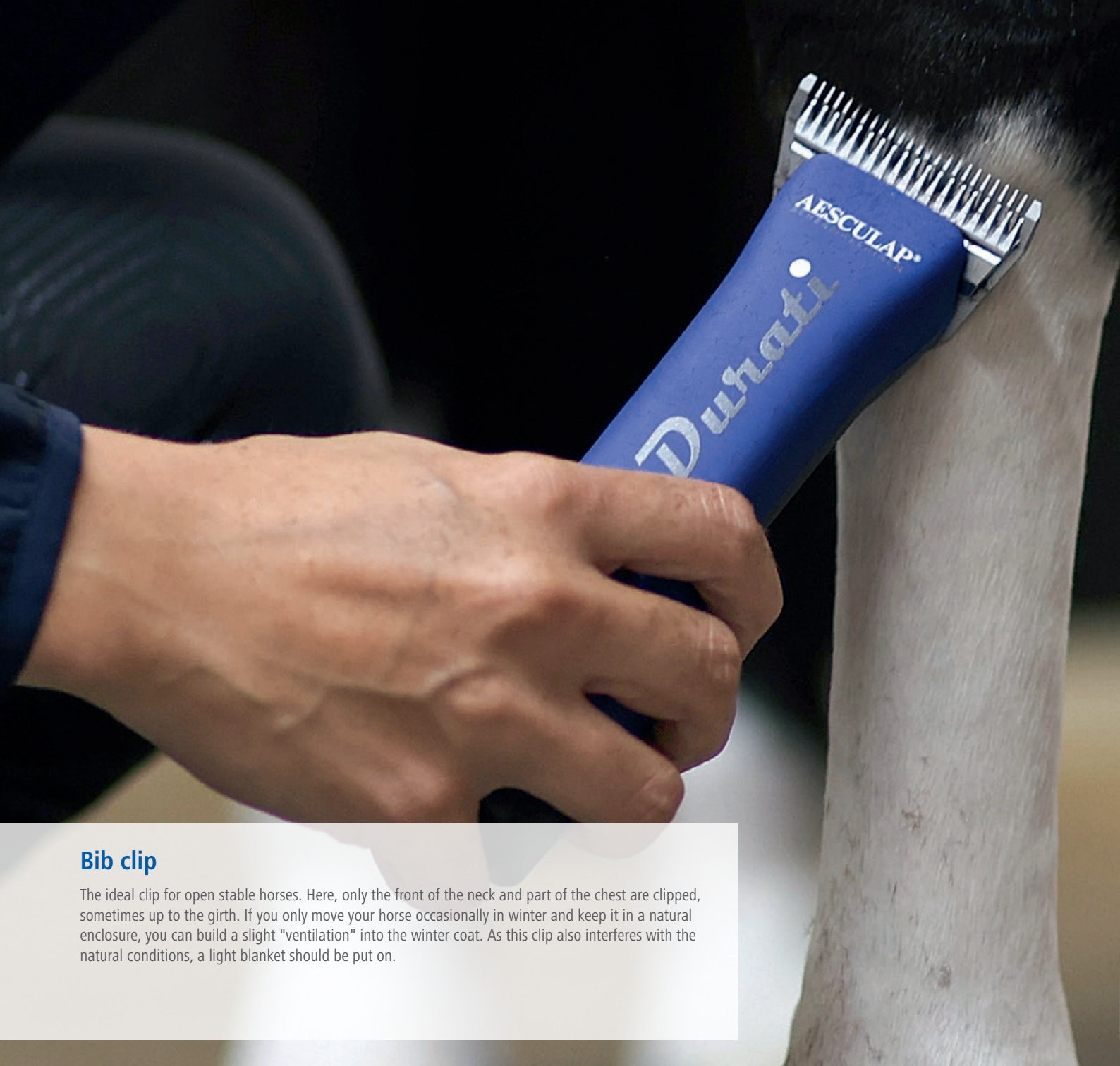


**Chaser clip
(or Irish clip)**

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices

Body
Category A clipping devices





Bib clip

The ideal clip for open stable horses. Here, only the front of the neck and part of the chest are clipped, sometimes up to the girth. If you only move your horse occasionally in winter and keep it in a natural enclosure, you can build a slight "ventilation" into the winter coat. As this clip also interferes with the natural conditions, a light blanket should be put on.

Bib clip

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices



Horses with Cushing's and "retired horses"

This clip is suitable for horses with a thick and curly coat or for animals in which the shedding process no longer works properly or no longer works at all. Signs of this are often apathy and reduced performance as well as abnormal sweating. To provide relief for the horse, large parts or areas are kept short. The execution is the same as for the full clip.

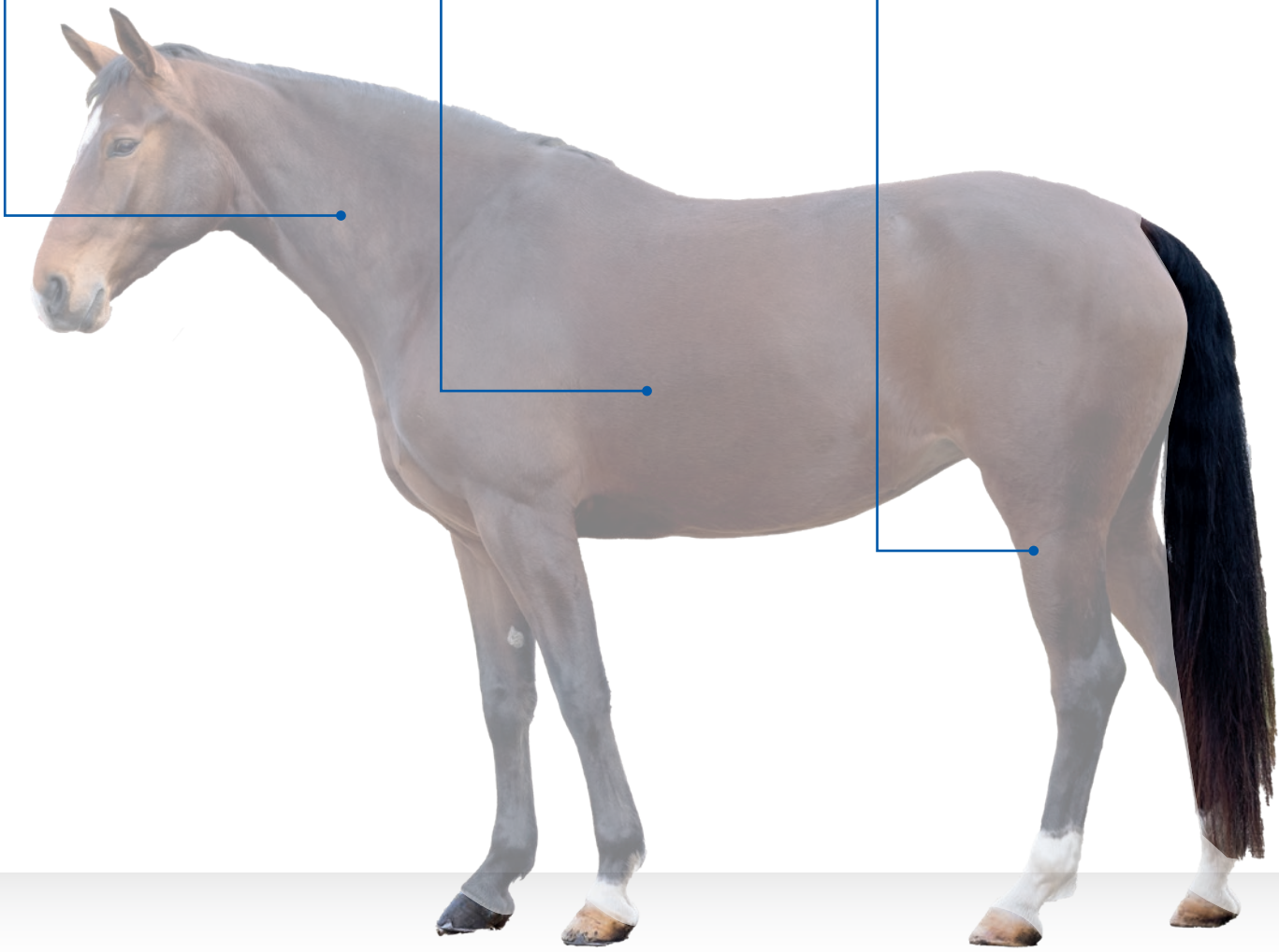


Horses with Cushing's and "retired horses"

Neck / head
Category B clipping devices

Body
Category A clipping devices

Legs
Category B clipping devices



Cleaning and caring for the blade sets

- GT604 Aesculap Oil
- GTA103 Aesculap Blade Cool 2.0

We recommend oiling the clipping blades with the blade set attached before each use. After oiling, let the machine run for a few minutes so that the oil can distribute itself well and thus not be transferred to the hair of the animal. With proper maintenance and care, you can increase the durability of the blade sets by up to 20 %.



You should oil every 5-10 minutes during operation. To do this, apply 3 drops of the special clipper oil to the teeth and 2 drops between the teeth.

This improves the clipping pattern and prolongs the sharpness of the blade set.

You can both reduce heat build-up and clean the blade set at the same time with Blade Cool. Use this at least every 10 minutes.

The tooth spaces must also be given a thorough cleaning.

When using a disinfectant, the blade sets should be dried thoroughly to prevent corrosion. After cleaning, the blade sets must be oiled. Only use original Aesculap clipper oil GT604.



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Precision Adjusting Aid Torqui

You can easily adjust the blade set using the Torqui "torque wrench".

- The ultimate tool for optimum clipping blade pressure
- Consistent edge retention
- Increase in the blade set's service life since the interval between grindings is extended

Item number GT142 / GT146



Clipping Blades Econom II, Econom CL, Bonum

Upper blades



GT501
15 teeth



GT505
23 teeth

Bottom blades



GT511
31 teeth



GT502
31 teeth

Blade Sets Favorita



GT730 0.5 mm



GH712 1 mm

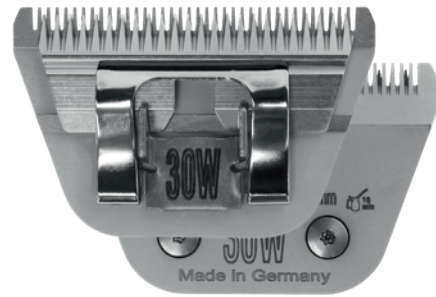


GT710 1.8 mm



GT749 2.8 mm

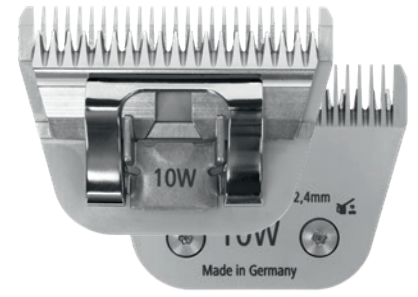
Blade Sets SnapOn



GT387 0.5 mm



GT388 1.0 mm



GT359 2.4 mm

Professional users

Category A - Full or main clipping



Econom II
GT474 incl. GT502 and GT501 = 31/15 teeth

Econom CL
GT804 and GT806
incl. GT502 and GT501 = 31/15 teeth

Alternative clipping blades
GT502 and GT505 = 31/23 teeth (3 mm)
GT511 and GT501 = 31/15 teeth (1 mm)
GT511 and GT505 = 31/23 teeth (1 mm)

Optional accessories:
GT146 - Aesculap Torqui for setting the optimum blade pressure



Amateur users



Bonum Pro
GT654-NB / -WT1 and GT656-NB / -WT1

Mounted clipping blades
With GT502 and GT505 = 31/23 teeth

Alternative clipping blades
GT516 = 21/23 teeth (3 mm)
GT517 = 31/15 teeth (1 mm)
GT519 = 31/23 teeth (3 mm)

Optional accessories:
GT146 - Aesculap Torqui for setting the optimum blade pressure



Category B - Detailed clipping



Favorita machines

Favorita Cli
GT234-SR / GT234-NB / GT236-SR /
GT236-NB / GT234-TM / GT236-TM

Matching standard blade set
GT749 wide = 2.8 mm

Alternative blade sets
GT730 = 0.5 mm
GH712 = 1.0 mm
GT710 = 1.8 mm

Optional accessories:
GT142 - Aesculap Torqui for setting the optimum blade pressure



SnapOn machines

Durati Horse
GT444-B5 incl. GT339 = 2.4 mm

FAV5 CL Horse
GT334-WT8 incl. GT399 = 1.5 mm

Alternative blade sets
GT387 #30W = 0.5 mm
GT388 #15W = 1.0 mm
GT359 #10W = 2.4 mm

Aesculap clippers have been offering quality from Germany since 1912. With our selected range for horse clipping, we produce a collection for professional and amateur users that leaves nothing to be desired.

Clippers and accessories for professional users

Opt for clippers for intensive use and/or clipping a large number of horses, which are a reliable helper for you as a stable owner or professional user, even under demanding conditions.

Category A equipment - Full or main clipping

- Econom CL
 - Econom with 230 Volt cable operation
- The Econom CL impresses with its intelligent battery technology.

The battery's large capacity allows continuous use for up to 90 minutes without any loss of performance.

The battery charge status can also be easily read from the LEDs on the battery. Weight distribution, noise and heat development testify to German engineering of the highest quality.

For those who prefer cable-operated devices with enormous clipping power, we recommend our Econom 230 Volt cable-operated model.

Category B equipment - Detailed clipping

In this category, we recommend our Favorita CLi to long-term shearers. No other device in this category has blade sets with adjustable plate pressure. This increases the service life of the clipping plates many times over compared to conventional detail clipping devices on the market. The "Torqui" torque wrench also provides the user with a simple and effective adjustment aid for optimum plate pressure.

The digital displays for battery charge and device status are a particular highlight.

The Favorita traditionally comes without a blade set. Please select the appropriate blade set according to your needs.

Clippers and accessories for amateur users

Category A equipment - Full or main clipping:

The non-plus-ultra for amateur and semi-professional horse clipping is called Bonum Pro. This device impresses with its slimline design, low weight and modern look.

Whether dainty female or strong male hands grip the ergonomic housing, the Bonum will bring great joy to every amateur and semi-professional user. This machine of course works with an intelligent lithium-ion battery.

Category B equipment - Detailed clipping

The SnapOn models from Aesculap, with names such as Durati Horse or Fav5 CL Horse, are powerful all-rounders with an enormous battery capacity for up to 240 minutes of use.

The manoeuvrable clipping tools are equipped with a 60 mm wide SnapOn blade set which, like all Aesculap brand clipping plates and blade sets, are manufactured in Germany. The special steel used enables long blade life and excellent clipping results.

The SnapOn machines also offer a selection of blade sets with a lower clipping height.

On the opposite fold-out page you will find an overview of the clipping equipment we recommend for horse clipping. Further information can be found at www.aesculap-schermaschinen.com.



We recommend our BladeCool GTA103 for cleaning and cooling.

Aesculap clippers – quality from Germany – since 1912

Any questions about our clippers?
Our product experts will be pleased to answer all of your questions about the types of machines, clipping blades, and the professional use of the equipment.

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