

Cattle Hoof Trimming Tools

❖ Hoof pick

A hooked tool, usually of metal, used to clean hooves. Some designs include a small, very stiff brush for removing additional mud or dirt.



❖ Hoof knife

A strong, slightly curved knife with its tip turned laterally on itself to form a tunnel. The flat part of the blade is used to trim the bottom of the hoof wall and the curved part to make grooves or cut holes. The standard knife is the Hauptner. The blade in some knives is sharpened on both edges. Called also hoof parer, drawing knife.

The Swiss hoof knife is a large, flattened loop turned down at right angles to the handle. It is for paring the sole and is drawn towards the operator with the lower front-edge sharpened. Special grooving knives are also available.



❖ **Hoof Clippers/Nippers**

Do heavy work. Best used for removing the wall, when the toe is relatively long.



❖ **Rasp**

A steel hand tool with small sharp teeth on some or all of its surfaces; used for smoothing wood or metal.



❖ **Merlin Electric Hoof Knife**

It is electric and it is used on hooves as a replacement for hoof nippers and a rasp. It can be used to remove excess hoof material, clean pith from the sole area and dress flares from the hoof wall.



❖ **Hoof Grinder**

Electronic tool which uses a spinning disc to remove hoof wall, sole and flare with precision control. Eliminates the strain of pulling a knife through the hoof.

