

# Self-Insulating Poly Fence Posts “Made To Last”

“Our new Insulmax poly fence posts are eye appealing and work great for rotational grazing and permanent setups alike. They’re easy to install, and unlike other fiberglass fence posts on the market they won’t rupture, splinter, or discolor over time,” says Paul Peterson, Mountain Grove, Mo.

The patent-pending posts are available from 4 to 6 ft. long in 1/2-ft. increments. They’re made from a specially formulated polypropylene homopolymer that contains no fiberglass or wood and has an ultraviolet stabilizer. The posts are hollow so they can be driven into the ground with a steel flex core post driver, or pounded by hand into a pilot hole.

The posts are compatible with all types of fencing wire, including high tensile, barbed, and woven, and the wire can be fastened in any configuration.

To install, the operator drills a pair of holes through the post where he wants the wire and then inserts a long metal clip with an “eye” that holds the wire.

“They make a beautiful perimeter fence that provides added strength along with superior flexibility with memory. They’re 100 percent self insulating and drill cleanly and easily using a cordless drill, allowing holes to be placed wherever needed to customize your fencing needs,” says Peterson.

“We started out selling the post as a T-post cover to renovate an existing fence, but due to the rising cost of steel they’ve evolved into stand-alone posts. We’ve set up our entire ranching operation with these poly posts because we believe in them. We even manufacture the posts in a warehouse near the ranch. The posts are extruded using a special formula that’s very tough and durable and come with a 25-year UV stabilizer package.

“There are fiberglass posts on the market that don’t require insulators, but exposure to sunlight eventually causes them to splinter which makes them difficult to handle as they age. There also are posts made from sawdust blended with poly, but those posts wick water over time which causes them to decay.”

The posts are available with an outside diameter of 1.33 or 2.37 in. “Both sizes can be used as stand-alone posts. The 2.37-in. model can also be placed over a conventional steel T-post and used to dress up your fence,” says Peterson.

He says the posts have a lot of upright strength to hold the wire which allows them to be spaced up to 45 ft. apart, depending on the type of wire and number of strands. “These posts stand up very well. In fact, if a big round bale gets away and rolls over the fence the adjacent posts will just flex down and then come right back up once the bale



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is removed without breaking. Bend the post into a U shape with your knee, and it’ll come back up to stand within 90 percent straight from where it started,” says Peterson.

The posts are sold by the length. The 1.33 post sells for 91 cents per foot; the 2.37 for

1.24 cents per foot.

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## Got Warts? QuickHit Gel Treats Hoof Warts Fast

Dairy cattle owners have a new option for treating hoof warts and other hoof problems. Available for two years, QuickHit Gel has become very popular among dairymen and hoof trimmers, says Dick Adair, president of SSI Corporation.

QuickHit Gel is a concentrated Hoof Trimmer’s formula made with copper and zinc. Its highly effective formula quickly decreases pain and inflammation with no initial sting or need to wrap.

“It soaks right in,” Adair explains. The gel can be applied straight from the bottle for severe cases, but is usually mixed 50/50 with water and squirted, brushed or dabbed

on the wart daily or weekly depending on the severity of the wart. QuickHit Gel contains no antibiotics and improvement is normally seen in 1 to 4 applications.

“Wart treatments should be used in conjunction with a quality foot bath to control outbreaks and instructions should carefully be followed,” Adair emphasizes. The gel will treat the wart, but once an animal has warts they can come back, so monitoring is important, he adds.

Because of the copper content in QuickHit Gel, it cannot be used on sheep. SSI carries another product for sheep as well as offering a

new QuickHit product for horse-related hoof issues.

The company sells to hoof trimmers and distributors. Retail cost averages about \$40 a quart. Information about local dealers can be found through SSI’s website.

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## Ratchet Strap Tightening Handle

“My new ratchet strap tightening handle for truckers provides enough leverage that anyone can properly tension ratchet straps,” says inventor Craig Johnson of Clarissa, Minn.

The Good-N-Tight handle is designed to correctly tension 2, 3 or 4-in. ratchet straps. It’s made from high strength polycarbonate plastic that’s “skeletonized” to keep the weight down. It works with most ratchet brands on the market.

The tool measures 21 in. long and about 5 in. wide and has a grip-type handle at the bottom and a jaw at the top that slips over the bottom of the ratchet handle.

“It weighs just 1 1/2 lbs. but exerts up to 350 lbs. of pressure, and the grip handle fits nicely in the palm of your hand which makes it easy to use,” says Johnson. “The jaw on the Good-N-Tight automatically aligns the tool to the ratchet so it won’t slip. However, we recommend laying your free hand on top of the tool while pumping the handle to keep the tool positively attached.”

The Good-N-Tight handle sells for \$39.99 plus S&H.

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**Jaw at top of tool slips over bottom of ratchet handle, providing extra leverage to properly tension ratchet straps.**

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## Stall Plow Designed For Mid-Size Dairies

Deep-bedded freestalls provide comfort for cattle, but removing the dirty bedding can be labor intensive for dairy farmers. Nathan Messer’s new, patent-pending stall plow makes the job easier.

“We found that the vast majority of dirty bedding – where the milk and urine soaks in – is in the last 2 ft.,” says the owner of Messer Repair and Fabricating in Sauk Centre, Minn. In addition to cleaning the surface of the bedding regularly, dairy farmers typically remove the bedding in the rear of the stall every 6 mos. to prevent mastitis from bacteria.

The plow removes 24 in. of material 6 to 8 in. deep, and has a telescoping arm and angle adjustment from 5 to 60 degrees. Messer designed his plow to be economical for all size dairies.

“It works in sand, separated solids and most kinds of deep bedding,” he says.

The blade is powder-coated, abrasion-resistant steel. The plow comes with hydraulic cylinder and hoses, quick-attach and couplers so it is ready to go. The stall plow weighs about 500 lbs. and sells for \$2,475 (plus \$75 for truck freight shipping).

A video on Messer’s website shows how it works.



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