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Attachment device has endless applications

MAGLOC Equi-SR is a new device which enables one-handed, instant connection of leadrope to headcollar. Release is another smooth, one-handed operation.

A magnet inside the neat metal casing attracts one part to the other – and the 'head' and 'body' simply snap together. It even works in the dark while wearing thick gloves because Magloc Equi-SR finds its own connection.

Magloc Equi-SR is made in Britain. Catching and leading horses are the initial uses for which the product is being marketed by inventor and owner Magloc Ltd. However, it's surely a product that lends itself to many, many more applications throughout the equestrian world and beyond.

ETN has seen Magloc Equi-SR in action and understands that it is to be made available under licence to other manufacturers and/or distributors, as well as offered in its existing format to retail stockists.

Uses are obvious whenever a connection needs to be made; in the case of horses, the quicker, more easily and safely that happens, the better.

Magloc Equi-SR can be produced in a variety of sizes and colours, so could replace virtually any buckle, billet stud, spring or trigger clip or other fastening. Possibilities include tying up haynets, connecting bits to bridles, attaching trailer breaching straps – even riding hat harness fastenings (subject to current standards).

Just imagine the benefits of using Magloc Equi-SR to 'do up' a headcollar or rug one-handed! As the device is cylindrical, it doesn't even need to be positioned precisely like, say, a seat belt fastening. And, like a seat belt, it does not release under load – what's known as 'positive locking'.

However, horses can safely be tied up with a Magloc Equi-SR. If the horse is spooked, panics and pulls back, it will release under a 100kg breaking strain – that's slightly less than a double strand of baling twine (traditionally the safe way to tie up a horse).

Magloc Equi-SR isn't just another safety release gadget. It's a piece of precision engineering, its component parts and breaking strain tested under laboratory conditions and carrying a year's manufacturer's guarantee. A patent application has been filed.

The retail price per unit is around £24.99, although consumers need not buy multiple complete units. 'Head' parts can be left on, say, numerous headcollars with just one main 'body' part used to catch all the horses in turn. Should the 'safety release' happen, an inexpensive split pin simply needs replacing.

Magloc is ideal for people with dexterity problems, such as arthritic hands or other disabilities.

A dog version will be available later this year. Magloc K9-Solo enables one-handed attachment of lead to collar and equally easy release. It saves bending down so far to reach the dog's collar, as when the Magloc is applied, the 'head' part rises up from long hair to be more easily found by the 'body'.

Magloc Equi-SR is to be introduced to consumers at the Horse of the Year Show and Your Horse Live. Enquiries are invited from potential stockists and manufacturers/distributors.

① Magloc Ltd 01457 857576.



All-purpose gloves

TORNADO Contour is a new, multi-purpose yard glove designed to last all winter.

These gloves can be used for a range of yard jobs including mucking out as well as being suitable for riding. Designed for easy movement and continuous wear, they are lightweight but offer excellent protection.

Tornado Contour gloves retail at around £4.99 and come in small, medium or large sizes.

① KM Elite 01403 759659.



Whip with a difference

THIS unusual looking whip from Fleck allows the rider or handler to hold it in perfect balance without effort.

Designed in conjunction with top German trainer and professional rider Walter Feldmann, the Feldmann Balance Whip has a two-part handle for optimum grip position. Yet it's incredibly light in the hand.

The RRP is from £27 and it comes in seven different lengths.

① Zebra Products 01352 763350.

Doing battle with big bales?

DO YOUR customers struggle to cope with big bales of straw or haylage? If so, BaleMate is here to help avoid waste and handling problems.

Like all good ideas, the concept is simple – a cleverly constructed, robust turntable that's easy to use. It's positioned in a corner of a barn or in any dry space, a big round bale is placed onto the turntable and can be easily turned with one hand as the hay or haylage is unrolled.

BaleMate retails at around £45 with enquiries from retailers welcome.

① BaleMate 01670 772214.

