

SCOOTBOOT THERARIDE

General Description of Scootboot TheraRide

The **Scootboot TheraRide** is a therapeutic hoof boot designed for both therapy and riding, supporting horses through recovery and activity. It has both therapeutic support for horses suffering from hoof pathologies and inflammation, whilst offering the rideability of the Scootboot Classics. This provides users with additional support, even after the horse has healed. The Scootboot TheraRide offers interchangeable pads, depending on the horse's specific needs. The Scootboot TheraRide is often used in place of horseshoes and is particularly favoured in situations where a horse needs hoof protection but the equine owner does not wish to have their horse shod. They are a healthier, natural barefoot alternative to help protect horses' hooves, especially during times of infection, inflammation and disease. They allow horses to travel over any type of harsh terrain, with comfort and support, even when recovering from hoof pathologies.

Key characteristics of the **Scootboot TheraRide** that are relevant for safety and for assessing its use under the **General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR EU)** include:

1. **Material:** Scootboot TheraRide is made of a strong material called thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) making them highly durable and resistant to wear. TPU offers flexibility, durability, and traction, which are crucial for maintaining traction and preventing accidents. TPU has shock absorbing capabilities, reducing strain on muscles and tendons to promote healing.
2. **Design:** Scootboot TheraRides have a minimalistic structure and unlike other hoof boots, Scootboot TheraRides have no cables or velcro straps that may weaken or break over time. The Scootboot TheraRide accessories were carefully designed with rehabilitation in mind, to ensure improved comfort and stability to aid in promoting recovery.
3. **Size and Fit:** Scootboot TheraRides come in various sizes, ranging from size 0-5. This allows for a precise fit to different sized horses' hooves, especially horses with an optimum shaped hoof with a short toe. The correct size and optimum fit is critical to prevent chafing, discomfort, and to ensure that the boots stay secure during use. Additionally, optimal fit aids in the healing process, promoting increased movement and blood flow. They have flexible straps which secure the boot without compromising comfort for the horse. The straps, pads and gaiters are replaceable, extending the boot's lifespan.



4. **Weight:** The Scootboot TheraRides are lightweight, only 250grams, providing comfort for the horse without causing undue strain or restriction during movement. The minimal weight of the Scootboot TheraRides allows for maximum healing and movement.
 5. **Traction:** The sole of the Scootboot TheraRide emulates the sole of a barefoot horse and is designed to provide traction to prevent slipping on various surfaces, including wet, rocky and hard terrain. This improves safety for both the horse and the rider.
 6. **Breathability and Comfort:** The Scootboot TheraRides have an open heel design which prevents pressure, rubbing and chafing, allowing for natural heel expansion for a comfortable fit. The boots have various drainage vents at the front and sides of the boots, allowing water to escape, keeping the hoof dry and clean. This prevents the build up of moisture, bacteria and fungus, that may cause infections or inflammation.
 7. **Ease of Use:** The Scootboot TheraRides are designed for quick application and removal, making them practical for daily use and reducing time and effort. They are easy to fit without extra tools or complex adjustments, except a screwdriver. Due to their minimal design and no cables, ties or velcro, they are the quickest and easiest hoof boot for use on the market.
 8. **Versatility:** The Scootboot TheraRides are uniquely versatile. Unlike any other rehabilitation boot on the market, the Scootboot TheraRide is designed for both therapy and riding, supporting the horse through recovery and activity.
 9. **Low Maintenance:** The Scootboot TheraRides are easy to clean as it can be rinsed with water to remove dirt and debris. Key components like straps and screws can be easily replaced when needed.
 10. **Rehabilitation:** The Scootboot TheraRide can be applied to horses with various hoof pathologies. This allows the hoof to be comforted and supported, allowing for the natural movement of the hoof and increased blood flow to the hoof. This helps enhance healing.
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Included with each pair of Scootboot TheraRides:

- Two Scootboot Bulb Straps
- Two Scootboot Bulb Strap Extenders
- Two Scootboot Mud Straps
- Two Scootboot Bulb Strap Gaiters
- Two Scootboot TheraRide Standard Pads (EVA)
- Two Scootboot TheraRide Therapy Pads (TPU)

Risk Analysis for Scootboot TheraRide (GPSR EU)

The **General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR EU)** requires that all products placed on the EU market are safe when used as intended. Below is a risk analysis for the **Scootboot TheraRide**, highlighting potential risks, likelihood, and mitigations based on the product's characteristics.

1. Physical Discomfort to the Horse

- **Risk:** If the boot or pads are improperly sized or fitted, it may cause rubbing or discomfort to the horse.
- **Likelihood:** Low if the product is correctly sized and fitted.
- **Mitigation:** The products are available in multiple sizes. Detailed fitting guides are provided to the customer with the product, and sizing and fitting information is available on the Scootboot website. Scootboot has a sizing team which offers a free sizing service to retail customers to ensure accuracy. This also includes a free fit check after purchase. All Scootboot Stockists are offered training modules and mentoring at the outset to ensure all users are provided with the correct size.

2. Slipping or Loss of Traction

- **Risk:** While the boot is designed to provide good traction, an improperly fitted boot or excessive wear can reduce grip, leading to slipping on slippery surfaces.
- **Likelihood:** Low if the product is correctly sized, fitted and maintained.
- **Mitigation:** Customers are advised to conduct period inspections of their boot and to replace worn-out boots. The Scootboot customer service team is readily available for advice if customers have any issues with slipping or loss of traction.



3. Sensitivity to Materials

- **Risk:** Some horses may have sensitivities or reactions.
- **Likelihood:** Very low due to the low toxicity of the materials.
- **Mitigation:** Customers are advised to check their horses frequently if the product is left on for extended periods when used for therapeutic or rehabilitation purposes.

4. Environmental Impact

- **Risk:** The materials used may have an environmental impact if disposed of improperly.
- **Likelihood:** Low.
- **Mitigation:** TPU and EVA is recyclable and customers are advised to check their local recycling depot to see if a service is provided for the correct disposal of these products.

5. Breakdown of TPU

- **Risk:** TPU is sensitive to chemicals.
- **Likelihood:** Low if stored correctly.
- **Mitigation:** Customers are advised to store their product in the tote bag they are sold in and hang them indoors away from chemicals at a moderate temperature when not in use. Customers are also advised not to store the product in an air-tight container as this can lead to hydrolysis where moisture can penetrate the TPU and break it down. This can also occur if the product is unused for long periods of time.

6. Choking Hazard

- **Risk:** Components of the product are small and may present a choking hazard to young children.
- **Likelihood:** Nil if stored safely.
- **Mitigation:** Customers are advised to store them out of the reach of children when not in use.

Conclusion

In summary, the **Scootboot TheraRide** is designed with the horse's safety and comfort in mind, but like any product, it presents potential risks if not used correctly. To align with the **GPSR EU** and ensure it meets the safety standards for the European market, clear instructions for correct use are provided with the product, emphasizing the importance of correct sizing, fitting and storage of the product.



Identification

| Product | SKU |
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| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-0 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-1 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-2 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-3 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-4 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one pair) | sbtr-5 |
| Scootboot TheraRide (one boot) | sbtro-0 |
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| Scootboot TheraRide (one boot) | sbtro-5 |

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