

Measuring Your Horse's Hoof Structure and Growth: Hoof Length, Width and Contraction.

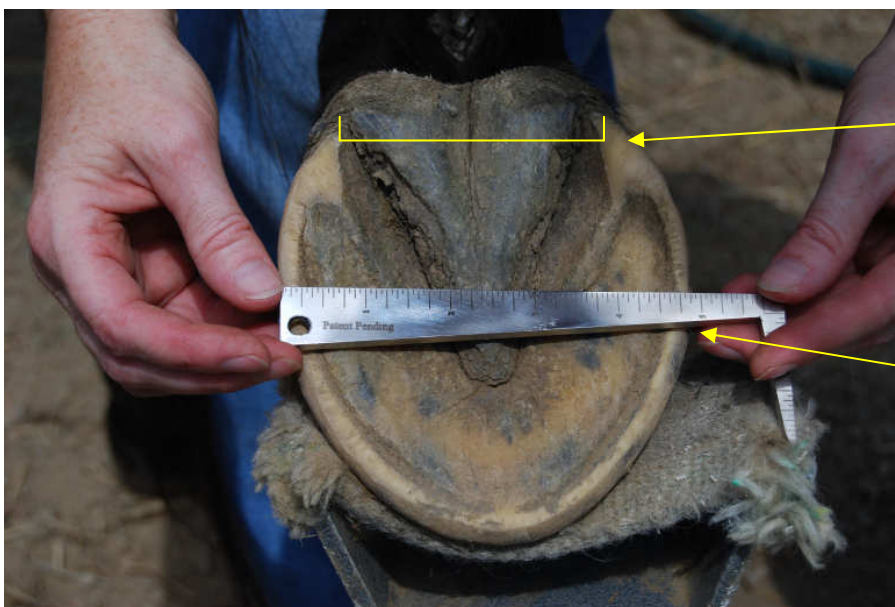
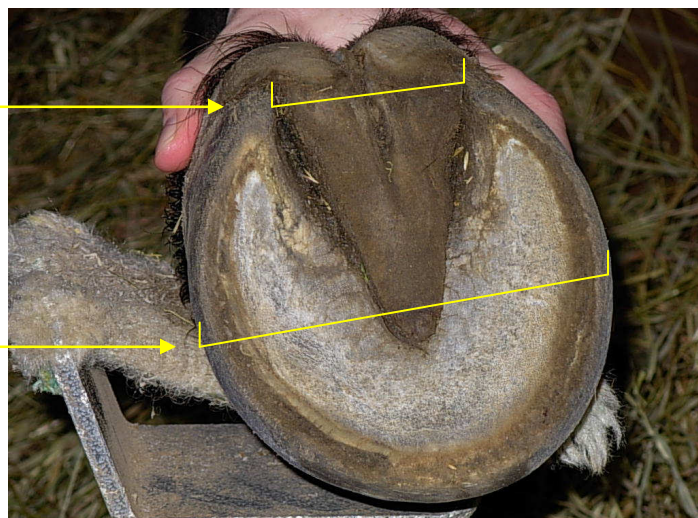
Hoof length and width measurements are helpful to take with the PHP, especially if you are rehabilitating hooves. It is beneficial to take these measurements before implementing diet or environmental changes. It is interesting to measure and see how the hoof adapts to these changes over time.

It is exciting to see how the hoof size changes as you progress through the healing stages.

If your horse is just coming out of shoes, it is advisable to take measurements right after the shoe is pulled and then periodically after to see how contracted the hoof actually was in shoes. The hoof should expand and spread out over time with better blood circulation as it de-contracts.

Contracted heel.

Hoof width will widen as hoof de-contracts.



Healthy wide heels.

Measuring hoof width at the quarters (the widest section of the hoof).



You can also take accurate measurements with the PHP to fit your horse's hooves to hoof boots and pads if needed.

Measuring hoof length.