

First-Of-Its-Kind Portable Fence System

When Bryan Pulliam went looking for an electric fence system for intensively grazing horses, he discovered his only option would be to design his own. By the time he was finished, he had developed a new type of modular, electric fencing which he decided to market under the trademark "The Grazier System".

What he wanted was an enclosure that would hold horses in, but give way if they spooked without causing injury. The part time Kansas rancher knows it's easier to round up a horse that's loose than it is to patch up one that's ripped up by wire and fence posts.

"I needed an easy way to move posts," says Pulliam, who at first tried off-the-shelf portable fence systems but had trouble getting the lightweight posts into the sun-baked clay soils he was pasturing. "I tried several new designs before coming up with what I call the Linch Pin Tripod system."

Pulliam's tripod posts work well on hard packed clay, and also on sand, mud and even solid surfaces. The tripods, which serve as corner and end posts, use outside braces to hold the posts in position and keep tension on the fence.

Each post has a solid steel spike which can be stepped in or driven into the ground. Free swinging braces are attached about half way up the post. Each brace has a spike at its end that's also driven into the ground. Pulliam has developed special points for mud, sand and gravel.



Tripod corner post has a solid steel spike which can be stepped in or driven into ground. Free-swinging braces are attached about half way up the post.

The posts themselves are standard Geotek Sunguard solid fiberglass rods. Pulliam selected the Geotek posts for the coating which is bonded to the fibers and guaranteed not to separate over time.

A fourth mounting point consists of a bracket with two arms that support the post. Weights, such as sand bags or cement blocks, placed over the arms, help secure the fence when used on a solid surface like concrete.

"End posts come equipped with either single or double winch assemblies. Using a double winch assembly and double strand fencing makes a four strand fence possible.

"These posts are so easy to set up that my assistant's five year old son can move the cross fence in our horse pasture," says Pulliam. "Yet when set in good conditions, I



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have put three men in a tug of war against the tripod posts and they can't pull them out of the ground."

The Grazier System adapts well to odd size grassy areas as well as building sites for controlled temporary grazing. It works extremely well as a simple portable corral for horse shows, trail rides and back country camping.

For the past year, Pulliam has been test marketing his new fence system. A 150-ft. perimeter kit fits in a handy carry bag the size of a golf bag. At the present time, he is evaluating the results, gathering testimonials and setting up distributorships and dealerships. Dealer packets and a video on the system are available on request, says

Pulliam.

Units are in use in a wide variety of situations around the country, including a 200,000 acre ranch in Colorado where the portable system is used to keep cattle out of fresh, flood irrigated pastures. The system is being tested on goats as well as a variety of other grazing situations.

"We use the fence everyday on our own ranch, whether moving horses or cattle from one area to another, separating a pen or as a temporary barrier in front of a broken fence line," says Pulliam.

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Horse Fencing Uses Ordinary Wire Mesh

Oregon inventor and Andalusian horse breeder Joseph Berto combined his two loves when he designed a simple fence system that he says reduces horse injuries. The patent pending invention earned the "most innovative product for safety of the rider or horse," at a recent national horse show.

Marketed as the "Equi-Tee Fence," the system centers around a PVC plastic "clip-top" adapter for steel T posts that holds a vinyl top rail, thus changing ordinary wire mesh fence into a horse fence with a visual barrier.

Berto says he got the idea after a Percheron draft horse kept smashing down a fence. However, it took him years of refinement before the product was ready for market. In fact, he made five or six versions of the adapter, changing the materials used until it was virtually indestructible, with UV inhibitors and cold temperature additives that make it tougher.

Compared to vinyl fencing, which can cost as much as \$10 per foot to install, "Equi-Tee" fencing sells for only around \$2.50 U.S. per

foot. That figure includes 2 by 4 wire mesh, the cost of plastic adapters, top rails, PVC studs, a hot wire, and plastic caps for the tops of the steel T posts.

"The caps reduce another point of potential injury if a horse collides with the fencing, although from my experience, horses stop when they see the highly visible top rail," he says.

Product prices (U.S.) are as follows: Complete Equi-Tee adapter assemblies (one per T-post) - \$5.95 each. Bulk purchases for larger installations are as follows: Adapters - \$4.25 each, Post Clips - \$5.40 per 20, Securing Pins - \$2.45 per 50, Hot Wire Mounts - \$9.95 per 30, Post Caps - \$4.95 per 5, Poly Rope - \$49 per 650 ft. roll. Shipping and handling depends on order size.

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"Equi-Tee" fence system changes ordinary wire mesh fence into an attractive enclosure with a visual barrier that reduces the chance for injuries to horses.



PVC plastic "clip-top" adapter fits on top of steel T posts and supports vinyl top rail.



Brackets snap onto sides of steel post.



A hot wire can be added, if necessary.

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