

Tagging Guide

The correct tagging procedure will reduce tag losses. Minimise the chance of infection by using a disinfectant on each tag and ensuring the ear surfaces are clean and dry. Avoid tagging in wet weather and when fly strike is possible.

Use the pusher rod to drive a tag into the applicator jaws.

Dip the applicator jaws into disinfectant.

Do not immerse the entire applicator!

Tagging lambs

- ▶ Hold the lamb securely.
- ▶ Position the tag on the upper edge of the ear, close to the head, about a third of the way from the base of the ear.
- ▶ The spike of the tag should go in from the top of the ear. The tag number should be on the top of the ear, and the microchip should be on the inside of the ear.
- ▶ Avoid piercing the cartilage 'ribs' of the ear, which can deform the ear or result in infection.
- ▶ Leave room for the ear to grow - about a third of the length of the tag for newborn lambs.
- ▶ For older sheep, if the ears are very thick then tag a bit further out where the skin is thinner, or on the bottom of the ear.
- ▶ Squeeze the handles together until you hear the click as the tag snaps closed.
- ▶ Push the rod firmly all the way in to load the next tag into the jaws.

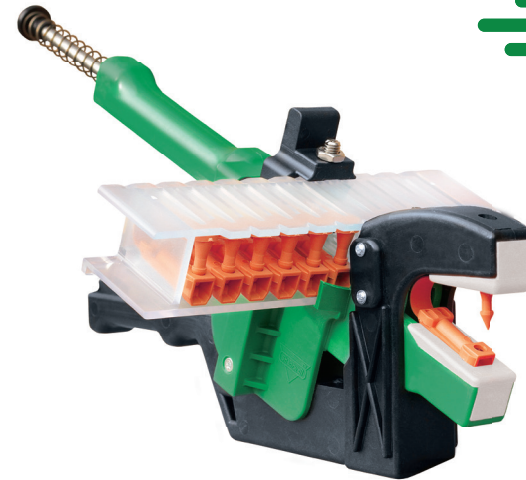
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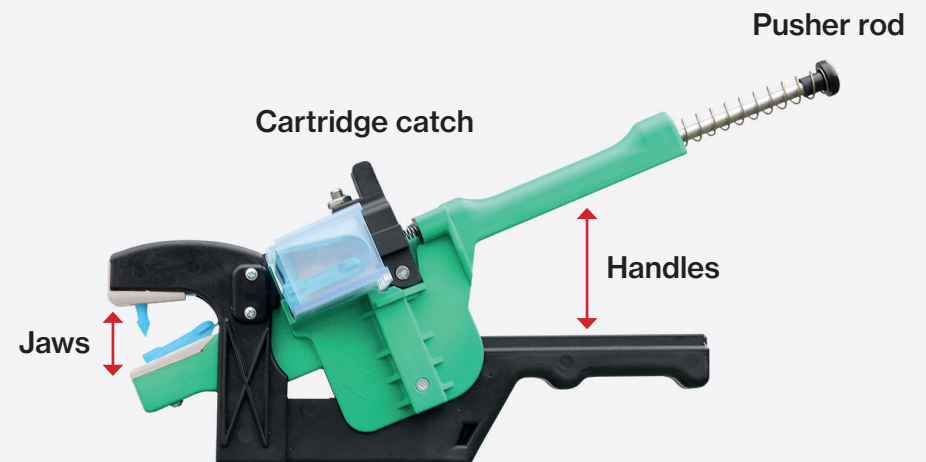


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TAGGER

Ideal for lamb marking -
quick & easy

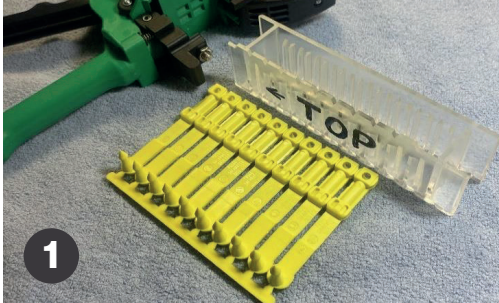
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LOADING THE CARTRIDGE

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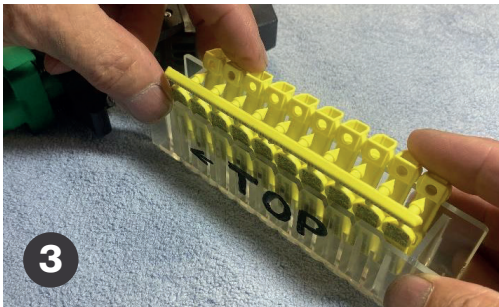
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Position cartridge with opening upwards and 'TOP' toward you, and strip of tags with spikes upwards.



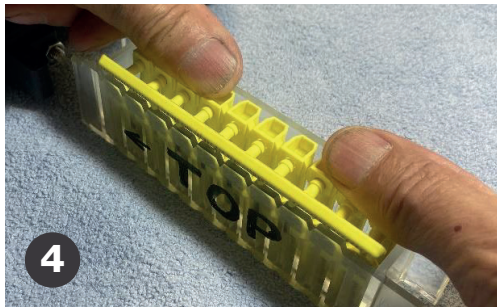
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Fold tags with two hands.



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Place tags into cartridge.



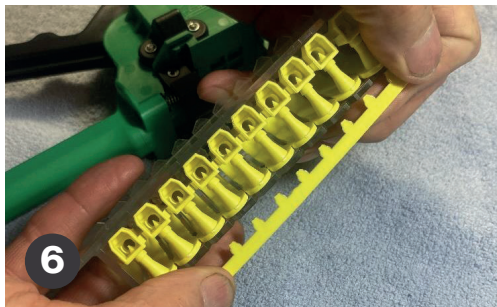
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Press down on the square ends, this will help the spikes to align properly with the holes.



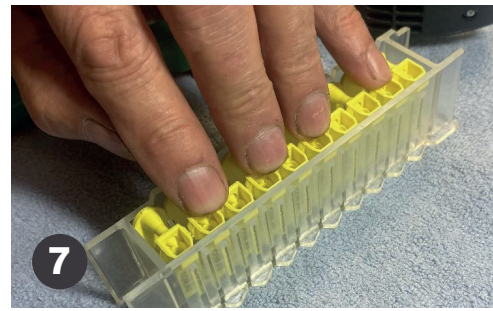
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Once tags are positioned correctly down in cartridge, press/crack the connecting strip inwards.



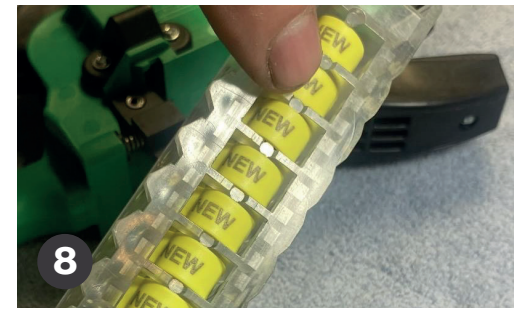
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Press/crack the strip backwards to break it off completely. (Turning cartridge around will make this easier.)



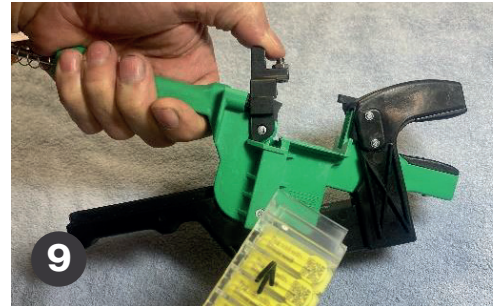
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Press down hard on the tags to lock them into the base of the cartridge.



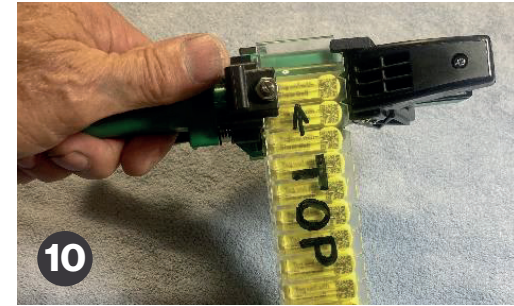
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The round 'dimples' at the base of the cartridge lock the individual tags into place.



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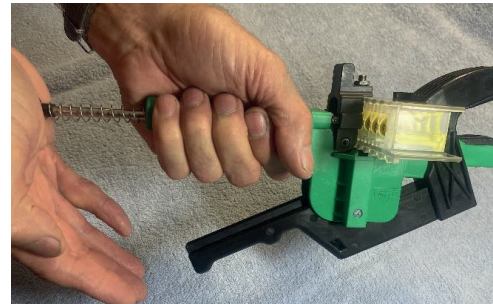
Pull back the thumb latch of applicator. Insert start of cartridge from the right-hand side.



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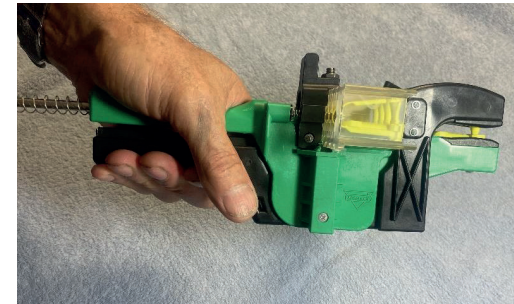
Release thumb latch, then push cartridge inwards until stopped by lug and first tag is lined up with jaws.

OPERATING THE APPLICATOR



Press firmly on end of spring-loaded rod to push a tag towards the jaws.
Push rod in completely. Audible click will be heard when tag is firmly in the jaws. Then release rod.

APPLYING TAG



Position tag correctly on ear so spike goes down through top or back of ear.
Squeeze handles firmly together until 'click' is heard as tag is snapped together.
Release handles and GENTLY remove from ear, allowing tag to lift out of lower jaw.