

Breaking in two-year-olds ... Now Easy



Stuart Seabrook full of praise for Mouthpiece Vented Triangular Liners

Breaking in two-year-olds is today as easy as cupping up and walking away for Stuart Seabrook after the Drouin dairyman made a game-changing decision.

Stuart, who manages the 600-cow "Bonnieview" operation – owned by Ray and Sue Howe in Victoria's Gippsland – switched to Milkrite InterPuls shell and liner combinations for its clusters on their 50-stand rotary in 2016. It is the world's only internally triangular moulded plastic shell (which is specifically designed for the mouthpiece-vented triangular liners). Bonnieview retained its existing claws.

Forty per cent of US dairy farmers, and five of the world's biggest dairies – who are also using them – agree. The shell and liners have been available in Australia for four years.

Stuart was pleased to note that the herd's SCC and its veterinary bills for mastitis treatment had dropped by around 30-40%; overmilking was eliminated, and teat condition had improved. But, the lightbulb moment was how easily Bonnieview's first-calving heifers joined the herd.

"Everyone braces for the reality that they will have a few first-calving heifers that stomp and carry on," Stuart said. "With the Milkrite liners, they just don't move at all. That was the biggest thing for me."



"Honestly, heifers came in for the first milking, and I could just put the cups on and walk away, and I knew they'd milk out. They just seemed so much more comfortable."

"So, it made sense that our teat condition would improve. Hands down, cow comfort has been the biggest advantage for us, and in the last 12 months we haven't culled any cows for temperament."

The plastic shells have also impressed Bonnieview's team.

"We initially chose the plastic shells because they were 1kg lighter," Stuart said. "But the upside of that decision is that the dairy is a lot quieter without the stainless steel cups hitting pipework. It makes milking today easy, peaceful, and I honestly don't mind having less shit in the dairy."

Stuart said the local technical support he received from Daviesway's team, always made working with the company's quality range a no-brainer. Bonnieview sources its dairy chemicals through Daviesway's DASCO in a full-circle service.

Mouthpiece Vented Triangular Liners

- Air enters the system through a calibrated air vent in the liner mouthpiece above the milk
- Smooth efficient airflow eliminates milk reflux and forces the milk in one direction away from teat end
- No Cross contamination = Less Mastitis & Lower SCC

Dairy Type: 50 -stand Rotary

Cows Milked: 600

Land: 300 hectares
200 effective milking hectares

Milk Processor: Longwarry Food Company

Manager: Stuart Seabrook

Owners: Ray and Sue Howe

Features:

The world's only internally triangular moulded plastic shell and mouthpiece vented triangular liners. Pulsation pressure is evenly distributed from three sides – making it gentler on teats and great for teat condition. In addition, the air vent, which is positioned in the mouthpiece at the top of each liner (instead of the claw), introduces air above the milk flow, eliminating splash-back and cross-contamination. It also makes cluster removal gentler.



Gentle 3-sided massage
of the teat during milking process

