

KOW-BALL MARKER™

Item No. 5024

The First Choice of Breeders

When mating takes place, the ball bearing contacts the back, sides, and rump of the estrous cow. This is sufficient to rotate the exposed ball bearing and leave streak marks – particularly on the back of the animal. Marks last for approximately 4-14 days.

Generally, there is a lot of interplay between the cow and bull during the period in which she is in heat (average 24 hours) and a clear pattern of marks will appear. Single streaks should be ignored as they are the result of accidental markings. Streaks from actual mating usually run parallel with the backbone and result from the bull dragging its chin along the back of the cow when dismounting. After a few days of observation, the distinction can easily be made from "false marks" and those that result when cows are in heat.

Western's marking fluid is a specially formulated, oil-based ink designed to handle a wide range of outdoor temperatures. It can be easily removed from the animal's hide by washing with detergent and water. For best results we recommend you use only Western's marking fluid.

One filling of the stainless-steel vessel should be sufficient to mark 25-30 cows, depending upon the behavior of the bull.

Using Western's Kow-Ball Marker

- 1. Select the color marking ink to be used; yellow, blue, green, magenta.
- 2. Fill the vessel with marking fluid.
- 3. Strap on the device tightening the neck strap first and then adjust the nose strap so the vessel fits snugly under the chin.

At the end of the season, marking ink should be removed and cleaned from within the vessel using a cleaning solvent. After cleaning the leather halter, put a small amount of oil into the vessel before storing. With proper care and maintenance of the stainless-steel vessel and leather halter, the KOW-BALL MARKER will last for several seasons.

