

PREMIER Ear Tags

Inserting EasyTag-1, 2 & 5, 2Xte, 2X, 5X & Button Tags

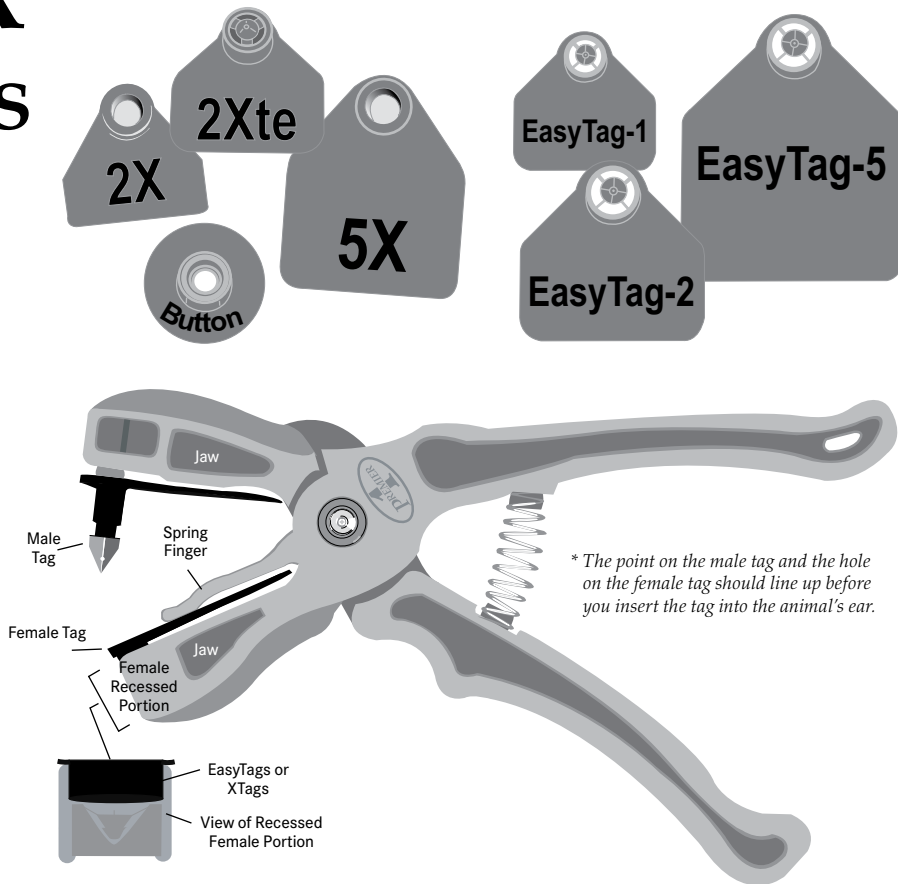
Fitting Instructions:

1. The male and female tags will come to you attached as a pair. You will need to tear them apart.
2. Place the flag of the female tag under the spring finger. The printed side of the female tag will be against the jaw of the applicator. Slide the male tag over the metal pin.

NOTE: Be sure to push it all the way onto the pin. The printed side of the male tag will be against the other jaw of the applicator.

3. Make sure the tag is correctly placed as shown (at right). Slowly squeeze the handles together to be sure the male pin aligns with the female opening (be careful to not put the tag together yet).
4. Place the ear between the jaws of the applicator. While gripping the ear, quickly and firmly squeeze the handles together until the male tag is inserted through the ear and into the female tag.

NOTE: EasyTag's earned the name because they do not require much force to pop together.



Note: When using EasyTags—

A. Application—you can use any 2xte Premier tag applicator to install EasyTags. But:

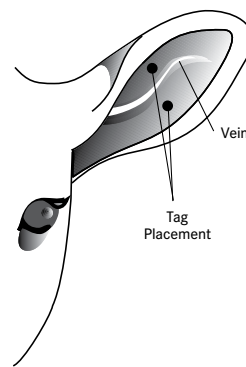
1. Previous Premier tags required considerable hand pressure on the applicator to push the 2 parts together. EasyTags don't (hence the name). We've noticed that some, in making the change to EasyTags, tend to squeeze too hard and too far. We suggest pushing a tag together without a live ear to test how much pressure is needed.
2. With EasyTags there is no "click" sound or feel when the 2 parts join. This means that the connection occurs before many people (who are waiting for the click) realize it.

B. Lambs and Kids under 2 weeks.

Users report that EasyTags, when installed in very young lambs/kids, does not completely "cut" the very thin skin tissue—and instead entraps the skin. A design change is on the way to prevent this in the future. Until then the fix that worked on our day-old lambs was to:

1. Install the tag with the male point pushing from inside the ear to the outside.
2. After removing the applicator, grasp each part of the tag firmly with your fingers and rotate them back and forth in opposite directions. This action (which is simple because the lamb/kid is small) separates the tag from the ear tissue. Fortunately young animals feel pain less and heal rapidly (which is why we castrate & dock animals when they are very young).

Ear Tag placement is critical to success!



Tags, especially tags for sheep, must be installed no more than 2 inches from the skull and near the center of the ear.

The opposite extreme (installing too far from the skull) will result in more lost tags as the tissue on the tip of the ear is tender and tears easily.

Be careful to avoid the large vein (shown above right).



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