

# DOWN UNDER HORSEMANSHIP



## Patience Pole FAQs

**Q. How will my Patience Pole be delivered?**

**A.** It'll arrive via a common carrier LTL, typically Conway Freight in a 26-foot semi. You will be responsible for unloading the Patience Pole from the truck and will need to have the necessary equipment to do so.

**Q. When will my Patience Pole arrive?**

**A.** You can expect your Patience Pole to arrive in 4 to 6 weeks.

**Q. What type of chain should be used to attach to the arm? What length should it be?**

**A.** You should use a 1/4" to 3/8" Grade 5 chain or higher. The chain should be attached to the arm with a clevis type shackle of equal capacity. We recommend using a quick link and a Clinton Anderson one-handed bull snap to attach to the horse. The chain should be approximately 4 feet, give or take a little depending on the size of your horse(s). You'll want the chain to be shorter for a draft horse and longer for a miniature horse.

**Q. How long is the arm of the Patience Pole?**

**A.** 12 inches

**Q. What if anything should I use to keep the joints lubricated?**

**A.** The actual moving part of the Patience Pole is built just like the wheel hub on a trailer. To keep it lubricated, you would pack it just as you would a wheel hub. However, the odds of a horse putting 50,000 miles on a Patience Pole is highly unlikely. In that respect, the Patience Poles qualify as nearly maintenance-free.

**Q. What circumference is recommend for a base around the pole itself?**

**A.** No real base is needed for the pole itself.

**Q. Does Clinton recommend putting a base around the Patience Pole for a horse, and if so, what does he use?**

**A.** Clinton puts a base around all of his Patience Poles to deter horses from pawing and digging holes in the ground. He prefers to use railroad ties to create a base. You can also use rubber mats or concrete for this purpose, but railroad ties work best because the horse is not standing on something really hard (like concrete) and the wood doesn't get slippery (like a rubber mat).

**Q. If I want to put a base around the Patience Pole for my horse to stand on, how big should it be?**

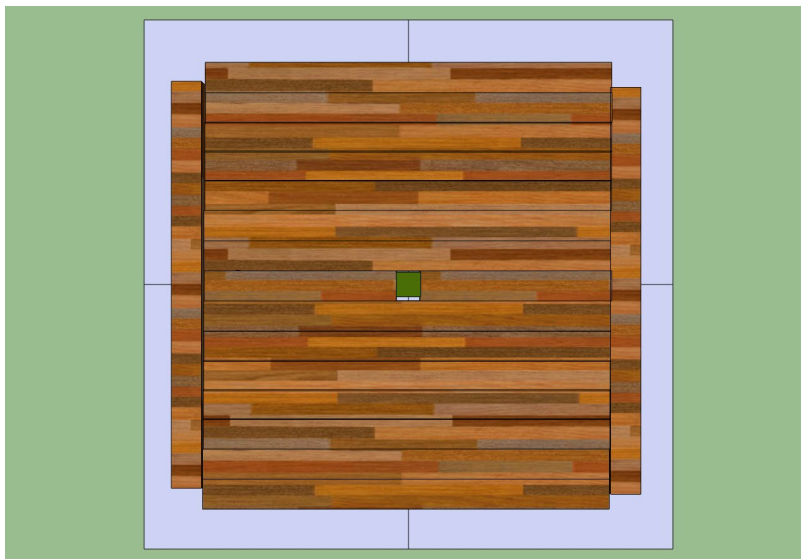
**A.** About 12 feet x 12 feet, with the pole in the center.

## Patience Pole Quick Installation Guide

1. Dig a square hole that's 12 feet x 12 feet and 7 to 8 inches deep.
2. To set the hole for the pole, use an auger to dig down another 3 feet to 3 ½ feet in the center of the space. Ideally, you want the hole to be a total of 4 feet deep. How deep you'll be able to get the hole will depend on the type of equipment you have available. The deeper you can get the hole, though, the better.
3. Set the pole squarely in the hole and then fill the hole with cement. The size of the auger bit you use will determine how much cement you'll need. See the chart below for an estimation.

Bit diameter	9"	10"	12"
Bags of cement	≈ 1.5	≈ 2-2.5	≈ 3-3.5

4. Fill the hole as full as possible with cement and be sure to keep the pole level and centered vertically to get the best results and the longest life out of the hub.
5. Once the pole is set, begin to set out the railroad tie base your horse will stand on. Nine-foot railroad ties work the best. You will need 17 of them. Align them in the configuration shown below so that 15 of them are placed evenly in a line with the pole in the center and so that the top and bottom of the line is capped with a railroad tie. In order to evenly space the ties so that the pole is in the center, you will need to cut the center tie.



6. When the railroad ties are in place, fill the area back in with the dirt you removed. Use any dirt that is left over to fill in the narrow cracks between the railroad ties.
7. Attach the chain to the pole's top arm. Your Patience Pole is ready for use.