

User manual for applying ELDA SG ear tags

Positioning the branding tag parts in the applicator pliers

Place the female part of the tag (the circle or flap) in the recess of the applicator pliers, with the protective cap of the ear tag facing down. Make sure that the ear tag part is far enough into the applicator pliers.



The **grey** Combi Mini applicator pliers can also be used, but when inserting the electronic number, the black cap **must** be removed. For the normal ear tag, this can be done with or without a black clip.

If you are using the **red** Total tagger, **always** leave the black clip on.

Place the male part of the ear tag (with the flap) over the metal pin. Again, make sure the ear tag part is pushed through to the top.

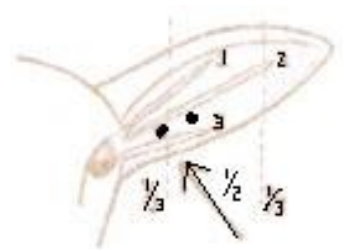
Check to see if the pin and the hole are aligned correctly, by gently squeezing the applicator pliers.

Place in the ear.

The ear tag is applied between the second and third vein of the auricle, counting from the top, at a distance of $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ from the head (see the black dots in the drawing). These veins are sometimes easier to feel than to see.

Electronic numbers should be attached preferably halfway up the ear. Make sure the outside of the tag doesn't irritate the edge of the ear fold and/or trap the veins.

The advantage of this position in the ear is that the tags are less likely to tear and the ear will bleed less.



You should definitely avoid positioning the tag higher and/or further away from the head.

To make the job easier for you and the animal, it is best to approach the ear from below.

Young lambs

Note: In young lambs, the size of the electronic ear tag may prevent the ear tag from being placed at the recommended distance from the head. The ear tag will cut too much into the ear wall, causing the ear to become infected. Therefore, in young lambs in particular, the electronic tag should be placed a little bit further away from the head.

Application method

- Make sure the ear is clean and dry. Rub off any potential dirt without getting the ear wet.
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- If necessary, the ear tag can be disinfected in a safe, non-aggressive disinfectant.
- The female part of the ear tag (with the hole and the button) goes on the front (inside) of the ear.
- The male part (with the pin) goes on the back (outside) of the ear. The pin is therefore inserted from the back of the ear.
- Squeeze the applicator pliers with the ear tag parts together in one movement and then release immediately. This releases the ear tag from the applicator pliers.
- Check that no parts of the ear are caught between the pin and the hole.
- Place the electronic part in the left ear of the goat or sheep.

Aftercare

Keep a close eye on the wound. After a few days, remove the dry crusts around the wound. This will give the wound a better chance to dry in the air, speeding up the healing process. If necessary, you can use a disinfectant spray or powder.