

User manual for applying Tagtronic ear numbers

Which ear?

The general recommendation is to insert the electronic ear tag in the left ear (viewed from the rear of the goat/sheep).

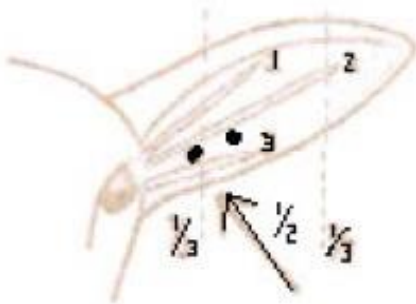


Placing the branding elements in the applicator pliers

Place the female part of the ear tag (with the hole and the button) face down, in the recess of the pliers and under the metal clamp. Make sure that the ear tag part is far enough into the applicator pliers.

Place the male part of the ear tag (with the pin) 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.

Make sure that 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.

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.

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

Application method

- Make sure the ear is clean and dry. Rub off any potential dirt without getting the ear wet. If necessary, the ear tag can be disinfected in a non-aggressive disinfectant.
Note: Aggressive agents can corrode the metal in the pliers over time.
- 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.

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.