



Ten Step Guide to Changing Teats

1. Regularly inspect your teat for signs of wear and tear. When a teat starts dribbling milk or is deformed (cracks/splits) it is time to change the teat.
2. Place your bottle lid into a vice or you calf feeder onto a rail for security.
3. Use a sharp knife to cut the old teat off the bottle or calf feeder. Be careful.
4. We recommend giving the bare lid or feeder a good clean with hot soapy water and inspecting for wear.
5. Place the new teat/s in hot water for a few minutes to soften.
6. Dry teat and add a drop of dishwashing liquid, cooking oil or obstetric lubricant to the shoulder of the teat - the shoulder is the widest part of the teat that will be pulled through the lid or calf feeder. Note: Use a very small amount of your chosen lubricant as a little goes along way and using too much can make it more difficult!
7. Position the teat at the back of the lid or feeder – ensure that the teat is aligned correctly for the animal to feed from.
8. Push the teat through from the back of the lid or feeder as far as possible by hand then use a pair of vice grips, blunt nose pliers or a dry towel to help you grip and pull them the rest of the way through until the teat is seated correctly. It can help to pull the teat through on an angle and get one edge pulled through before working on pulling the other sides through- a circular or up and down motion works for most.
9. Ensure that there are no gaps or leaks. Fill the bottle or feeder with water to check for proper flow through the new teat.
10. Maintain a regular cleaning schedule to promote calf health and prevent build-up of milk residues and bacteria.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your calf feeders are maintained in good condition and provide a reliable feeding source for your calves.