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SLIP-RESISTANT WALKING AREAS

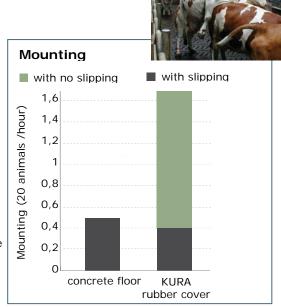
Animal related criteria for sufficient slip resistance

- Animals move quickly and confidently with long steps
- show unrestrained signs of oestrus
- · often lick themselves on three legs





Source: Benz, "Elastische Beläge für Betonspaltenböden in Liegeboxenlaufställen", Germany, 2002



Tips on improving slip resistance

(independent of technical specifications):

Avoid faeces drying

- → scrapers must run at least 6 8 times per day
- → with unevenness equip the cleaning flaps with rubber lips, brushes or something similar
- → for cleaning, where necessary, additionally sprinkle with water (e.g. with direct sunlight or high air change rates)
- → avoid understocking (e.g. dry cows)
- → with pasture grazing (temporary cow absence) clean additionally

· avoid smeary faeces consistency

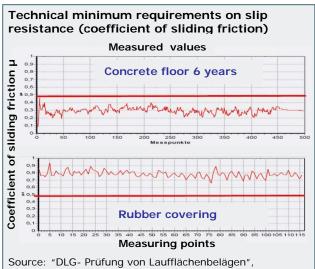
- > very liquid faeces result from crude fibre deficiency, feed change (grazing, green fodder) or freshly lactating cows
- → clean more often if possible

· check claw status

- → no dirty clotted claw soles (e.g. through litter & lime / non-chopped straw as a slippery layer)
- correct claw form facilitates safe walking
- extended hoof wall and slope of the sole are important

Consideration: stressful situations can cause slipping Entering or exiting the parlour/holding area / running (e.g. in traffic lanes) / adapting to a new environment /...





Reubold, Germany, 2004

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