Application Instructions for Allflex Electronic Identification Ear Tags

Apply Allflex Electronic ID Tags with the Red Universal Total Tagger.

Use the red blunt pin and remove the black insert from the base of the jaws for all EID Tags.

1. To load, depress spring clip and insert the female EID tag. Ensure that the raised portion of the tag, which encloses the transponder chip, is placed in the open portion of the jaws.

2. Slip the male tag completely onto the blunt applicator pin. Squeeze the jaws together lightly to ensure the male shaft is in line with the female.

3. Dip the jaws of the applicator holding the tag into an antiseptic or disinfectant solution. Suggestions: Iodine Solution, Nolvasan, Vetericyn

Recommended EID Tag Placement

Application site must be free of foreign debris prior to placement of tags on the animal. Review application instructions prior to tagging.

IMPORTANT: Caution, “Free Air Space” is critical for proper healing and retention. Inspect placement after tagging to ensure there is sufficient space between ear and EID tag. It is recommended to pull tag pieces apart for proper healing.

For CATTLE—Left Ear Only

1. The EID tag should be placed in the middle of the ear between the two cartilage ribs close to the head.
2. The female (EID) portion of the tag should be on the inside of the ear.

For SWINE—Left Ear Preferred

1. Place the EID tag in the middle or thicker part of the ear.
2. The male tag should be on the outside of the ear and the female (EID) should be placed on the inside of the ear. Tag retention is improved when male tag lays flush against the back side of the ear.

IMPORTANT: Tag application may vary based on breed type and ear size.

For SHEEP & MEAT GOATS—Left Ear Preferred

1. Place the EID tag in between the cartilage ribs of the ear, near the first third of the ear (closest to the head).
2. The female EID portion of the tag should be placed on the inside of the ear.

IMPORTANT: Disinfect tags prior to tagging and spray for 3-5 days post-tagging to reduce the opportunity for infection.
Kansas 4-H Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Tagging Guidelines and Tips for EID Tags

We have experienced a good retention rate on the 4-H EID tags. We realize that sometimes “stuff happens”, but we can often trace a tag replacement issue to the application procedure. While it is impossible to have 100% tag retention, it can be increased by following these instructions and tips.

Instructional videos for appropriate Allflex EID application may be found here: http://www.allflexusa.com/videos/

Applicators – for the EID tags, you MUST use the red Allflex Universal Total Tagger with the red blunt pin. The black plastic insert needs to be removed for application.

Application of the tags – As you can see in the instructions, the tags are to be put in the ear with the EID button facing to the front (inside the ear). It is preferred that they be placed in the left ear (as you look at the animal from the rear). They should be placed close to the head (1/3 to 1/2 of the ear length out from the base), in the middle of the ear vertically. DO NOT put the tags in an existing hole in the ear. Doing so will greatly increase the chance of loss. Pulling on both sides of the tag to increase air flow around the tag and turning the button will verify correct application and ensure there is appropriate space between the tag and the animal’s ear.

Use disinfectant to dip the tags and applicator in. It is recommended that you use a product such as Nolvasan, Vetericyn, or an iodine solution. They are effective, non-irritating products that can be purchased from the local vet or vet supply store. Using a disinfectant will help the tag site heal and it will provide lubrication for easier tag application. It will also reduce the opportunity for infection and is imperative to use disinfectant when tagging meat goats! Using a product that irritates the ear (alcohol, etc.) will cause the animal to do more rubbing of the ear and increase the chance of losing the tag.

After Application – Grasp both parts of the tag and pull on them. This will insure that the stem is completely in and it will create room for air flow around the tag to promote faster healing.

Keep the matched EID tags and 4-H tags together – The tags are packaged with the EID and visual 4-H numbers matched and in a data base available from Allflex USA.