

# TRIED 'n TRUE — PRODUCTS PUT TO THE TEST

**PRODUCT:** Footwear.

**MANUFACTURER:** Hunter Rubber Co.

**WHAT IT IS:** A line of high-quality British footwear that has been made in Dumfries, Scotland for 150 years and that recently has become generally available in the American market.

Styles include the original green Wellington boot, an ankle jodhpur boot, an ankle paddock boot and a leather riding boot.

**WHO WOULD BUY THIS PRODUCT:**

Anyone who works with and around horses, particularly customers looking for comfort and functionality in their footwear.

**COMMENTS FROM**

**OUR TESTERS:** Editor Paul Wahl field-tested the original green Wellington boot.

"I've had cheap, run-of-the-mill mud boots in the past, but I had no idea how uncomfortable they actually were until I slipped on these boots," said Wahl. "I took a lot of ribbing over the green color, but they were as comfortable as a tennis shoe."

Wahl said the especially wet spring and early summer in Minnesota, where he lives, provided the perfect conditions for test-



ing the boots. "I'm talking mud that will pull the boots right



off your feet," Wahl said. "I wore these out into the pasture to retrieve horses, rinsed them off and rode in them. They even have a spur rest."

The Hunter Hamilton full-grain leather ladies' riding boots (left) were tested by another avid Minnesota rider and quality assurance engineer Peggy Pasillas of Inver Grove Heights.

"These are the most comfortable riding boots I've ever worn," she said. "The leather is soft and supple and felt broken in the first day I rode in them. The footbed offers great support during long rides, and the leather breathes very well so my feet stayed really comfortable."

She added: "I like the built-in spur rests, as well. They keep my spurs in the right spot when I need them. On top of being really comfortable, the boots look great, too! I've gotten lots of compliments on them."

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.hunterboots.com](http://www.hunterboots.com). 



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