

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DUNLOP CHEMICAL PRODUCTS DIVISION,
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Dear Sir,

We have read with interest the article "Etiology and Treatment of Plantar Ulcers" by W. F. Ross which you published in your January, 1962, issue.

The use of a specially prepared latex compound is mentioned (Appendix 2) for the preparation of the Karigiri Boot and, as a result of this, we have already had one enquiry. It may be that some of your readers engaged in similar work overseas would appreciate having fuller details of the material.

Although the material was originally prepared to an outline specification given to us by Dr. Ross, in view of the likely interest we have decided to include it in our range for general supply under the code number AL.1002. AL.1002 is basically a prevulcanised natural latex, which means, that, on drying in air, it will give a fully vulcanised rubber. Among the compounding ingredients used are stabilizers to give the desired characteristics in preparation of the Boot and antioxidant and antiozonant materials to ensure satisfactory service life of the finished Boot. The compound has a Specific Gravity of 0.968 and a Total Solids content of $57 \pm 1\%$.

We suggest that the most convenient method of supply is in 5-gallon non-returnable drums. The price of the material will vary somewhat depending on the current price of rubber, but at present we would charge 23s. 0d. per gallon free-on-board to which would be added 1s. 0d. to 2s. 0d. per gallon depending on quantity and distance for carriage, insurance and freight paid by us. Any import duties would be paid by the purchaser at port of entry into the country concerned.

The Company frequently undertakes non-commercial developments for medical work and it gives all concerned great pleasure and satisfaction when, as happens here, a piece of work results in something which can have such a wide application in reducing human suffering. Our thanks are due to Dr. Ross for giving us this opportunity and to your Journal for the widespread publication of the result he has obtained.

Yours faithfully

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