

# Best Tagging Practice

Dalton tags are made in the UK to the very highest standards but successful Identification is also achieved by paying careful attention to where and how an eartag is applied. With due care and attention retention rates can be increased considerably.

We recommend a "Best Tagging Practice".

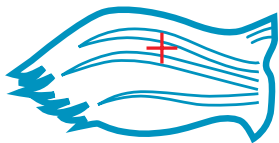
Store unused tags in a clean dry container and away from frost. Make sure that you or your operator is properly trained and confident in the application of eartags. Read the Health and Safety Executive's advice on handling and housing of livestock.

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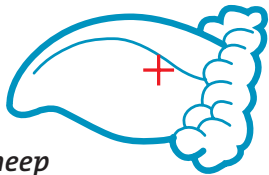
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Apply tags under hygienic conditions. The operator's hands, the ear, the tag and the applicator should be clean. Disinfect if necessary using an appropriate solution. When fitting plastic tags make sure that the tags line up correctly in the applicator and will lock together when correctly fitted. In most cases it is recommended that the female part of the tag should always be on the inside of the ear, this will reduce the chance of the tag snagging or catching on obstructions such as fences, gates and feeding troughs. The male part of the tag should enter from the back of the ear. Check the ear after about 10 days for signs of damage or infection.

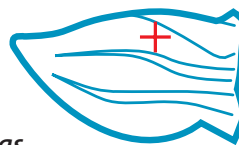
## Two-piece tags



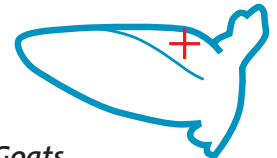
**Cattle**  
Place in centre of ear avoiding veins



**Sheep**  
Insert tag near the base of the ear avoiding veins



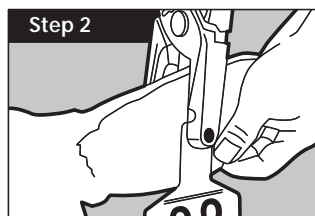
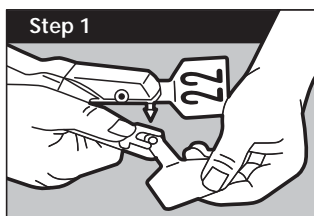
**Pigs**  
tag here avoiding veins and gristle



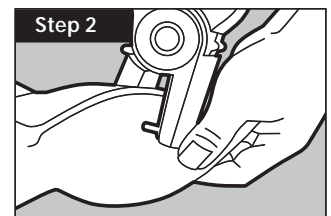
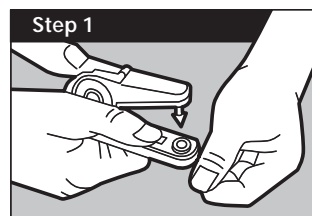
**Goats**  
Insert tag near the base of the ear towards the top avoiding veins

Note loop / one piece tags should be fitted over the top of the ear allowing room for ear growth.  
If in doubt consult local DVO or go to [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

## Instructions for Supertag



## Instructions for Rototag



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