

# The Pecking Pan

## The Proof's in the Pecking

The pecking pan is an environmental enrichment product with multiple benefits:

- Encourages non-injurious pecking
- Naturally blunts beaks
- Source of calcium

The pecking pan contains a mix of sand, limestone and oyster shell for healthy bones, strong egg shells and efficient gizzards.

The pecking pan material was tested in a 2 year MSc study by the University of Bristol, which found that “pecking pans for chicks/pullets can provide a long-lasting environment enrichment which may reduce injurious pecking, reduce plumage damage and enhance bird welfare”.

Recommended at a rate of 2 per 1000 birds, the pecking pan can be suspended at crop height to encourage interest or placed on a stand on the ground. It is recommended that a small amount of feed is added regularly to encourage pecking.

Available for both commercial and backyard farming, it is compatible with all systems, any type of bird, and can be used from rear right through the life of your birds. In addition, due to its versatility from floor placement to hanging, the Pecking Pan is easy to use, long-lasting and robust, and provides advancement in the future of welfare.



Limestone



Oyster Shell



Sand

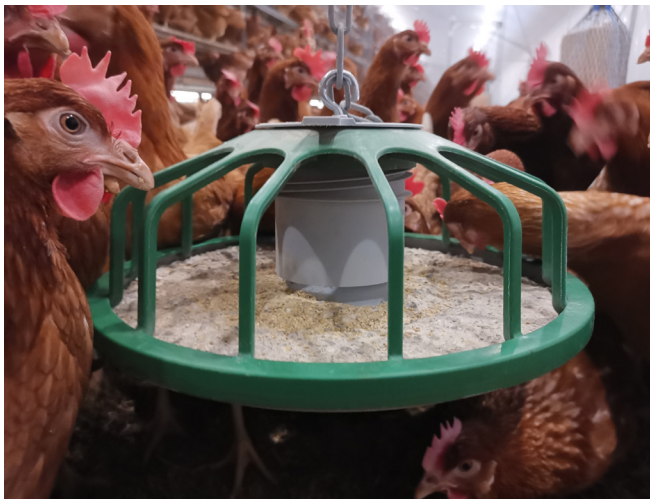


## The science:

Vencomatic sponsored a 2 year Msc study and 3 year trials. The study found that “Pecking Pans for chicks/pullets can provide a long-lasting environment enrichment which may reduce injurious pecking, reduce plumage damage and enhance bird welfare” and therefore, is the only pecking enrichment shown to have welfare benefits\*.

As stated by the RSPCA and Freedom Foods, for every 1000 birds, 2 items of enrichment are needed in each colony and therefore, the Pecking Pan is essential for any poultry farmer.

**\*Msc study with the University of Bristol.**



### The Pecking Pan:

The only pecking enrichment that has been shown to improve bird welfare\*

#### Where to put them?

The Vencomatic Pecking Pan can be placed or hung anywhere in the poultry house regardless of the system you have. Through our research, we have found the best results from having them in the scratch areas, including verandas/winter gardens and outside in the range under shelters. The Pecking Pan can also help to reduce and redirect boredom pecking in birds, who choose not to venture onto the scratch areas, by hanging the pan above the system.

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#### Hanging or Standing them?

In trials, we have found that hanging the pans helps to keep the birds more interested, possibly due to the swaying motion. We recommend hanging the pans by their hook and having them at a height where the pecking material is roughly in line with the bird's crop.



#### How to keep the birds interested?

Like most animals, the birds will only continue to stay interested in something if they get a "reward" for pecking. The Vencomatic pecking material is specially formulated to be robust enough to help naturally blunt the beak whilst giving the bird a reward for their pecking. As the pecking disk wears down the material can become smoother, some of our customers have found by scattering a hand full of feed on the pans while walking the birds helps to enhance the birds curiosity in the pans again.

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