

Drinkers for Brooders

A flexible system which allows threaded pipes to be configured to allow cups to be easily spaced along a wall or suspended in the shed. A number of lengths of pipe sections are available.

Nu Look drinker



Chicks in glass brooder at Sydney Royal Easter Show

The [Nu Look bottle drinker](#) holds 4.5 litres and are ideal for starting chicks. Each bottle is suitable for up to 50 chicks from day old to one week. Often used in commercial broiler and breeder farms as a supplementary drinker alongside nipple lines. Custom made plastic mixes with high UV stabiliser.

4007 Lubing cup drinkers

The [4007 red Lubing cup drinkers](#) are suitable for use with most species of birds, with the exception of ducks. The cups are ideal where the small amount of drip from straight nipples may cause wet litter.



The 4007 red Lubing cup drinker has a yellow float that refills the cup as the water level lowers. This red Lubing cup drinker is suitable for use with up to 15 day old chickens for up to 5 weeks. The number of birds per cup should then be reduced to 5 hens per 4007 red cup drinker as the birds grow. Pheasants, quail, and other species are quite at home with these simple drinkers.

Recommended for use in brooders with small numbers of chicks or for broody hens with chicks.



Installation

The 4007 red Lubing cup drinker in plastic container such as 1.2 litre soft drink bottle. The most important part is the height of the water above the cup. The ideal height is 300mm (1 foot) from the top of the cup to the top of the water.

Soft drink bottle method (DIY)

1. Drill a 9mm hole in the plastic lid of the soft drink bottle.



2. Carefully press the threaded end of the yellow nipple against the hole and turn in a clockwise direction. The nipples are designed to self-thread into the plastic and self-seal so they need no sealant.



3. Keep turning until end of the thread is up to the flat part of the lid.



4. Make a small hole in the bottom of the bottle to allow the air into the bottle.



5. Cover the hole with your finger; and fill the bottle with water. Put the cap, with the cup in it, onto the bottle and tighten the cap. Turn the bottle upside down, and hang in the bird house.



When hanging drinker in the house, ensure that the lip of the cup is between back and eye height of the birds.



Cleaning

If the water is clean, very few problems should occur. However if the nipple does get blocked or leak, it is almost always dirt in the nipple.

The silver valve can be removed from the nipple, and the inner valve stem removed.

CAUTION: DO NOT LOSE THE VALVE PARTS. Wash in water and reassemble.

[Other drinker ideas](#)



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