Easing your cows forward since 1979

...the Most Cow Friendly Crowd Gate on the Market!
Overview

Choosing the right crowd gate can be a difficult decision. With all of the options that are out there, how do you know what one is right for you? We take the guess work out of the situation by explaining the benefits, the advantages and disadvantages of each gate. With a little information about your holding area, we can give you an accurate estimate.

Sikkema’s Equipment has 5 StepSaver models to choose from, ranging from a hand crank style, to our popular standard gate.

- **StepSaver MANUAL**
  Low cost, hand crank driven. Just right for the smaller operations

- **StepSaver BASIC**
  Low cost, motor driven. Simple forward and reverse automation.

- **StepSaver STANDARD**
  This is the gate that has set the STANDARD for the dairy industry and is the gate that put Sikkema’s on the map. This is a good choice for just about every application, big or small.

- **StepSaver SLIDER/SWING**
  This gate is generally used for the mid to larger sized operations without the expense of larger hydraulic or air-driven gates. This system uses 5 bar or 6 bar Sikkema Select gates to ensure separation of groups.

- **StepSaver LIFT/NON-LIFT (SOLID) CUSH PUSH**
  The Safest and most cow friendly gate on the market. It has all the benefits of a major gate design without the risk of injuries that has plagued the competition. This gate benefits medium to large sized dairies. The StepSaver lift raises up and over the cows, while the non-lift or solid gate is for side entry.
Components

Sikkema’s StepSaver Standard crowd gate control box

Remote box

StepSaver Basic control box

StepSaver Bell

StepSaver crowd gate motor

StepSaver Gates

Standard

Cush Push

Slider / Swing
### Manual Gate

- Non motorized
- Very Economical
- Great for smaller dairies
- Recommended for holding areas of 15’ wide x 60’ long, 10’ max ceiling height
- Gate moved by a hand crank
- Ships as a complete kit
- Kit includes a stainless steel cable, gate system, poly driveline, pulleys, crank, electrical fencer & a non-electric bell

### Basic Gate

- Motorized, 1/4hp motor
- Optimal for smaller dairies
- Recommended for holding areas of 15’ wide x 60’ long 10’ max. height
- Controlled by a limited electrical control box mounted in your parlor
- Ships as a complete kit which includes: stainless steel cable, gate system, poly driveline, pulleys, electric fencer, electric bell, limited control box
• Every gate made to custom fit just about any holding area
• Motorized 1/4hp motor
• Control box mounts in the parlor for easy access
• Full trolley system is suspended on stainless steel cables
• Available mono-rail option for those low clearance and long run applications
• Comes pre-wired for easy installation
• Ships as a complete kit, thoroughly tested and ready to install
• Plugs into a 115v outlet
• Immediately see and enjoy the benefits, the StepSaver Standard gate offers.
Swing/Slider Gate

Swing Gate

Monorail trolley design uses conventional hot dipped galvanized gates for durability and good looks

- 1/4HP or 1/2HP motorized gate
- Operated by control box that is mounted in the parlor
- Low cost
- Hot dipped galvanized gates
- Dual roller track design

The Slider gate is built to serve the same function as the swing gate, to allow cows to enter from the back, while taking up less area to operate than the swing gate.
The cushion push crowd gate comes in two varieties, one is a lift gate and one is a non-lift gate. The lift gate was designed as a gate that is able to raise up and over the cows. The non-lift is a solid gate. Load your holding area while finishing up with the herd ahead of them. Simply raise the gate and bring it to the back of the holding area. These gates also come with Sikkema’s exclusive electrified strap, which is designed to hold the electrified wire without the electricity being transferred to the gate.

**Lift**

- High clearance w/ slight backswing
- Allows for up and over use
- Electrified strap design
- Milk more cows, by eliminating downtime between groups

This gate is great for the holding area where the entrance is on the side. Like the Cush Push lift, the Solid gate comes with a built in electrified strap.

Safely raise the gate over your cows and move it to the back of the holding area.
3 Easy Steps to Operating your StepSaver Crowd Gate:

**Step 1:** Open the gate/door, invite your cows into the milking area by giving them the time and opportunity to come in on their own.

**Step 2:** If no response, ring StepSaver’s bell - this is your communication with the cow, letting her know it’s time to move forward into the milking area.  
**Note:** Bell noise is the only communication that the cow understands that the milking stalls are not full - the bell should remain on until all stall spaces are satisfied.  
**Step 3:** If the cow’s response to sound of bell is inadequate, advance the StepSaver gate.  
-StepSaver gates have an automatic time sequence that protects your cows by incrementally moving the gate forward.

*The key is to train your cows with the bell, with proper training, gate use becomes minimal. If these steps are taken, you will get trained, relaxed cows that are under less stress and will produce more milk for you.

**BELL = a MOVE toward profitable milking**

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