

LEG BANDS

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There have been inquiries from new breeders regarding the size of leg bands that we use for Giants. Here is what we use for leg bands for adult Black Giants. The metal bands require special pliers for closing and are the long thin numbered ones with 3 sets of holes. We use the longer type and the measurements are from hole to hole. The males use the longest and the females the closest. The plastic bands are all the wide double spiral ones with the numbers. All measurements are in inches.

Male: Plastic wide spiral 1" diameter outside (7/8" inside)
Metal 3 1/2" hole to hole

Female: Plastic wide spiral 7/8" diameter outside (3/4" inside)
Metal 2 3/4" hole to hole

Note- If the permanent metal bands are used when the birds are young, pinch them to keep them up on the leg.

As the birds get older, especially on the roosters, watch to be sure all bands stay above the spurs as the spurs grow. If the band is between the spur and foot pad, it can become tight making a deformed leg/foot and cutting off circulation to the foot in extreme cases. Even if the bands are above the spur, be sure they are large enough not to cut into the leg as the bird get older and legs larger.