Closed Method using Elastic Banding (Elastrator) (used on calves from birth to 3 weeks of age)

1. Pull both testicles into the scrotum.
2. Place the rubber band on the elastrator.
3. Hold the elastrator with the prongs facing up and close the handles to open the band.
4. With the calf standing and both testicles in the scrotum, stretch the ring open and slip the open band just above the top of the testicle (approximately 0.5 cm), at the neck of the scrotum.
5. Ensure that both testicles are still at the tip of the scrotum and the ring is properly placed.
6. Remove elastrator from under the band.

The elastic band restricts blood supply to the testicle and scrotum which causes the structures to slough off, within 2 – 3 weeks.

EZE and Callicrate are tools used to band older, larger calves with latex bands.

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| bloodless, easy to perform | Potential for missed testicle |
| Preferred method of castrating at a muddy feedlot | Wounds heal slowly compared to surgical castration |