

Saddle Fitting

Horse Consideration

- Soundness of the horse
 - Back
 - Girth
- Soundness of the saddle
 - Flexion
 - Rig/billets
 - Tree
- Fit to the horse
 - Gullets
 - Bars
 - Panels-flock, foam, air or combination
 - Molds of the horse's back
 - Wire/cardboard
 - Jigs
 - Powder

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Rider Considerations

- Fit of the rider
 - Seat
 - Seat size
 - English: Head nail to cantle
 - Western: Cantle to base of the horn

Types of Saddles

- Western
 - Work
 - Performance
 - Pleasure
- English
 - All purpose (Spring Tree)
 - Equitation (Flat, no ST)
 - Jumping (ST)
 - Dressage (ST or Flat)
- Other
 - Treeless
 - Bareback pads
- Military
 - Combat
 - Support