

**Limited Saddle Fitting Consult instructions**

Date:

Your name:

E-mail address:

Ph#:

Shipping address:

Horse name:

Age:

Breed:

Height:

Print this form and take it with you. Then scan and return or screen shot in good lighting. Write in dark pen that is not a fine point. You will need an assistant to perform these instructions properly.

- 1.) The following 5 pictures will be necessary to determine your horses body type and topline shape. Place horse on level surface such as: concrete or paved road without slope and square stance.
  - a. A profile pic from each side
  - b. Stand at head and take a pic from each side looking back. Neck not curved **at all**.
  - c. Overlooking rump so shoulders can be seen clearly without mane interference(band it forward/upward for the fist 6-8"). **No** curve in neck.
- 2.) A 2<sup>nd</sup> set of the same pics with saddle on the horse and in proper placement without saddle pad
- 3.) A 3<sup>rd</sup> set of pictures of horse saddled with your usual padding config. And placement.
- 4.) Go to: [www.paintedhillsranch.net](http://www.paintedhillsranch.net). Click on "saddle fitting" to see how to measure saddle gullet.
- 5.) Gullet measurement, bar flare measurement and length of current saddle, make and model with pics of how you measured. [www.paintedhillsranch.net](http://www.paintedhillsranch.net). Bottom of pommel where it is attached to the top of the tree bars(will be near the top to middle of the front concho at base of pommel. Move tape forward to the end of the leather to measure bar/leather flare. Do not hook tape on outer edge of leather. Fleece to fleece is proper.
- 6.) Measure the dimensions of your current pad and pad thickness with pictures of both sides in good lighting on a flat surface- without a shadow cast over it. Compression test current saddle pad: press the edges of pad in various places that you know are not affected by any part of the saddle. Then press/feel pad over the shoulders under the area that the front bar pads of saddle would rest. If there is a difference in thickness or if it is hard over the shoulders it is compacted and is affecting your saddle fit.
- 7.) (If applicable to your consult) Go to: [www.paintedhillsranch.net](http://www.paintedhillsranch.net) and read instructions on how to make a proper set of wither wires. Perform the task as instructed and submit pictures of wire placement with measurements. Remember....to get a proper gullet width for a good fitting saddle you must locate the top of the shoulder and draw around the edge of the scapula to be able to place wires properly. (walk horse to see shoulder move to find the scapula more easily before drawing then walk again to be certain your line isn't too high or low- there is usually a dent or hump at the top of the scapula and it becomes soft where there is no bone.) the forwardmost wire **must be** placed on the hind 1/3 of the scapula. Wire#2 must be placed 1-2" behind the scapula. Study the pictures on the site carefully before you start. Wires must be snug and form fitting. When lifting them off do not let the ends swing to level or I will be unable to document the larger shoulder correctly. Put them on and remove them several times to understand and perform the removal and placement on the flat surface/onto paper correctly. I do not take my eyes off the wire when carrying it to the placement site because I do not want the left to right angle of the ends to change before placement on paper can be documented.
- 8.) Include a picture of both wires placed on a flat surface as shown on the website.
- 9.) Wither wire#1: \_\_\_\_\_ wither wire#2: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.) Saddle gullet width at front of base of pommel at concho:  
Saddle bar flare out on the front edge of leather level with center of concho:  
Pad measurement width: \_\_\_\_\_ length: \_\_\_\_\_ thickness: \_\_\_\_\_

Is pad compressed over shoulders?

You may repeat this consult with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Limited Consult if we can't complete our dialog before your time runs out. I will provide you with an accurate time each 10 minutes. Depending upon the complexities of your saddle and pad fit it will take me 10-15 minutes to analyze the information you have provided. This is to be assumed as deducted from your time before I begin to provide an analysis or ask questions.

However, If you have decided to invest in a "full Saddle Fitting" the cost is \$175.00. \$25.00 will be applied from this consult.

Once I determine what bar fits are appropriate for your horse's body style I will Mail the forms and fitting trees to the address you provide. This will require that you have an assistant. The place the forms on the horses back and take pictures from the angles pictured on the Fit to be seen website @ <http://www.equipflex.com/FTTH.html>. You will need to also walk the horse with the form or saddle tree on its back while keeping it from sliding left or right or backwards. If you have a gaited horse you will need to walk the horse out fast in order for me to determine the amount of lift your horse has in its topline while in movement. This portion of the process requires some patience. If this is your decision, I will email you another form with detailed instructions.

**Fully explain your fitting issue:**