

Limited Saddle Fitting Consult instructions for the purpose of ordering a custom saddle pad

Date:

Your name:

E-mail address:

Ph#:

Shipping address:

Horse name:

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.) These steps assist me in determining what may be happening under your saddle that may require shims and assist me in placing the correct orthotic in your custom saddle pad in order to relieve improper pressures to allow freedom of movement to be restored.
- 2.) 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.
- 3.) A 2nd set of the same pics **with saddle on the horse** and in proper placement without saddle pad
- 4.) A 3rd set of pictures of horse saddled with your usual padding config. And placement.
- 5.) Go to: www.therightfitequine.com. Click on "saddle fitting" to see how to measure saddle gullet.
- 6.) Gullet measurement, bar flare measurement and length of current saddle, make and model with pics of how you measured. www.therightfitequine.com. 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.
 - A) Saddle gullet width at **front of base of pommel** at concho:
 - B) Saddle bar flare out on the **front edge of leather** level with center of concho:
 - C) Saddle length:
- 7.) 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. Yes pad feels different_____ NO pad feels same as the edges:_____
- 8.) Go to: www.therightfitequine.com 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 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.
- 9.) Include a picture of both wires placed on a flat surface as shown on the website.
- 10.) Wither wire#1: _____ wither wire#2: _____
Pad measurement width: _____ length: _____ thickness: _____