

The Right Fit Saddle Fitting

Saddle Pad Fitting Consult instructions

- 1) The following 5 pictures will be necessary to determine your horse's 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 at shoulders. Make certain head is not twisted and neck is not curved at all. The nose is directly between ears when it is lined up in a straight line with withers and dock of tail. Hip is not cocked. Imagine drawing a straight line from between the nostrils to the dock of the tail with equal amount of horse on each side of the line and there are no bodily deviations bowing out from the line
 - c. A picture overlooking rump so shoulders can be seen clearly without mane interference & no shadows.
- 2) A 2nd set of the same pics with saddle on the horse and in proper placement without saddle pad
- 3) Go to: <https://www.therightfitequine.com/required-pictures> to see what views I need.
- 4) Gullet measurement, bar flare measurement and length of current saddle, make and model
- 5) GO TO: <https://www.therightfitequine.com/how-to-saddle-fit-at-home>
- 6) With saddle set on horse with pommel situated behind the shoulder, place hand under saddle at top under pommel palm down and fingers extended under saddle far enough that the ends of your fingers extend to the back of the shoulder and swipe straight down to the bottom edge of saddle in front of rigging. Is it a clean, smooth swipe or does your hand stick along the way? Where? (send video or pics to FB messenger or 541-619-0790) (This will determine if your saddle fit requires a Pressure Relief pad or not)
- 7) Current pad dimensions and pad thickness with pictures of both sides in good lighting on a flat surface- without a shadow cast over it.
- 8) 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. Is there a difference in thickness? Is it hard over the shoulders. Document in writing the results of your pad analysis.
- 9) Depth of rigging D on saddle.... Or...pictures of pad under saddle that is sufficient and measurement of the width of that pad.
- 10) Written description of what your concerns are with your current saddle pad.