

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. No twist in head. Spine in strait line from dock of tail to nose.
- 2.) A 2nd set of the same pics with saddle on the horse and in proper placement without saddle pad
- 3.) A 3rd set of pictures of horse saddled with your usual padding config. And placement.
- 4.) A 4th set of Pictures: place saddle on horse with the pommel placed behind the shoulder. (find back of shoulder with fingers to determine where to set the saddle this time). Retake pics.
- 5.) Lift fender so I can clearly see where the rigging is. Take picture of both sides.
- 6.) Go to: www.therightfitequine.com. Click on "saddle fitting" to see how to measure saddle gullet.
- 7.) Gullet measurement, bar flare measurement and length of current saddle, make and model with pics of how you measured. www.therightfitequine.com. Measure across the 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).
- 8.) Then move tape forward to the front edge of the leather to measure bar/leather flare. Do not hook tape on outer edge of leather. Fleece to fleece is proper. Send pics.
- 9.) 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 between your fingers in various places that you know are not affected by any part of the saddle to gauge original thickness. Then press/feel pad over the shoulders under the area that the front bar pads of saddle would rest, and also do compression test on area where saddle rests on pad under the rear concho area and rear skirt edge. If there is a difference in thickness or if pad has hardened/caked in these areas under the saddle, then your pad is compacted and has failed, and it is affecting your saddle fit.
- 10.)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 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 steeper 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. THIS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO YOUR ASSESSMENT.

- 11.) Include a picture of both wires placed on a flat surface as shown on the website.
- 12.) Wither wire#1: _____ wither wire#2: _____
- 13.) Saddle gullet width at front of base of pommel at concho submit with pictures:
Saddle bar flare out on the front edge of leather level with center of concho:
Pad measurement width: _____ length: _____ thickness: _____
Is pad compressed? _____ Where: _____
- 14.) Short video of each side of your horse walking briskly in strait line

If the purpose of this fitting is to determine the correct saddle tree necessary to build a custom saddle: 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. The additional cost is actual incurred postage and will be charged once shipped. Payment is due within 2 days.

Shipping Address:

This will also require that you have an assistant (2 would be best 1 to video, 1 to hold forms in place and 1 to manage horse) .

The place the forms on the horses back and take pictures from the angles pictured on the Fit to be seen website @ <http://www.equi-flex.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 physical endurance and patience. If videos are not right or the tree slips out of alignment in any direction, they will need to be redone. Therefore I encourage you to assess the quality of your video prior submitting.

Fully explain your fitting issue: