



Some vital measurements required when choosing the right side saddle for you and your horse

If you can't take your horse to the saddle for you both to try the saddle or the saddle can't come to you, we need a few measurements from you.

Taking a wither tracing

It is helpful to send a wither tracing of your horse to the owner of the saddle you are interested in. Using a flexible but firm wire, carefully mould the wire over the horse's back just behind his shoulders, sometimes known as the saddle pocket, the hollow spot just behind the withers and almost directly above the area where the girth will rest. . It is important that you send a wither tracing that measures at least 36" end to end as it has to be long enough to check the length of the long point on the off side of the saddle to get an idea of whether the saddle tree will be wide enough for your horse. Try to get the shape of the wire as close as possible to the shape of the horse, Carefully lift the wire and trace the inside of the curve (the side against the horse's back) onto a large piece of cardboard. You should have a shape something like what's shown in the upper right hand corner of the photo below. Mark your tracing with Near side & off side and also write your name on it. Cut out the pattern and send it to us so it can be used to fit into the gullet of the saddle for a preliminary check of the saddle's fit (you can fold the cardboard!). Post your tracing to us at:

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Rider measurements

To get the correct length and width of the saddle for the rider we need a couple of measurements from you.

Sit on hard backed chair, with feet flat on the floor, and your back touching the chair back. Measure from the chair back to the back of the bend at the back of your knee. This gives you the combined length of your seat and thighbone, which tells us what length saddle you will need to sit comfortably and safely. It's also a good idea to measure across your hips while seated so as to get a saddle with a seat wide enough to fit your bottom! See the photos below for the corresponding measurements on the saddle.

