

## The Right Fit Saddle Fitting

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### Limited Saddle Fitting Consult instructions

Your name:

E-mail address:

Ph#:

Shipping address:

Horse name:

Age:

Breed:

Height:

Print this form and take it with you. Write in dark pen that is not a fine point. I require you have an assistant in order to perform these instructions properly.

The following 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.

Imagine drawing a line from between your horses nostrils to the dock of its tail. There must be no deviance, curve or bow to the left or right of this line within the horses body. Once this is achieved I will need:

- A. Profile picture from each side
- B. Picture from each side of neck looking back at shoulder. Making certain the line of the shoulder is clearly evident from top. I need the 1st 15" of horse.
- C. Picture Overlooking rump so shoulders can be seen clearly without mane interference (band it forward/upward for the fist 6-8").

A 2<sup>nd</sup> set of the same 5 pictures with saddle on the horse **without saddle pad**.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> set of pictures of horse saddled with your usual pads. & usual placement. (this is of paramount importance. Please do exactly as described)

A 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1.) Lift fender so I can clearly see where the rigging is. Take picture of both sides.
- 2.) 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. 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 it is hard over the shoulders, then your pad is compacted and it is affecting your saddle fit.

**Go to: [www.therightfitequine.com](http://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.

- 3.) Include a picture of both wires placed on a flat surface as shown on the website.
- 4.) Wither wire#1: \_\_\_\_\_ wither wire#2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Go to: [www.therightfitequine.com](http://www.therightfitequine.com). Click on "saddle fitting" to see how to measure saddle gullet.**

- 5.) I need your saddle gullet measurement, bar flare measurement and length of current saddle front to back, I need pictures. 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. 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. If the saddle manufacturer posts GW then I want to know that as well.
- 6.) Saddle gullet width:  
Saddle bar flare out on the front edge of leather level with center of concho:
- 7.) Pad measurement width: \_\_\_\_\_ length: \_\_\_\_\_ thickness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is pad compressed? \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.) Short video of each side of your horse walking briskly in strait line
- 9.) Upload everything to a private FB page using your name followed by SADDLE FITTING. Mention Juli Ulm in a comment box or invite me to the page after it has been created. Or copy and paste the link to me via text or messenger.
- 10.)Your30 minute Time clock will start counting down when I go to page and begin my assessment of your submissions. It is best you keep questions and discussion relevant to your saddle fit because the clock is ticking. When your 30 minutes has expired I will notify you. You can then choose to continue and pay again or end your session if you feel you have achieved an understanding of the issues that are complicating your saddle fit. Leave the page posted so that if you require assistance in the future we have the page to reference to. Saddle fit is ongoing for the life of the horse. Just as is anything else with a horse (farrier, teeth, sheath, fly spray. Worming etc). It is wise to have a starting point so that if saddle fit issues arise in the future I have a reference point.

**Fully explain your fitting issue:**