

# We're Here to Help You With Saddle Fitting

## TREE FITS → CONFORMATION → EVALUATE FIT → IMPROVE FIT

There is no standardization in the industry for a *Regular* (or *Semi-Quarter* horse) tree and *Wide* (or *Full Quarter* horse) tree so different saddle brands will not fit the same. The fit will vary among disciplines.



The gullet measurement is important, but it is the most misunderstood. It is not the defining factor of saddle fit. Most importantly, not every saddle with a specified gullet measurement will fit the same. The angle and twist of the bars affect how the saddle will fit.

With all the varying trees fits, how do I know what fit my horse needs?

**General Fit Guideline:**  
*Regular* tree for a defined wither  
*Wide* tree for a rounded wither and foundation build



*This mare is 15.3 hands with heavy bone structure, but she needs a Regular tree because of the defined wither.*



*This mare is 15.1 hands and of foundation build with a round, or mutton, wither and needs a Wide tree.*



*For a draft type or extra wide foundation style horse, we offer an Extra Wide tree fit.*

The saddle should sit level on the horse's back placed so it settle's into the horse's sweet spot behind the scapula.



Too narrow - it should NOT be perched up in the front.



Too wide - it should NOT tip up in the back and gullet should not sit on horse's withers



Evaluate your horse for conformation issues that may interfere with proper saddle fit. Does the horse have a dropped (sway) back, really prominent withers, hollows behind the withers, or a prominent backbone?

Corrective padding is required to achieve a good saddle fit.



*\*If your horse has conformation issues, saddle fitting will require some specialized solutions. Call us for help. Additionally, look at the horse's body condition score. Finally, a young horse's body will change upon maturity. Evaluate your saddle fit constantly to keep your horse comfortably performing at his full potential. View our Saddle Fitting Guide at CircleY.com for more complete explanations. These are guidelines - Circle Y does not guarantee saddle fit through photos.*

### GENERAL HARD-TO-FIT HORSE

A Treeless saddle is a popular choice for performance or trail riding. These saddles have a wood swell and cantle, but no bars, to provide the horse complete freedom of movement.

### LIGHTWEIGHT AND COMFORTABLE

Any of the **Flex2** tree saddles. Available in these disciplines: Trail, Barrel Racing, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Performance, Gaited, Arabian, Mule, Show, Western Dressage. The Flex2<sup>®</sup> tree is designed for riders of all sizes - including those needing a 17" or 18" seat size.

### HEAVY PERFORMANCE USE

When you need a saddle to withstand long days of ranch work or roping, any of the Ropers, Ranchers, Versatility, or Sorters will keep up. All Xtreme Performance<sup>®</sup> (XP<sup>®</sup>) saddles have a LIFETIME tree warranty.

## Your Guide to Circle Y

### DRAFT OR EXTRA WIDE TYPE

When your horse is wide and round at the withers, a Flex2<sup>®</sup> Extra Wide may fit.



### WHICH TREE FIT DO I NEED?

We've created a simple and easy to understand Saddle Fitting Guide to help you fit your horse. It's full of practical photos to help guide you.

