

THE BIG DECISION

A GUIDE TO FIND YOUR
NEW SADDLE



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EQUES 

THE SADDLE

Acquiring a new saddle is a big decision and there are many aspects to consider. This is a quick guide to answer frequently asked questions and ease the process

Size: Inches

Most saddles come in sizes from 16" to 18" including half inches. The right size depends both on the horse's back and the build of the rider.

The size is right when you can place your hand in an upright position between the cantle and your bum (no more, no less). In that way you make sure that your body weight is centered over the balance point of the saddle.



Size: Gullets

The gullet is mounted on the front part of the saddle tree. The right size of the gullet is determined by the build of the horse (the width just behind the shoulder); is it slender? Is it muscular? Is it broad? All EQUES saddles come with exchangeable gullets.



Wool or latex panels?

When choosing the material of the panels, you should consider the following:

The latex panels are designed to fit most Icelandic horses and will not change shape upon use. Latex is maintenance free.

The wool panels can be adapted to the individual horse by a professional saddle fitter. Annual maintenance of wool panels is recommended as wool is a living material that densifies upon use.

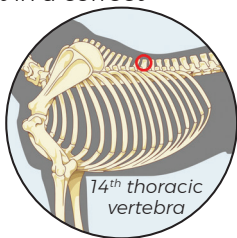


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Which model?

Pay attention to the following guidelines:

- 1) The saddle prompts you to sit in a correct and balanced position
- 2) The balance point of the saddle should be placed close to the strongest part of the horse's back. That means that the deepest point in the saddle should be placed approximately above the 14th thoracic vertebra
- 3) The saddle should not limit the shoulder movement of the horse. You can test if the shoulder blade of your horse can move freely by lifting the front leg and follow the rotational movements. (See last page)





Choose **Gold** if you prefer:

- A medium open seat with a narrow waist
- Broadened panels in the rear (secures optimal weight dispersion of the rider)
- Carved panels allowing free shoulder rotation

Choose **Black** if you prefer:

- A deep seat, soft kneepads and a high degree of support
- Carved panels allowing free shoulder rotation



Choose **X** if you prefer:

- A deep seat with a narrow waist
- Soft and supportive kneepads
- Carved panels allowing free shoulder rotation

Choose **Sella Plus** if you prefer:

- A medium open seat that makes it possible to adjust in the seat
- Medium size, form cut kneepads with all-round fit
- Panels with front rise



Choose **Champion A** if you prefer:

- Backwards shifted balance point
- Great knee support
- Panels with front rise

Choose **PP Pad** if you prefer:

- A treeless seat that provides a close connection to the horse
- Soft kneepads



Pads

It can be beneficial to place a pad between the saddle and the back of the horse.



Memory foam pad

The combination of gel and shock absorbing foam shapes perfectly on the horse, and allows space for the spinal column.

Comfort gel pad

The gelpad ensures that the saddle stays in place. The material is shock absorbing and pressure relieving with a thin layer in the middle to allow space for the spinal column.



Gel pad with frontrise

By lifting the front of the saddle and shifting the balance point a bit backwards, a frontrise pad can prevent the saddle from sliding forward. The shock absorbing and pressure relieving gel ensures that the saddle stays in place.

Black Edt. pad

A classic cotton quilt pad that protects both the horse and the saddle from abrasions.



Quilt pad

The coated polyester mesh allows optimal sweat transportation and dries quickly after use.

Space for movement

Check if your saddle allows space enough for the rotational movement of the shoulder blade.

