

OVERVIEW

The CAIR Panel System works with the [EASY-CHANGE Gullet System](#) to provide the ultimate in comfort and performance for the horse. These revolutionary systems work together to provide a custom fit to your horse's wither, and a fluid cushioning to hug your horse's individual conformation for even weight distribution over the entire length of the panel. Additionally, with the CAIR® Panel Insert System, the balance of your saddle with the CAIR® Panel System is easily adjusted.

You should discover a marked improvement in the performance of your horse due to your weight being evenly distributed across the entire length of the panel virtually eliminating pressure points, as the air in the panel fluidly moves and moulds around the working muscles of your horse.

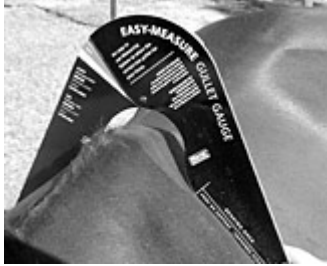


Official Fit Disclaimer

The innovative systems in our saddles offer unsurpassed flexibility in achieving an optimal fit, however, no one saddle can claim to fit every horse. It is always recommended you seek ongoing professional advice on the fit, and in meeting the unique needs of each horse/rider combination.

Saddle Fitting Steps with





STEP ONE: Measure the horse's wither and ensure the correct size gullet is fitted in the saddle.

To find out more about the Easy-Measure Gullet Gauge, [click here](#).



STEP TWO: Once the correct size gullet is fitted, put the saddle on the horse in the correct position and have the rider sit in the saddle.

Bearing:

The CAIR Panel System requires that the rider be seated in the saddle to check even bearing. It is only when the rider's weight bears down that the air will fluidly move to hug the horse's back and distribute the rider's weight evenly. An optimally fitting saddle will hug your horse's back, providing a close fit.



STEP THREE: Ensure that there is adequate clearance of the horse's wither and if there is clearance across the width and along the length of the horse's spine. If there is not enough clearance, the saddle can easily be raised by a saddler.

Clearance:

Ensure your saddle maintains clearance across the width and along the length of your horse's spine. You should be able to insert two to three fingers sideways between your horse's wither and the pommel of the saddle. If not, your retailer can

easily raise the height of the saddle for you with the CAIR® Panel Insert System.



**STEP
FOUR :**

Check that the saddle is in balance from the pommel through to the cantle so the deepest part of the seat is central and level. If the balance of the saddle needs altering, a saddler can easily do this.

Balance:

The saddle should be balanced from pommel through to cantle with the deepest part of the seat sitting central and level. Incorrectly balanced saddles may cause the rider to feel as if they are tipped forward, or backwards. Your retailer can easily alter the balance of your saddle with the CAIR® Panel Insert System.

It is always recommended that you seek the advice of a professional saddle fitter, so that you may be assured that you have achieved an optimal fit for you and your horse.

ALTERING THE BALANCE OF A SADDLE WITH CAIR®

In saddles featuring the CAIR® Panel System air panels replace the traditional fillings in your saddle panel. You should notice a marked improvement in the performance of your horse, as the CAIR® air panels evenly distribute your weight across the entire length of the panel. The air in the panel fluidly moves

and moulds around your horse's working muscle to virtually eliminate pressure points.

The even bearing of the panel will not be evident until the rider is sitting in the saddle. It is only when the rider's weight bears down that the air will fluidly move to hug the horse's back and distribute the rider's weight evenly.

If you need to alter the balance of the saddle or the clearance of the wither this can be done in two ways:

1. The CAIR® Panel Insert System offers a range of inserts that can be added to the panel of your saddle, above the CAIR® Air Panels. The CAIR® Air Panels then remain in contact with your horse's back, whilst the inserts increase the depth of the saddle panel where you need additional height. Alterations can be made to the saddle by your retailer without hesitation, and can be monitored and changed over time without concern of affecting the performance of your saddle.
2. The gullet size in your saddle can be changed. With the **EASY-CHANGE Gullet System** you can do this yourself. If your saddle is sitting low in the head (i.e. not enough clearance of the horse's wither) you could try changing the gullet to a narrower size, which would raise the saddle slightly above the wither. You will just have to check that the narrower gullet does not cause pinching. If your saddle is sitting high in the head (i.e. too much clearance over the wither) you could try changing the gullet to a wider size.

(Note: See [The EASY-CHANGE Gullet System](#) for instructions on measuring your horse's wither and changing the gullet)

For more information, please visit
<http://www.cairpanelsystem.com/Fitting/index.htm>