

Measuring – Western Saddle



The first thing about a saddle is, does it fit your horse?

Second thing is, does it fit you?

General Saddle Comments

- The horn is not too tall. Leaning forward won't poke you easily.
- The plate is flat, not tilted up.
- Check if plate has narrow crest, not too wide.
- Low point of saddle is in middle. Bars length is set 2" behind scapula to end of ribs of back.
- The bars extend out behind cantle a good 6" and bars are the correct length.
- Edges of bar well rounded up
- Rigged 7/8ths to 5/8ths
- Fits 2" behind the scapula
- The throat fits up on the withers
- Well rounded up corners on tree
- Stirrup leathers hand 4 to 5 inches ahead of low point in seat and will swing easily backward and forward.