

Correct Saddle Fit

Only a saddle with a perfect fit can ensure that a horse can move optimally and perform at its best. If the saddle does not fit correctly, then the horse is limited in its freedom of movement and may develop painful pressure points.

To check the fit of the saddle, it should be placed lightly on the horse's withers and carefully moved backwards until it finds its place slightly behind the shoulder blades. After the rider has ridden a few rounds, the saddle should lie as depicted.

If the clearance of the withers, center of gravity, clearance of the spine, and the saddle girth do not correspond to those depicted, then the saddle should be adjusted by an expert. For preparation please refer to the following pages.

Wither Freedom

The gullet plate of the saddle lies behind the shoulder blade. The width of two fingers on top of each other should fit between the spine and the saddle under the rider's weight. The rider should always check the clearance of the withers from the saddle.

Saddle's Center of Gravity

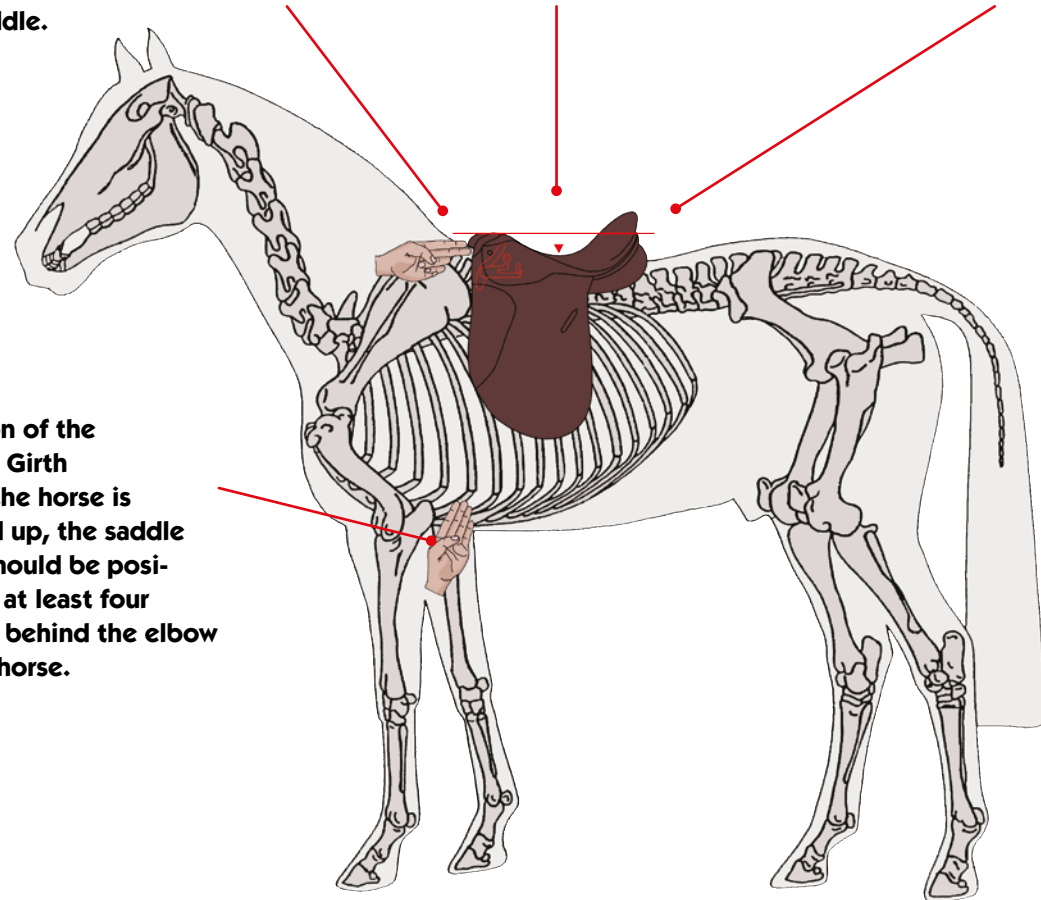
A horizontal line runs between the center of the saddle pommel and the cantle, the deepest point of the saddle is in the middle of the seat.

Freedom of the Spine

The saddle does not put pressure on the spine. The channel is broad enough and there is sufficient space to the right and left of the spine.

Position of the Saddle Girth

When the horse is girthed up, the saddle girth should be positioned at least four fingers behind the elbow of the horse.



Measuring Made Easy

Passier saddles can be made to fit any horse. The precise measurement of the horse's back and the lengthwise line of the spine are important for this.

The Measurement Wire

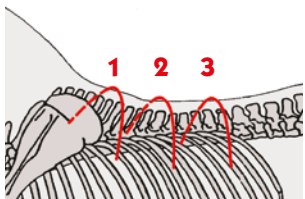
A flexible piece of wire is suitable for this [recommended: bailing wire, about 2 mm (1/10") in diameter, and 50 cm (20") long]. The wire must lie closely on the horse's back so no space is left between the wire and the horse's back.

The Crosswise Measurement

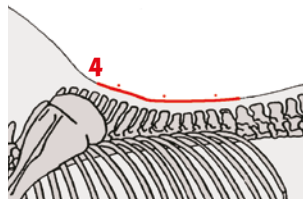
The wire is placed across the spine of the horse at the three points marked on the sketch, **1, 2, 3** at a distance of 15 cm (6") each. Mark the measuring points on the horse's back with chalk. The first measuring point is two fingers' width behind the shoulder blade. After measurement, the wire is placed on the template and traced along the inside using a fine point pen.

The Lengthwise Measurement

The wire is placed along the spine so that both ends extend past the three points marked for the crosswise measurement on each end. The shape of the wire should also be traced onto the template **4**. Afterwards please mark the places in the drawing where the lengthwise measurement intersects with the three crosswise measurements.



Crosswise Measurement
Distance between
measurements: 15 cm
(6")

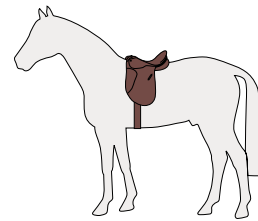


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How To Take The Photos

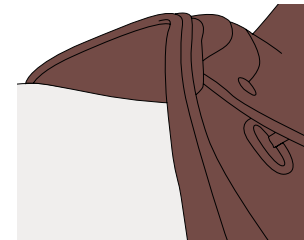
Apart from the form, once it has been completely filled out, we need three well-taken photos providing information which will make the fitting of the saddle even more exact. Please only send us these three photos taken according to the instructions. We do not require other photos.

First tack up the horse without the saddle cloth and saddle pad and ride it for about ten minutes before you take the photos. Then move the horse to a level surface and have it stand straight, holding its head high.



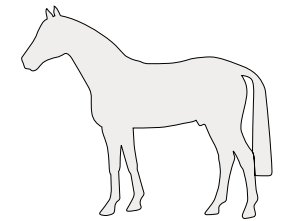
1. Photo: whole horse from the side with the saddle

Photograph the whole horse with the saddle and the saddle girth tightened, directly after riding from the left side. We want to see the position of the saddle after riding. Therefore please do not change anything! If possible, please ride the horse without anything under the saddle. The photo should show the whole horse.



2. Photo: from the front into the saddle channel

Leaving the saddle in place, photograph from the front and from a higher position into the channel in order to show the distance between the withers and channel.



3. Photo: the whole horse from the side without the saddle

Now remove the saddle and photograph the horse from the left side without the saddle. The whole horse should be seen on the photo.

Measuring The Horse's Back

Please Complete This Page

These lines are examples.
The individual measurements
from your horse may differ.
Please draw the crosswise and
lengthwise measurements of your
horse next to the example lines.

1

2

3

Crosswise
Measurement

4

Lengthwise
Measurement

Ready To Post!

For saddle-fitting information purposes, please collect and submit the following:

- the three photos (please do not send extra photos!)
- the completed measurement form
- this form
- the saddle

You can send all of the documents to an authorized Passier stockist or send them directly to G. Passier & Sohn.
Address:

G. Passier & Sohn GmbH
Am Pferdemarkt 8 + 10
30853 Langenhagen
Germany

Addresses of stockists are to be found under
www.passier.com/en/partner.

It takes about 10 working days to make the changes.
After looking at the saddle and documents, we are able to provide you with a quotation if required.
Please write this under "Comments".

Information Sheet

Details about the Saddle

Saddle description

Saddle number

Details about the Horse

Horse name

Horse breed

Stamp of authorized Passier stockist
(when shipped by a retail store)

Details about the Owner

First name, Surname

Street, House number

Postcode, City

Phone

Fax

E-Mail

Date

Comments
