



# SADDLE

THE LINK BETWEEN  
HORSE AND RIDER



*FIND YOUR PERFECT MATCH*

**EQUES** 

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... is decisive in connecting horse and rider, since it is the direct link between them. A good ride starts with a saddle in **balance**.

## Saddle trees

The saddle tree is the foundation of the saddle. EQUUS saddles are built on 4 different saddle trees: A, B, C and L. It is important to choose a saddle that is built on a saddle tree which fits the horse.

**The A-tree** has an open center and wide channel, which fits most Icelandic horses well. Especially suitable for horses with a rather straight back.



**The B-tree** is similar to the A-tree in its construction but has a broader channel. This ensures a close connection towards the horse. The B-tree suits horses with a good musculature across the back.



**The C-tree** is solid with a forward pointing position of the gullet. It has a narrow twist which is preferred by many women, and the construction fits slender horses well.



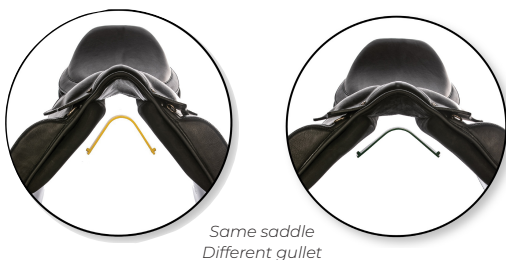
**The L-tree** is made from a highly flexible material and has no metal springs. This permits the rider to influence the horse with minimal adjustments in the seat.



## Gullets

In the front of the saddle tree lies the gullet. The saddle tree defines which type of gullet is needed. The gullet type required is indicated with letter stamps underneath the saddle flaps.

The gullets come in 7 different sizes and can easily be exchanged. The width of the horse defines which gullet is needed.



## Panels

All EQUES saddles are available with either latex or wool panels. Both have strengths and weaknesses.

**Latex** is a highly shock absorbing material which will not change shape over time. Latex is recommended if you ride several different horses with the same saddle.

**Wool** panels can be individually adjusted to the horse, with the help of a saddle fitter. Re-flocking of wool panels is recommended approximately once a year. Wool is only recommended if you ride one horse with the saddle.





### The **Expert** offers:

- A close connection towards the horse (B-tree)
- A deep and supportive seat
- Ergonomic knee pads that does not interfere with the knee cap

### The **Sense** offers:

- A soft seat with a narrow twist (C-tree)
- Short, supportive knee pads
- A cost-conscious design with D-rings on the sides



### The **Innovate** offers:

- An open and highly flexible seat (L-tree)
- A merge between a traditional saddle and a treeless saddle
- Short and supportive knee pads

### The **Connection Pad** offers:

- A treeless seat with great support
- Ergonomic knee pads
- A narrower fit in the seat

**NB:** Treeless saddles are great as supplement to your regular saddle.



### The **Black** offers:

- A soft and deep seat (A-tree)
- Long and supportive knee pads
- Great fit on various horses

### The **X** offers:

- A deep seat with a narrow twist (C-tree)
- Short knee pads
- High degree of support



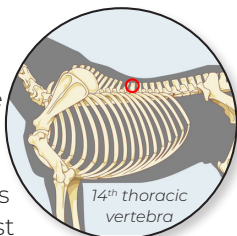


## Choose the right size

EQUES saddles comes in sizes from 16" to 18" including half inches. The right size depends both on the horse's back and the built of the rider. The various models offer different extend of space and support.

### The horse's back

The saddle lies in balance when the deepest point is in the middle of the seat. The balance point of the saddle must 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 14<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebra.



### The built of the rider

When choosing saddle size the rider must consider his/her body shape and especially length of the legs.

The weight of the rider should be centered in the deepest point of the seat. The seat offers enough space when you can place your hand in an upright position between the cantle and your bum.



The knee and thigh must be supported by the knee pad to prompt the rider to sit in a correct and balanced position.

### Balance is everything

A saddle is a weight distributing construction and must fit the rider, to even out the pressure on the horse's back. For an even pressure the saddle must be in **balance**. A prerequisite for this is a saddle that fits both horse and rider. Amongst the various EQUES saddle models, there is a perfect match for every equipage.

## Space for movement

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

