

**U.S. APPLICATION
SERIAL NO. 79242929**

**MARK:
SYNERGYPANEL**

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This Office action is in response to applicant's communication filed on March 19, 2019.

In the previous Office action dated November 1, 2018, a prior pending mark was referenced and registration of the applied-for mark was refused under Section 2(d) based on a likelihood of confusion with a registered mark. In addition, applicant was required to amend the identification of goods and provide its entity type.

Based on applicant's response, the requirements to amend the identification of goods and provide its entity type have been satisfied. Further, based on the amended identification of goods, the Section 2(d) refusal with respect to U.S. Registration No. 4936311 is hereby withdrawn.

However, the referenced prior-pending application has since registered. Therefore, registration is refused as follows.



SECTION 2(d) REFUSAL – LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

In its Response, applicant set forth arguments against the referenced prior pending mark, which is now registered. Applicant's arguments have been considered and found unpersuasive for the reasons set forth below. Therefore, registration is refused as follows:

Registration of the applied-for mark is refused because of a likelihood of confusion with the mark in U.S. Registration No. 5608313. Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); *see* TMEP §§1207.01 *et seq.* See the attached registration for the mark SYNERGY.

Trademark Act Section 2(d) bars registration of an applied-for mark that is so similar to a registered mark that it is likely consumers would be confused, mistaken, or deceived as to the commercial source of the goods and/or services of the parties. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(d). Likelihood of confusion is determined on a case-by-case basis by applying the factors set forth in *In re E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 476 F.2d 1357, 1361, 177 USPQ 563, 567 (C.C.P.A. 1973) (called the “*du Pont* factors”). *In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d 1315, 1322, 123 USPQ2d 1744, 1747 (Fed. Cir. 2017). Only those factors that are “relevant and of record” need be considered. *M2 Software, Inc. v. M2 Commc'ns, Inc.*, 450 F.3d 1378, 1382, 78 USPQ2d 1944, 1947 (Fed. Cir. 2006) (citing *Shen Mfg. Co. v. Ritz Hotel Ltd.*, 393 F.3d 1238, 1241, 73 USPQ2d 1350, 1353 (Fed. Cir. 2004)); *see In re Inn at St. John's, LLC*, 126 USPQ2d 1742, 1744 (TTAB 2018).

Although not all *du Pont* factors may be relevant, there are generally two key considerations in any likelihood of confusion analysis: (1) the similarities between the compared marks and (2) the relatedness of the compared goods and/or services. *See In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d at 1322, 123 USPQ2d at 1747 (quoting *Herbko Int'l, Inc. v. Kappa Books, Inc.*, 308 F.3d 1156, 1164-65, 64 USPQ2d 1375, 1380 (Fed. Cir. 2002)); *Federated Foods, Inc. v. Fort Howard Paper Co.*, 544 F.2d 1098, 1103, 192 USPQ 24, 29 (C.C.P.A. 1976) (“The fundamental inquiry mandated by [Section] 2(d) goes to the cumulative effect of differences in the essential characteristics of the goods [or services] and differences in the marks.”); TMEP §1207.01.

Facts

Applicant's mark is SYNERGYPANEL for “Goods and equipment for horse riding, namely, jump saddles” in International Class 18.

Registrant's mark is SYNERGY for “saddle pads for horses” in International Class 18.

Similarity of the Marks

When considering the similarity of the marks for purposes of a likelihood of confusion determination, marks are compared in their entireties for similarities in appearance, sound, connotation, and commercial impression. *Stone Lion Capital Partners, LP v. Lion Capital LLP*, 746 F.3d 1317, 1321, 110 USPQ2d 1157, 1160 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (quoting *Palm Bay Imps., Inc. v. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Maison Fondee En 1772*, 396 F.3d 1369, 1371, 73 USPQ2d 1689, 1691 (Fed. Cir. 2005)); TMEP §1207.01(b)-(b)(v). “Similarity in any one of these elements may be sufficient to find the marks confusingly similar.” *In re Inn at St. John's, LLC*, 126 USPQ2d 1742, 1746 (TTAB 2018) (citing *In re Davia*, 110 USPQ2d 1810, 1812 (TTAB 2014)); TMEP §1207.01(b).

In the present case, applicant's mark SYNERGYPANEL is similar to the registered mark SYNERGY in sound, appearance, and meaning. Both marks contain the term SYNERGY. The marks are different, however, to the extent that applicant's mark contains the additional term PANEL. Yet, this difference does not obviate the similarity of the marks.

First, consumers are generally more inclined to focus on the first word, prefix, or syllable in any trademark or service mark. *See Palm Bay Imps., Inc. v. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Maison Fondee En 1772*, 396 F.3d 1369, 1372, 73 USPQ2d 1689, 1692 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (finding similarity between VEUVE ROYALE and two VEUVE CLICQUOT marks in part because “VEUVE . . . remains a ‘prominent feature’ as the first word in the mark and the first word to appear on the label”); *Century 21 Real Estate Corp. v. Century Life of Am.*, 970 F.2d 874, 876, 23 USPQ2d 1698, 1700 (Fed. Cir. 1992) (finding similarity between CENTURY 21 and CENTURY LIFE OF AMERICA in part because “consumers must first notice th[e] identical lead word”); *see also In re Detroit Athletic Co.*, 903 F.3d 1297, 1303, 128 USPQ2d 1047, 1049 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (finding “the identity of the marks’ two initial words is particularly significant because consumers typically notice those words first”). Here, the first word in applicant's mark SYNERGY is identical to the registered mark SYNERGY.

Second, although marks are compared in their entireties, one feature of a mark may be more significant or dominant in creating a commercial impression. See *In re Detroit Athletic Co.*, 903 F.3d 1297, 1305, 128 USPQ2d 1047, 1050 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (citing *In re Dixie Rests.*, 105 F.3d 1405, 1407, 41 USPQ2d 1531, 1533-34 (Fed. Cir. 1997)); TMEP §1207.01(b)(viii), (c)(ii). Matter that is descriptive of or generic for a party's goods and/or services is typically less significant or less dominant in relation to other wording in a mark. See *Anheuser-Busch, LLC v. Innvopak Sys. Pty Ltd.*, 115 USPQ2d 1816, 1824-25 (TTAB 2015) (citing *In re Chatam Int'l Inc.*, 380 F.3d 1340, 1342-43, 71 USPQ2d 1944, 1946 (Fed. Cir. 2004)).

In the present case, the attached evidence shows that the wording PANEL in the applied-for mark is merely descriptive of a feature or characteristic of applicant's goods. Specifically, the term "panel" is defined as "a flat, usually rectangular piece forming a raised, recessed, or framed part of the surface in which it is set" or "a vertical section of fabric." See *attached dictionary evidence*. The attached Internet evidence shows that panels are a part of horse saddles. See *attached evidence*. Thus, this wording is less significant in terms of affecting the mark's commercial impression, and renders the wording SYNERGY the more dominant element of the mark.

Third, where the goods of an applicant and registrant are "similar in kind and/or closely related," the degree of similarity between the marks required to support a finding of likelihood of confusion is not as great as in the case of diverse goods and/or services. *In re J.M. Originals Inc.*, 6 USPQ2d 1393, 1394 (TTAB 1987); see *Shen Mfg. Co. v. Ritz Hotel Ltd.*, 393 F.3d 1238, 1242, 73 USPQ2d 1350, 1354 (Fed. Cir. 2004); TMEP §1207.01(b). Here, the goods have complimentary uses.

Applicant has submitted printed or electronic copies of a third-party registration for a mark containing the wording SYNERGY to support the argument that this wording is weak, diluted, or so widely used that it should not be afforded a broad scope of protection. This registration appears to be for goods that are predominantly different from those identified in applicant's application.

The weakness or dilution of a particular mark is generally determined in the context of the number and nature of similar marks in use in the marketplace in connection with similar goods and/or services. See *Nat'l Cable Tel. Ass'n, Inc. v. Am. Cinema Editors, Inc.*, 937 F.2d 1572, 1579-80, 19 USPQ2d 1424, 1430 (Fed. Cir. 1991); *In re E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 476 F.2d 1357, 1361, 177 USPQ 563, 567 (C.C.P.A. 1973). Evidence of widespread third-party use of similar marks with similar goods and/or services "is relevant to show that a mark is relatively weak and entitled to only a narrow scope of protection" in that particular industry or field. *Palm Bay Imps., Inc. v. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Maison Fondee en 1772*, 396 F.3d 1369, 1373-74, 73 USPQ2d 1689, 1693 (Fed. Cir. 2005); see *In re Coors Brewing Co.*, 343 F.3d 1340, 1345, 68 USPQ2d 1059, 1062-63 (Fed. Cir. 2003).

However, evidence comprising only one third-party registration for a similar marks with similar goods and/or services, as in the present case, is generally entitled to little weight in determining the strength of a mark. See *In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d 1315, 1328-29, 123 USPQ2d 1744, 1751-52 (Fed. Cir. 2017); *AMF Inc. v. Am. Leisure Products, Inc.*, 474 F.2d 1403, 1406, 177 USPQ 268, 269 (C.C.P.A. 1973). These few registrations are "not evidence of what happens in the market place or that customers are familiar with them." *AMF Inc. v. Am. Leisure Prods., Inc.*, 474 F.2d at 1406, 177 USPQ at 269; *In re I-Coat Co.*, 126 USPQ2d 1730, 1735 (TTAB 2018). Thus, the few similar third-party registrations submitted by applicant are insufficient to establish that the wording SYNERGY is weak or diluted.

Therefore, when considering the overall commercial impression created by the marks, the marks are confusingly similar for likelihood of confusion purposes.

Relatedness of Goods

When considering the relatedness of the goods of the parties for likelihood of confusion purposes, the goods are compared to determine whether they are similar, commercially related, or travel in the same trade channels. See *Coach Servs., Inc. v. Triumph Learning LLC*, 668 F.3d 1356, 1369-71, 101 USPQ2d 1713, 1722-23 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *Herbko Int'l, Inc. v. Kappa Books, Inc.*, 308 F.3d 1156, 1165, 64 USPQ2d 1375, 1381 (Fed. Cir. 2002); TMEP §§1207.01, 1207.01(a)(vi).

The compared goods need not be identical or even competitive to find a likelihood of confusion. See *On-line Careline Inc. v. Am. Online Inc.*, 229 F.3d 1080, 1086, 56 USPQ2d 1471, 1475 (Fed. Cir. 2000); *Recot, Inc. v. Becton*, 214 F.3d 1322, 1329, 54 USPQ2d 1894, 1898 (Fed. Cir. 2000); TMEP §1207.01(a)(i). They need only be "related in some manner and/or if the circumstances surrounding their marketing are such that they could give rise to the mistaken belief that [the goods and/or services] emanate from the same source." *Coach Servs., Inc. v. Triumph Learning LLC*, 668 F.3d 1356, 1369, 101 USPQ2d 1713, 1722 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (quoting *7-Eleven Inc. v. Wechsler*, 83 USPQ2d 1715, 1724 (TTAB 2007)); TMEP §1207.01(a)(i).

Here, applicant's "Goods and equipment for horse riding, namely, jump saddles" are related to the registrant's "saddle pads for horses" because entities commonly manufacture the goods and market them under the same mark. See *attached evidence*. In addition, the goods are complimentary in use as shown by the attached evidence.

The trademark examining attorney has attached evidence from the USPTO's X-Search database consisting of a number of third-party marks registered for use in connection with the same or similar goods as those of both applicant and registrant in this case. This evidence shows that the goods listed therein, namely saddles and saddle pads, are of a kind that may emanate from a single source under a single mark. See *In re Anderson*, 101 USPQ2d 1912, 1919 (TTAB 2012); *In re Albert Trostel & Sons Co.*, 29 USPQ2d 1783, 1785-86 (TTAB 1993); *In re Mucky Duck Mustard Co.*, 6 USPQ2d 1467, 1470 n.6 (TTAB 1988); TMEP §1207.01(d)(iii).

Further, the attached Internet evidence establishes that the relevant goods are sold or provided through the same trade channels and used by the same classes of consumers in the same fields of use, and the goods are similar or complementary in terms of purpose or function. Thus, applicant's and registrant's goods are considered related for likelihood of confusion purposes. See, e.g., *In re Davey Prods. Pty Ltd.*, 92 USPQ2d 1198, 1202-04 (TTAB 2009); *In re Toshiba Med. Sys. Corp.*, 91 USPQ2d 1266, 1268-69, 1271-72 (TTAB 2009).

Accordingly, the goods are related for likelihood of confusion purposes.

Conclusion

The overriding concern is not only to prevent buyer confusion as to the source of the goods, but to protect the registrant from adverse commercial impact due to use of a similar mark by a newcomer. See *In re Shell Oil Co.*, 992 F.2d 1204, 1208, 26 USPQ2d 1687, 1690 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Therefore, any doubt regarding a likelihood of confusion determination is resolved in favor of the registrant. TMEP §1207.01(d)(i); see *Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Packard Press, Inc.*, 281 F.3d 1261, 1265, 62 USPQ2d 1001, 1003 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *In re Hyper Shoppes (Ohio), Inc.*, 837 F.2d 463, 464-65, 6 USPQ2d 1025, 1026 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

In conclusion, the two marks are similar and the evidence shows that the goods and/or services are related. Therefore, a likelihood of confusion as to the source of the goods and/or services exists, and registration must be refused under Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act.

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

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Shock absorbing saddle pad materials, such as gel or foam, can help protect the horse's back from a rider's impact or the inevitable slight movement of a saddle. Anti-slip technologies can keep a slipping saddle stable, and wither relief or other therapeutic pads accommodate horses with conformational challenges.

Horse saddle pads that come with shims can help compensate temporarily for an ill-fitting saddle while a professional fitting solution is awaited. Half pads, which are shaped to fit only under the panels of the saddle but not under the rider's legs, can provide impact protection, moisture wicking or improve saddle fit. A half pad is most often combined with a regular saddle pad or with a super-thin baby pad that doesn't offer cushioning, but instead helps keep the half pad clean.

Take note of how a saddle fits before adding thick cushioning or extra bulk. If a saddle fits a horse well, it may only require a simple saddle pad, too much bulk in a pad can cause the saddle not to fit and can create pressure points.


Pony and horse saddle pads come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors to suit both the type of saddle being ridden in and the horse's riding discipline. All-purpose saddle pads are a popular choice of riders in hunter, equitation, jumper and even trail riding disciplines. These A/P saddle pads are essentially square, but curved at the front to follow the curves of jumping saddles with short, forward-rotated flaps. Shaped saddle pads, typically made of white, easy-care fleece, are cut to outline the shape of a particular type of saddle, such as close contact for jumping, all-purpose for both jumping and flatwork, and for dressage.

Dressage pads are essentially rectangular in shape with a long drop at the sides to accommodate the long, straight flaps of a dressage saddle. Contouring along the topline of many dressage and A/P saddle pads mimics the shape of a horse's withers and back to offer optimal comfort and a close fit. Additionally, most

the topline of many dressage and A/P saddle pads mimics the shape of a horse's withers and back to offer optimal comfort and a stay-put fit. Additionally, most horse saddle pads stay secure with the use of adjustable hook-and-loop straps that wrap around the upper portion of a saddle's billet straps and with girth loops that hold either the girth or the long billets of a dressage saddle.

While classic white saddle pads—often tastefully trimmed with colored binding, piping or a monogram—are the traditional choice for competition, color combinations in all-purpose and dressage pads can lend extra personality and style to schooling sessions, trail rides or festive mounted events. Saddle pads are offered in a rainbow of colors, prints and patterns and with a wide array of bindings and trims. Custom saddle pads for any discipline promise nearly endless color combinations for a completely personalized look.

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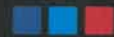
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Identifying and Understanding Saddle Panel Options

April 28, 2013
By Paige Skipper

With our understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the horse, as well as the mechanics of our equipment, panel options are evolving and improving more and more. Solutions are becoming available to find the perfect fitting saddle for every horse, even the ones right off the rack. However, all of these options and choices do not make it any easier to pick exactly which saddle will be the best fit for you and your horse. The following is meant to define these "options" specifically, and explain how they deviate from the standard.

Saddle panels are one part of the saddle that can have multiple options. Being the weight bearing surface of the saddle, it is very important to get the correctly shaped panel that provides the most continuous contact between the horse and the saddle. This enables the saddle to disperse the weight or pressure per square inch of the rider. To the left is a picture of the standard panel shape. This standard panel works well on horses that have good, filled-out toplines, without any dips or hollows behind and to the side of the wither, or without a prominent, bony wither. The width and angle of the panels may vary making it suitable for various conformations but it is still a standard type panel.



Another type of panel is the drop or trapezoid panel. This panel is primarily meant for horses that have a dip or a conformational hollow just behind and to the sides of the wither or perhaps for a horse with a large shoulder and slight dip. The extra depth and shape that this panel has fills up the localized area of the hollows. Below is a picture of a drop or trapezoid panel.



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DESIGN MARK

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Status

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MAYCHAN

Standard Character Mark

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Registration Number

5362500

Date Registered

2017/12/26

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

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Name/Portrait Statement

The wording "MAYCHAN" in the mark does not identify a particular,
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Description of Mark

The mark consists of designs above the wording "MAYCHAN" in a stylized
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of a cat at the top and a cat's tail at the bottom. Inside the C

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shape there is a stylized design of a dog.

Colors Claimed

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

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Standard Character Mark
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5250521

Date Registered
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Type of Mark
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Register
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Mark Drawing Code
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CALIFORNIA 93460

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Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 006. US 002 012 013 014 023 025 050. G
& S: Spurs; Figures of common metal; Figurines of common metal; Metal
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Goods/Services
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Goods/Services

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First Use In Commerce: 1990/12/31.

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Belt buckles. First Use: 1940/12/31. First Use In Commerce:
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Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Providing
recognition and incentives by the way of awards to demonstrate
excellence in the field of horseback riding and rodeo events;
Recreational services in the nature of a horseback riding club. First
Use: 1930/12/31. First Use In Commerce: 1930/12/31.

Translation Statement

The English translation of "Rancheros Visitadores" in the mark is
"Visiting Ranchers".

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2016/12/28

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Commerce: 2017/09/28.

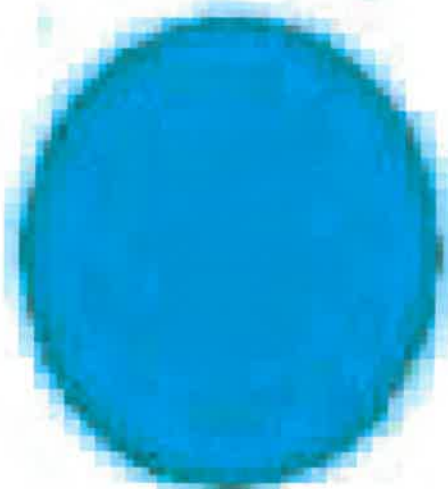
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supplements for dogs and horses; medicated supplements for foodstuffs
for animals. First Use: 2005/12/01. First Use In Commerce:
2005/12/01.

Goods/Services
Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S:
Horse tack, namely, turnout, neck rugs, coolers, stable sheets,
blankets, reins, browband headstalls, halters, fly sheets, fly masks,
fly boots, hoods, martingales, nosebands, training forks, curb chains
and cinches, saddles, saddle pads; bridle bags; saddle carrier bags;
tail bags; halter bags; bags for horse tack. First Use: 2005/10/01.
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Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S:
Horse tack, namely, headstall, breast collar, bridle, reins, halters,
girths, browband, chest plate, curb straps, saddle covers, protective
covers and wraps for horses' legs, bits, saddle pads, leads, lines,
cross ties for animals, saddle trees, whips, hocks, crops, stirrups,
bats, fly masks, horse fly sheets; horse quarter sheets; exercise
sheets for horses, carrying bags for horse tack; Feed bags for
animals, namely, carrying bags to hold hay; Saddlery equipment,
namely, pads for horse saddles, riding saddles, saddle belts, saddle
racks; and other equine products, namely, tie-downs, nosebands, equine
straps, bits, equine leg wraps and boots, ear nets; Gaiters, namely,
jumping boots for horses; Horse equipment, namely, harnesses and their
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harnesses, restraining straps, leashes with locking devices for use in
pet grooming; animal leashes; collars for animals. First Use:

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Finally there is a third panel shape, the k-panel. This panel provides even more depth than the trapezoidal panel as it covers and therefore fits in a much larger area. It is useful for a conformation in which the horse is downhill in such a way that the tree would slide into the wither area. This feature consists of the front third of the saddle. Below is a picture of a saddle with a k-panel. The k-panel may be called other things such as a slid row panel but the features are essentially the same. To provide extra depth and therefore balance, for a horse that has a downhill, forward placed scoop or narrower wither but larger shoulders.



More options arise when we look at the interior filling of the panels. There are two main types of panel construction, gusseted and non-gusseted. Gusseted panels are usually flocked with wool or a synthetic filling. Non-gusseted panels are generally made of foam, or lined with felt and then filled with foam or flocking. There are advantages and disadvantages of working with either material. Flocked, gusseted saddles can be reflocked or have their flocking adjusted by a saddle fitter to accommodate a horse's changing shape or to fit a different horse. Foam, non-gusseted saddles cannot change their shape, and do not have much adjustability. If fitting adjustments are needed, correction pads are used. However, foam is durable and holds its shape over time, which generally means no adjustments or maintenance. This does not hold true for flocked, gusseted saddles.

Sometimes, there is a difference in shape, or rear panel angle, between the gusseted and non-gusseted saddles. Gusseted saddles can provide an extra wedge, creating a squared-off, broad, flat surface area. This can work very well for horses that have a flatter, broader back from side to side and front to back. Conversely, non-gusseted saddles might not have that extra wedge shape, creating a more upswept surface profile. This can be useful with a horse that has a more curved topline.

Gusset depth in the rear, (from shallow to deep), also plays a role in balance of the saddle. The deeper or thicker the rear gusset, the more the saddle will raise in the back. This can be useful with a horse that is very uphill. However, if the saddle is too narrow to begin with, adding depth to the rear gusset may balance the saddle but not necessarily improve the fit.

The rear end of the panel can also have an "upswept" option. In this scenario, the panel is thicker in the rear with a swept up appearance. This helps horses whose backs curve upwards in the rear by keeping the saddle from bridging or digging into the loins. This option can also be useful for a short backed horse. Below is a picture of an upswept panel.



Adjustments to the front of the saddle can be made as well. There are two common options that can be added, wither gussets and full front gussets. Horses that have a nicely filled out topline, with no dips and hollows, generally work well in just a standard saddle. See the picture below.



Wither gussets are an additional tear shaped flocked panel toward the top of the panel, their main use, to fill in the small dips to the sides of the wither on horses that have moderate to large withers with hollows on either side. You might be thinking that this sounds familiar to the trapezius panel mentioned above, and in fact it is! Almost always, these two are used in conjunction. A saddle with wither gussets is pictured below right. Full front gussets are an extra full length panel addition with flocking all the way down the length of the front of the panel. These can be useful in several fitting situations. Full front gussets can provide lift to the front of the saddle. They can be used to get more clearance over a horse with a large wither and/or curved back, from front to rear to lift the front of the saddle up rather than allowing it to slide forward and down, into the back of the wither. Additionally, they can be helpful with a horse that is pear shaped where the saddle may want to slide forward onto the shoulder.

Below left is a picture of a saddle with full front gussets. Below right is a saddle with wither gussets.



Having an understanding of your horse's conformation and the available options is crucial to finding the best fitting saddle. Using a saddle that has "options," but not those that were meant for your horse's body-type can be worse than using a "standard" saddle and can cause physical and behavioral problems. Compare it to a pair of shoes with a substantial arch that doesn't correspond with the arch in your foot. Conversely, using a saddle that has just the right "options" for your horse can make all the difference in fit and comfort, resulting in a healthy and happy horse. Hopefully this article clearly defines all of the different options available for panel construction, and how to choose which one would be right for your horse. However, if you have any further questions or comments, don't ever hesitate

to call the shop! We are always here to help you learn all the information and choose what saddle is best for you and your horse!
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2 Responses to "Identifying and Understanding Saddle Panel Options"



Sandra Scott

May 19, 2017

Hi, I live in the U.K. And I found your article very informative. I have one question. My pony has muscle atrophy either side of his withers. Do I still need a saddle with drop panels? Or do I get standard panels to allow the muscle to develop and grow back. Your advice would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Jay McGarry

May 23, 2017

You could by shimming the saddle with a correction pad but the most important thing is to make sure the saddle is wide enough for the pony's shoulders and then have enough shims, flocking or panel depth to get clearance. If you size too narrow just to clear the wither, the shoulders will be pinched.

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Choosing Saddle Panels



When you're buying a saddle, a consideration in your decision-making process may involve the way in which the saddle's panels are filled.

Saddle panels are the weight-bearing surfaces of the saddle that run along either side of the gullet. Saddle panels are designed and intended to distribute weight and pressure evenly along a horse's back, and they can be filled with a range of materials.

Much discussion has gone into the creation of saddle panels, and two main schools of thought have developed. One school favors wool-flocked panels and one school favors foam-filled panels. Air-filled panels are also popular with some riders.

Historically, saddle panels have been flocked with wool fibers. Long strands of wool, wool fibers blended with synthetic fibers, or synthetic fibers alone are placed by hand into a canvas-lined panel. Foam is a modern innovation for saddle panels. It can be either synthetic or natural latex, and it is placed into the lining of the panel to fill out the form.

Advantages of Flocked Saddle Panels

- Flocking, especially that made of natural wool, conforms to a horse's back.
 - A skilled saddle fitter can adjust the flocking of the panels to best fit your horse.
 - Adjustments can be done regularly as the horse's muscles develop or the shape changes due to diet or other factors.
 - When the flocking becomes compressed over time and use, a saddle fitter can replace it fairly inexpensively to breathe new life into the saddle.
 - Wool is breathable and for this reason some people feel that wool keeps a horse's back cooler.
 - Synthetic flocking is believed by some to provide loft and durability, whether used alone or in combination with wool fibers.
- You can find flocking in many saddles, such as in the Staffen Peters Advantage Single Flap Dressage Saddle.

Advantages of Foam-Filled Saddle Panels

- Foam does not shift or compress.
 - Foam is resilient.
 - Foam can be appropriate for a saddle that is used on multiple horses as it won't conform to any one horse's back.
 - Foam tends to be available in thinner panels that some riders feel provide a closer contact.
- You can find foam filled panels in many saddles, such as in the Circuit Premier Special EQ Saddle.

Combination Wool and Foam Saddle Panels

Some saddle manufacturers have combined the benefits of both flocking and foam into their saddles, as described here:

- AMS Panels are designed for riders who prefer the versatility of a flocked panel but who wish to also have their horses enjoy the benefit of foam. AMS panels consist of a synthetic flocking material stuffed into a smooth, breathable neoprene lining that helps reduce bumps and pressure points against the horse's back. AMS Panels are found in the Passoa A/O AMS Saddle.
- Bayflex Panels consist of a memory-flex polyurethane material designed to provide superior padding for a variety of sports applications. With excellent memory retention, the foam retains its original shape yet self-adjusts to the horse's back to minimize pressure points. The foam also maintains its temperature and therefore minimizes hot spots. You can find Bayflex Panels inside many Passoa saddles.


...to learn more about the benefits of our wool flocking and foam panels.

* Comfort Fit Panels found in Marcel Toulouse saddles enable riders to enjoy the benefits of both foam and wool flocking. The wool is stuffed into a foam panel lining and can be adjusted for the horse. The foam panel lining is intended to help reduce pressure points.

CAIR Panels

The CAIR Panel System replaces traditional panel fillings with air as the cushioning agent for the horse. Each saddle panel has two independently sealed Air Panels, with the air acting as a fluid medium to constantly adapt to the horse's working muscles to eliminate pressure points. The CAIR Panel System is found in Betes saddles and in many Wintex Saddles, such as the 2000 All Purpose Saddle.

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Panels, Panels, Panels! And Why Your Horse Cares

By  | December 31, 2013 | 

If you've been an equestrian for more than 20 minutes you've probably heard some version of the "wool versus foam" panel debate. This article is not really about that benefits of wool compared to foam (or vice versa), since that topic has been beaten to death. But we will touch on it for a moment before getting to some more interesting details about how panels can help or hurt your horse. If you're not privy to saddle fitting or the construction of a saddle, the panels are the two soft pieces on the bottom of an English saddle that make contact with the horse's back on either side of the spine. It typically comes down to whatever the given saddle company fills their panels with, that's the material they claim is better. Here is a picture of the foam and wool that is actually inside the leather of the panels.



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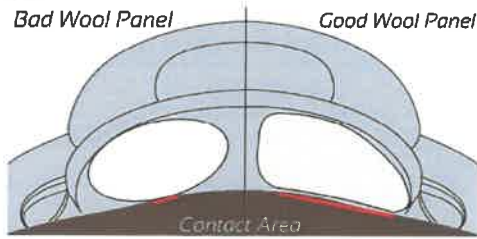
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You can see by the rigidity of the foam and "bounciness" of the wool why anyone without a bias opinion (independent fitters, vets & body workers) favors wool panels. Wool is generally favored because it is softer, more breathable and can be regularly adjusted to keep up with a horse's ever-changing back. Here's where things start to get interesting.

Not all wool panels are created equal! And it is up to you to be informed to get a saddle with the right kind of wool panels for your horse's back. To start with an analogy: green beans are generally considered healthy, but there is a dramatic difference between the sodium-soaked green beans from a can and green beans picked fresh off the plant. The same goes for the wool panels in a saddle. Some can be so densely flocced that they are rock hard and lumpy, while some can be lightly flocced with soft fresh wool that molds to your horse's back. Consider this image.



Depending on how your horse's back slopes down from the spine on either side, you will want to consider the shape of the panels from side to side in hopes they are similar angles. Since a lot of riders don't have the budget to get a fully custom saddle (and many of those high end brands sell off the shelf as it is) with panels specially shaped to a particular horse's back, the trick is to do the next best thing. Be sure your saddle has substantial and SOFT wool panels. Most importantly this will allow the panels to mold around your horse's back for soft and even weight distribution, but it will also minimize saddle bouncing and the concussion caused from that. But wait there's more! It will also leave a lot of room for a saddle fitter to make future adjustments as your horse muscles up and/or grows.

You may ask: "This is great advice for someone in the market for a saddle. But what if I have an

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You may ask, "This is good advice for someone in the market for a saddle. But what if I have to make do with the saddle I have?" There is some salvation for you, though: depending on the saddle you have, the benefits will vary. Both foam panel and old hard wool panel saddles can be fully reflocked with fresh wool. It is something you will need to ask for specifically because only some saddle fitters provide the service. A full reflock will give you some leeway in allowing for the panels to mold to your horse's

Now that you know not all wool is created equal, I hope you feel more empowered to protect your horse under saddle. Best of luck with your saddle! Be sure to post your comments, questions, suggestions & experiences in the comments below. I will reply to you!

Justin B

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 Kerry Weisselberg on January 2, 2014 at 7:27 pm

I can totally see where you are coming from. BUT a well-shaped (flatish, large surface area) foam panel is appreciated by a lot of horses. It is shock-absorbing, warms up with the horse's body heat, and usually stays perfectly uniform, whereas wool can go lumpy and asymmetric, and not all riders are diligent about checking it frequently. Many of the top horses in the world are ridden in foam-paneled saddles and perform incredibly well. I think "foam bad, wool good" is too simplistic, unfortunately. I'd say "narrow panels like rolling pins BAD, wide flat squdgy panels with give good". I think

[Reply](#)

 Justin on January 2, 2014 at 7:49 pm

Hi Kerry,
You make a great point about avoiding too simplistic of assumptions. And I agree with you that there are foam panels out there that will work for particular horses when done properly and maintained. My essay is attempting to address the majority of horses and riders, where they are generally safer for the long term with the right kind of wool panels. Thank you for your comment!

[Reply](#)

 Chris Miller on January 2, 2014 at 10:30 pm

A very good write up - thank you!

As an independent fitter I still prefer wool over foam. As explained above, no adjustments can be made to foam and on most foam saddles the padding is just way too thin and many times I can feel the tree points and stirrup bar attachments press through the foam by just pressing my finger on it. Foam also goes bad eventually and I have seen enough saddles being compressed with dents in the panels which just cannot be fixed unless the foam is entirely replaced (have not seen too many people do that).

One of the companies which has started to make good quality foam panels now is Prestige the foam is thicker (and still soft enough) so there is protection under the tree points and stirrup bar attachments.

Foam to wool conversions can only be done if the panels are broad enough, otherwise the added material creates panels like a 'pipe'. I have attempted some but stay away from it now unless a saddle really does have broad panels which most foam saddles don't have.

I am still way prefer wool over foam - for sensitive backed horses wool flocced serge panels are the best way to go.

Begin

 Justin on January 3, 2014 at 12:00 am:

Thanks for the reply Bria. Great to hear from a saddle fitter!

Think

 Subeesh on July 19, 2014 at 1:20 pm:

I need a saddle pad but I don't know which one to get. There is just a normal english saddle pad. Or a sheepskin half pad. What should I get? I am using a Amengo close contact jump saddle I am going to be showing but not for awhile.

Tryon

 tiff on August 7, 2014 at 12:17 pm:

Most likely a sheepskin pad will be best for that saddle. But there are a lot of factors to consider before I can really give you a useful/specific answer. Send me an email at justin@horsesaddles.com and I will help you on a personal level.

Thanks
Justin

Finish

 **Karla Dewey** on January 8, 2014 at 8:46 pm

Thank you for the great images along with your post! A picture is truly worth a thousand words!
I have always preferred wool flocking to foam because of the ability to have it adjusted to fit your horse.
Even having seen the different designs of where the flocking goes it took your image of good wool panel vs. bad wool panel to make the complete connection in my mind. That image is a wonderful tool! Thanks again.
Nice to read the other comments as well.

 **Justin** on January 10, 2014 at 11:37 am

Thank you so much for the kind words Karla!

 **Xylene** on July 19, 2014 at 9:35 am

I have a brand new saddle and it is pretty stiff and VERY squeaky! I just ran out of oil and I was wondering before I bought anymore, what yalls opinions were on different oils and conditioners. What is the best oil or conditioner to use to make a saddle nice and flexible and NOT squeaky? Tell me if you recommend saddle oil or saddle soap. Also how often should I apply it?

 **tbf** on August 7, 2014 at 12:16 pm

As for the stiffness, just riding in it a lot is the best thing. Then applying some Passier Lederbalsam every week or two to at the beginning will help. As for the squeak it depends what type you mean. If it is leather rubbing, the Lederbalsam will be your friend. If it is a tree related noise you may need to get in touch with a saddle maker to inspect it if the noise doesn't go away after a few weeks.
Thanks
Justin

 **Whittany Smith** on January 15, 2014 at 9:08 am

 [@fite](#) on January 15, 2014 at 4:46 pm

Thank you! Really "really useful!"



 Justin on January 16, 2014 at 6:33 am

That's so great to hear! And there will be much more in the future



 Karen Thomas on February 26, 2014 at 8:22 pm

I know that the preference is wool, but I have been riding a long time and I have yet to actually meet anyone who has had their saddle reflocked. It is advisable, for sure, but here in the panhandle of Florida it is hard to find someone to do that work. I purchased a couple of Wintecs with the Cair panels and my horse seems to love them - but what do you think of those? I wish they had more give, but so far it's been great, and we usually have a perfect sweat mark - however, the other day I had a perfectly "dry" mark, like the entire panels were pressing uniformly, but instead of sweat, it was dry like too much pressure?? I don't understand what is going on with the sudden change



 Justin on March 7, 2014 at 11:49 am

Hi Karen
Thanks for the comment. The Cair panels do a good job for the price range they are in - definitely better than anything else in that price range. However, regularly adjusted wool panels, will be more effective in keeping you horse safe and comfortable. Wool is soft, and with an ever-changing horse, you can make sure the balance is always right and the pressure along his topline is consistent.

As for local fitters, Florida is an equestrian's hot spot, especially in the winter! I am SURE you could find a local saddle fitter to come for an evaluation and adjustment. If you want any more details or saddle fitting help via email pictures please send us a note at:

Thanks
Justin



 6n7.8ths on December 29, 2016 at 6:37 am

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they're as good as the makers say – right the way through:

The guts of any piece of equipment are usually less pretty than the exterior, but nevertheless, we're often happy to take the manufacturer's word on trust.

Yet when the marketing message is that a particular brand is actually healthier for the horse's back on account of its inbuilt 'systems', it's definitely time to take a closer look. Consider a message such as this:

"Naturally, horses will demonstrate a marked improvement in performance when changed to a saddle featuring CAIRO."

http://www.easychangefitsolution.com/saddle_brands/wintec_saddles.html (13/3/2017)

That's pretty grand, isn't it? How wonderful if it were only true. But working in Australia, birthplace of Weatherbeeta, Bates and Wintec, and a chain of saddlery stores that sells and fits these saddles, *which is owned by that same company*, I do find much evidence that persuades me otherwise.

At this point, I must make my usual disclaimer: I have no problem with any saddle that genuinely fits the horse. I do have a problem with misleading claims, intentional or otherwise, as expressed in my earlier article, [Debunked: The Lie That's Told About Adjustable Saddles](#).

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CAIR for the horse – or EASY-Marketing?

Google CAIR and you'll find it described as the "revolutionary CAIR® Cushion System for the ultimate performance panel".

Navigating a range of websites, you might also discover that it is accompanied in saddles by the EASY-CHANGE® Gullet System and the EASY-CHANGE® Riser system.



Easy flock? More details below...

Together, these three comprise the EASY-CHANGE® Fit Solution.

Confused yet? No matter, as you can read all about it on the EASY-CHANGE® [website](#)...

Crazy as I find the labelling, and let's be honest, the brand marketing department *has* gone a bit nuts, what really bothers me is that these much vaunted systems are not doing what it says on the packet. Nowhere near.

The problem with systems...

In my view, systems often evolve to the benefit of the people

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who operate them. That is fine: they make problems easier to understand and easier to navigate – and saddle fitting is certainly a problem when you can't find the right fit for your horse.

So if a system results in a better saddle fit and, as the website suggests “your horse's absolute comfort and your peace of mind”, all well and good.

But where systems go wrong is when the function of making life easier for people is given more importance than the problem they were originally intended to resolve.

Or, indeed, when they become an effective way of achieving increased sales through the handy marketing push they make possible.

And this bugs me because the horse's much vaunted comfort is usually by this stage sliding further and further down the importance pile. Like a growing number of equine professionals, I've taken a look inside these saddles, and something simply isn't adding up between the message and the reality.

At this point, I will say no more, but instead present some of the website content I've been reading this month. Alongside it, you'll find some photos that I and others have taken.

Beyond the photo captions, I've made no comment until the

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last section on flocking. I found that had no choice, because the 'secret flock sock' is so secret, I can find no website content about it... Let's just say that seems a little unusual.

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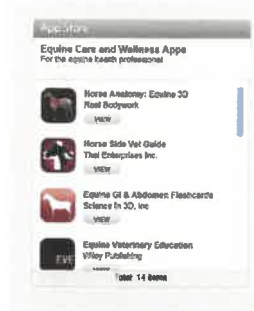
"The CAIR® Cushion System"

"Fluidly working with your horse's muscles, the revolutionary CAIR® Cushion System replaces traditional fillings in your saddle with air. The cushioning nature of air encourages your horse to soften, relax and engage. Seated closer to your horse, you become simply an extension of one another. Transcend into a new world of opportunities through the power of true connection. Empower your horse with the ultimate in comfort, and explore your true potential together with the CAIR® Cushion System. "



CAIR panels removed from a Wintec, 5 years ago. Manufacturer's own parcel tape.

http://caircushionsystem.com/noflash.htm (13/3/2017)



"CAIR: The Power of True Connection"

"Finally a panel system that understands the mechanics of the equine back and the impact saddles have on horse and rider performance. The revolutionary CAIR® Cushion System replaces the traditional fillings in your saddle panel with air. There are two independently sealed Air Cushions within each Saddle Panel. The concept of air, as the ultimate in cushioning for the horse is simple."



CAIR panel on original board backing, sliced to show open cell foam inside.

<http://caircushionsystem.com/whatIsCAIR/index.htm> (13/3/2017)

"Air being a fluid medium will constantly adapt to the horse's working muscles. This means that your weight will be distributed evenly across the entire length of the cushion, virtually eliminating pressure points. This extraordinary comfort results in freer movement, better carriage and a happier horse. For such a simple concept the dramatic difference the CAIR®



Vinyl sleeve and parcel tape - the tape affected by Australian heat.

Cushion System makes to a horse's comfort and performance is profound."

<http://caircushionsystem.com/whatisCAIR/index.htm> (13/3/2017)

“The award winning CAIR® Panel Insert System was launched to retailers and saddle fitters around the world. Together with the tree adjustability of the EASY-CHANGE® Gullet System, this delivered a whole new level of adjustability in saddles. The insert system enabled retailers and saddle fitters to make adjustments within the panel effectively, efficiently and to the highest professional standards.”



Foam panel insert, now renamed the EASY-Change Riser System.

<http://www.easychangesolution.com/easy-change-story.html> (13/3/2017)

“The challenge lies in developing an air system that limits any opportunity for human interference on the performance of the panels.

“The cutting edge Research and Development Team at Bates Australia have spent many years refining and perfecting techniques for incorporating an air cushion into a



More recent CAIR panel – outer sleeve and foam

saddle panel, before reaching a breakthrough in manufacturing method.

*More images to come
insert. (Note: panels are opened, so no air is present in these images.)*

The CAIR® Air Cushions are shaped and refined at the point of manufacture to provide an even thickness throughout the panel....”

<http://caircushionsystem.com/whatsCAIR/evolution.htm> (13/3/2017)

“What is Inside an Air Panel?”

“Air is captured at atmospheric pressure in an open-celled foam and sealed in the Air Panel. Once the air panel is welded the open-celled foam becomes irrelevant, as it is the air trapped in the panel, which is doing the work.



Another close up of that foam.

Furthermore, the balance of saddles with the CAIR® Cushion System is easily altered without compromise to the performance of the air panels.”

<http://www.caircushionsystem.com/faqs/index.htm> (13/3/2017)

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“How adaptable are the saddles for achieving an optimal fit?”

“Extremely, Saddles that feature both the CAIR® Cushion System and EASY-CHANGE Gullet System are unsurpassed in the flexibility they offer for achieving an optimal fit.



The riser/shim, board, and CAIR panel combination.

Once you have selected the correct gullet size for your horse, the CAIR® Panel Insert System enables you to alter the balance of your saddle without compromising the performance of the Air Panels.”

“Official Fit Disclaimer”

N.B whilst the innovative EASY-CHANGE® Fit Solution offers unsurpassed flexibility in achieving an optimal fit, no one saddle can claim to fit every horse. It is always recommended ongoing professional advice is sought on the fit and in meeting the unique needs of each horse/rider combination. Global patents and design registrations apply.



The riser/shims, used to add depth to flat panels (between 2 and 12 have been found in saddles)

http://www.easychangefitsolution.com/easy-change_fit_solution/index.html (20 Sept 2015)

“The Current Day...”

“Bates Australia has now developed a means of offering these saddle fitting systems in both saddles featuring high performance CAIR® panels, as well as traditional flocked panels.”



Newer CAIR panel.

<http://www.easychangefitsolution.com/easy-change-story.html>
(13/3/2017)

But Hang On... “Traditional flocked panels”... What are they talking about?

*OK, this is where I break my silence.
This is where I introduce the flock
panel insert.*

The thing is that for the past 2-3 years, other company saddlers have been finding these rather strange, stuffed fabric panels inside Wintec and Bates saddles brought in by customers requesting reflocking.



The current 'flocking'

These fabric sleeves, which are the same shape as the vinyl CAIR sleeve, are packed hard and tight, meaning that the usual benefit offered by flocking – ie, ability to mould to the horse's shape – is lost altogether. You won't hear about that though, because this is a manufacturer's secret (shhhh).

Where Can We Find the Flocking Info?

Oddly, and strangely given all the Easy web pages, this 'flock sock' doesn't have its own page and isn't photographed on any of the Wintec, Bates and EASY-whatever websites.



The flock sock is well-packed with balls of synthetic flocking.

Why? I'd speculate that the sock removes considerable time and dollars off the manufacturing cost of flocked saddles, **without adding much that's positive at the horse end of the equation.**

[ed note. I've removed the detail about pricing here, because I made a mistake with it. That obviously isn't good enough. I'm sorry about that.]

So, why is nobody hearing about this little innovation? The company don't want to add flocking to saddles as it's less profitable, but is offering 'flocking' (or their own version of it)

simply to satisfy customer demand. Unfortunately, with this inner working of the saddles kept out of sight, the customer simply doesn't know what they're paying for.

And how good is that for the horse's interests, we must ask?



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Harold R Sitton says

March 28, 2017 at 11:24 pm

In thinking about the various air flocking systems, ambient air pressure drops around 1/2 PSI for every 1,000 foot gain in elevation which could, or so it seems, result in the air bags becoming over filled and bouncy similar to what a potato chip bag will sometimes do in the mountains.

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Heather Moffett says

March 28, 2017 at 11:39 pm

Well said Jane!!

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Fiona Myles says

March 20, 2017 at 1:56 am

March 29, 2017 at 1:06 am

Finding the right saddle is a nightmare. So many factors are involved and knowing who to trust when it comes to reflocking or adjusting is not easy either. Manufacturers are indeed fixated on 'Introducing The Latest System'. Sometimes I wish I could use the 'Totally Invisible System', but sadly I'm a bit too old to try it seriously.

Fi Myles

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Jonathan Hopkins says

March 29, 2017 at 6:24 am

The 'flock socks' I've come across in UK saddles have been leather rather than fabric bags and flocked softly. Problem is that you can't actually adjust them in situ because their slots never line up with those in the external panel. Of course you're right – use of Cair and flock bags both cheapens and speeds up saddle production while making them more difficult to fit in the conventional sense.

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Susie Britton Hickson says

April 2, 2017 at 9:11 am

Thank you for this insight. I have only had one saddle (a second hand one) and it was awful. The saddle was unbalanced, rolled like a wet sponge and despite numerous visits from a fitter, it constantly slipped.

I also hate changeable gullet systems on fully developed, mature horses. They have a place in the market when young horses change and grow but too many people with very little knowledge of saddle fitting, rely on them all the time in order to avoid the cost of a proper saddle check on a regular basis.

Conversely, it has to be said that I think saddle fitters need a bit of a shake up about their charges and the advice they give. Why can't there be a proper examination/regulatory body for this profession? The fit is as important as the making of saddles and just as likely to cripple as bad shoeing or not having teeth checked!

Edited to add: the awful saddle was one with the Cair system. I have owned many excellent wool flocked ones.

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J Evans says

May 20, 2018 at 3:14 pm

WOW! What an eye opener!

WOW! what an eye opener!

We had a 2004 Bates Caprilli, left front air panel deflated. I had no idea the then 9 year old saddle even had air bags. The saddle was lightly used. I kept after my daughter about being one-sided and dropping a hip and shifting the saddle. Chiropractor for her – all fine. Horse's stride short on the left side. After the vet and chiropractor, I called a saddle fitter. Saddle fitter opened up saddle and showed me the air panel. Reminded me of a Ziploc bag that's been heat sealed and the seal failed.

I was told that I either had to send the saddle back to Bates in Australia to have the bag replaced or to a saddle fitter to change it over to flocking. I was told the air bags generally last 2 years if you ride often, and that I should have all of the panels replaced if I went through the trouble of sending to Bates. The other option meant finding a saddle fitter or maker capable of rebuilding for flocking and that very few would be willing to gut the saddle to rebuild for proper flocking, complete with ports. Either way, it was expensive. Plastic, tape, staples and baggies just don't sit well with my old school concept of a saddle tree and padding.

The horse had muscle injury to the shoulder from the blown bag which has taken quite a long time to rehab and numerous bills.

Conclusion: I am NOT impressed with CAIR and ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT BUY another saddle with air

bags.

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Michele Spano says
July 31, 2018 at 2:31 am

Hi,

Do you know if you can remove the panels and then open them up? Could the panels themselves be reflocked with wool and then reinserted? Thank you for all the great info.

Michele

[Reply](#)



Jane @ THB says
July 31, 2018 at 8:51 am

If you replaced the internal foam with flock in the panel itself, you'd have the same outcome. A good saddler can remove the insert altogether and refill the panel – ie the leather or synthetic material panel that sits against the horse – with wool flock. You're then basically back to the traditional form of saddle.

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Michele says

July 31, 2018 at 10:12 am

Thank you for the info. I'll take it to a saddle fitter.
Michele

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panel (pān əl)

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- n.
1. A flat, usually rectangular piece forming a raised, recessed, or framed part of the surface at which it is set.
 2. The space or section in a fence or railing between two posts.
 3. A vertical section of fabric; a gore.
 4.
 - a. A thin wooden board, used as a surface for an oil painting.
 - b. A painting on such a board.
 5.
 - a. A board having switches or buttons to control an electric device.
 - b. An instrument panel.
 6. A section of a telephone switchboard.
 7. A cartoon drawing as a sequence of cartoons that form a narrative.
 8. **LEVEE**
 - a. The complete list of persons summoned for jury duty.
 - b. Those persons chosen from this list to constitute a pool from which a jury or jurors will be selected for a particular court.
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 1. To cover or furnish with panels.
 2. To decorate with panels.
 3. To separate into panels.

[Middle English, *pane* of cloth, from Old French, probably from Vulgar Latin **pannellus*, diminutive of Latin *pannus*, cloth; see *pane-* in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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