

Next, choose your seat leather.

The standard seat option is a French calf. This is a smooth and durable leather which is prone to slight stretching if you order softer seat foam.

If extreme durability is important, consider Schrumpf, which has a bit of texture to it that serves to mask most scuffs and scratches.

Or, if grippiness is what you're after, choose a Doeskin seat, either grain side up, or suede side up. Doeskin seat with Buffalo leather skirts is the most “sticky” combination.





French calf is the standard seat option

French calf is a smooth leather that breaks in under the seat of the rider, growing more comfortable over time. This seat choice may sag a bit if extra soft seat foam is your choice but that won't affect durability.

French calf is available in black, dark brown, military brown, nut brown, and specialty colors as well.

Pictured: AvantGarde with french calf seat, black patent welting and front facing, and velcro areas to accept removable/adjustable thigh blocks.



Schrumpf adds a bit of texture

Schrumpf has texture that forgives minor scuffs and scratches; the texture is not obvious after the leather is pulled tight to form the seat of the saddle, but can be seen in the pommel area.

Schrumpf sometimes is allocated; inquire about colors which are currently available.

Pictured: Encore with schrumpf seat, matte black welting, and velcro areas to accept adjustable thigh blocks.



Doeskin seats provide ultimate grip

Doeskin has more texture than calf leather, and is very slightly more gray in color. It can be installed smooth side up, or suede side up for even more grip.

Doeskin is our top of the line seat option, and comes in black and brown.

Pictured: Encore with a doeskin seat, smooth side up with buffalo leather skirts, dark brown patent welting, and zen thigh blocks.

Thigh Blocks: Choose Shape and Position



Thigh Block Options:



Slim

Dimensions:
Length: 10"
Width: 2 1/2"
Height: 2 1/2"



Thigh Support

Dimensions:
Length: 8"
Width: 3"
Height: 1 1/2"



Ultimate

Dimensions:
Length: 10 1/4"
Width: 3 1/2"
Height: 2 1/2"



Short Ultimate

Dimensions:
Length: 7 1/4"
Width: 3 1/2"
Height: 2 1/2"



Zen

Dimensions:
Length: 9"
Width: 3 1/4"
Height: 3 1/4"



Short Zen

Dimensions:
Length: 7 1/2"
Width: 3 1/4"
Height: 3 1/4"

When we ship a saddle for your Two Week Test Ride, it will come with a kit of thigh blocks. Once you've selected the perfect shape, size and position, we will build your saddle with either a sewn-in block, or a removable block (your choice).

If you prefer a different shape - or no block at all - no problem. We have flat and padded options, and can also shape and size a custom block just for you.

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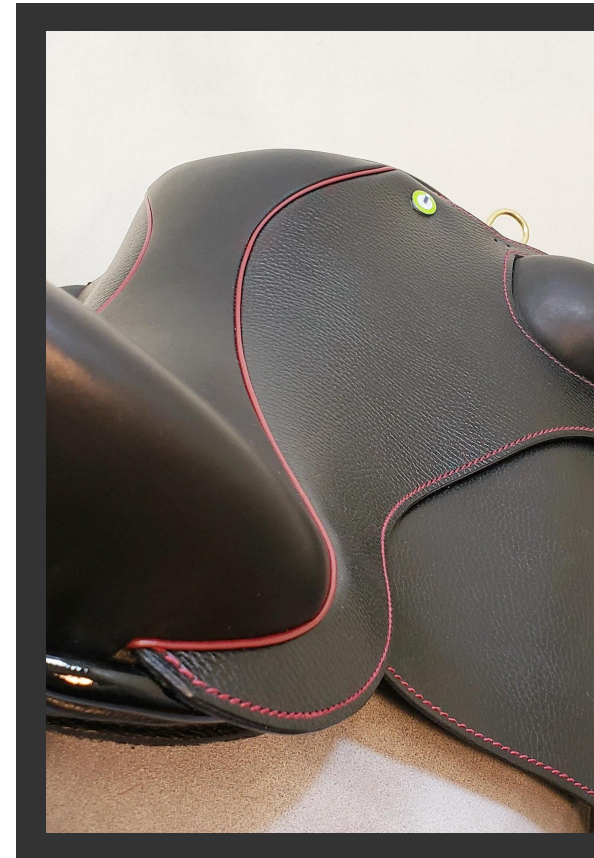
What about Outline Stitching?

Create a one-of-a-kind look with outline stitching.

Outline the skirt of the saddle – or order a pair of stitched flaps, to match!

Left: embossed cantle insert set off by royal blue welting and blue outline stitching.

On the right: burgundy welting with matching edge stitching; and matching stitched flaps.





Add color
with
welting!





Pommel Inlays and Cantle Overlays, perhaps?



Do you need a custom twist? Our expert design team will help figure out the right shape for your body.

For more information on the twist, check out [Carmi's blog](#) about understanding rider shape and twist design.

(click on the words "Carmi's blog" for access)

What about Rider Comfort?

We're all about it. From custom seat shapes, foam relief for your pubic bone, or a narrowed (or widened) twist, let us make you more comfortable than you thought possible.



Consider installing an adjustable stirrup bar.

A four-position adjustable stirrup bar can help you find the ideal hip/heel alignment. Changing the angle in your hip may also ease hip or knee pain.

All of our tester saddles have this option, as part of the EQ Rider Adjustabilty Package.



Custom Order Process

1. Before you order, you'll need to have finished a Two Week Test Ride, or already own an EQ saddle. This is because we want to be sure you're delighted before we take your order.
2. Review the options in this guide to get a sense of the looks that appeal to you, then notify your rep. We'll send you a look book with more of the looks you like...from blues or browns to textures, bling, embroidery, or one-off designs that we've done for others. You may also send us photos of looks you love, or of boots, bridles, or helmets that you're trying to match.
3. When you're ready for a quote, sign up for a saddle design session (your rep will give you the calendar link). Right after the meeting, you'll get a preliminary quote for your custom saddle. Your order will be fluid until you have made all of your selections and approved the quote.
4. When you tell us you're ready, we will send your completed order for your online signature, and, once you've signed, we'll collect a 40% deposit to launch your order.
5. When your custom saddle arrives from England, it will be configured in our California workshop to the specifications for your horse, and then shipped out to you immediately.

Please contact us for any special needs or specific questions. We're here to help!

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Ready to order?

Contact your EQ Saddle Expert Rep to get on our saddle design calendar. We'll meet with you as many times as you like until you're happy with the design, functionality, and price of your saddle (the complete order process is outlined on the prior page).

Every saddle is handmade in England to our exacting standards.

Allow 10-14 weeks for delivery.

Don't have a rep yet? We'd love to introduce you to one of our Saddle Experts - just reach out! info@eqsaddlescience.com