

Thank you for choosing the Sensation Ride treeless saddle. We hope that you will have many enjoyable years of comfort with your horse!

Take a moment to read over the following information. It may answer a few questions that you have once you receive your new Sensation Ride.

Terminology Here is a quick list of some terms which we use for the Sensation Saddle:

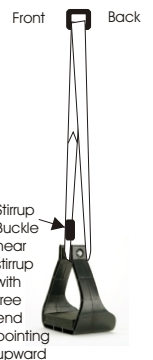
- “**Sensation**” is the term used for the line of products as well as the saddle.
- G3** is the term used for the off-the-rack model for 2006 - G4 models will be coming for 2007
- Self-centering center elastic girth** this is what describes the Sensation girth
- Custom model** any model of saddle that is made to specifications set by the customer
- Pommel** - The rise at the front of the saddle
- Cantle** The rise at the back of the saddle
- Panels** the felt inserts which go into the saddle to provide spinal clearance and firmness - needed poly felt
- Butterfly** The Orthotic plastic piece that is inserted into the saddle to aid in weight distribution
- Smooth leather** leather which is not suede, but has a smooth skin feel
- Suede leather** Leather which is flesh only is quite grippy, but less durable than smooth leather
- Nubuck Leather** A smooth leather which has a sanded appearance halfway between smooth and suede leather this is sometimes available on custom models.
- Denier material** What we call the base fabric for each saddle it is 1200 Denier Nylon.
- Wool Melton** You will find this great fabric on the underside of the G3, 75% wool / 25% nylon.
- Nomad** This is the Navy blue material made by 3M found on the topside of the Burr pad
- Hospital felt** The grey 1/4” felt that is used in the Burr pad
- Bolsters** These are little shaped cushions which can be used to alter the rider's seat feeling on the saddle
- Shims** Shaped inserts available for shaping the saddle underside and Burr pad. Used to refine the fit of the tack to the horse.
- SS** This means Stainless steel One of the optional metals used for the hardware on our tack
- SB** This stands for Solid Brass an optional metal choice
- Knee block** The removable Velcro-on piece attached under the knee area of the saddle
- Knee roll** The padded area on the topside of the saddle where the rider's knee rests
- UBL** This is what we call the Velcro receptive fabric under the seat topper.
- Seat topper** the Velcro-on section that the rider sits on swappable, replaceable
- Interior stirrup buckle** This is the buckle found at the lower edge of the flap
- Flap** The part of the saddle that the rider's leg rests against
- Biothane** A vinyl or polyurethane encapsulated webbing which is a replacement for leather on our bridles. Very strong and care free. You will also find this material on the handles of the G3 English Trail model.
- Handle** The front strap that runs between the two front rings

Stirrup Leathers

One of the first differences you may notice about the Sensation Ride is the difference in the way we affix our stirrup leathers. The first option for stirrup leathers is called “free swing”. This is a good option for those who are riding in the ring and desire a great deal of leg swing ability, or those riders with short legs who cannot use the hard use option.

You will notice that the saddle comes with a base which is velcroed to your saddle. This base supports rectangular rings which are meant for attaching regular stirrup leathers through. If you do decide to use regular stirrup leathers with your saddle, we recommend that you place your stirrup leather buckle near and in front of your stirrup, in order to minimize bulk under your leg. Optional stirrup tubes are useful in keeping the free end of your stirrup leathers in place.

Detail of Stirrup leather configuration for Free-swing





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Stirrup Leathers continued.

The second option for stirrup leathers is called "Hard use". The stirrup straps which are provided with your Sensation are employed with this method by looping around the rectangular ring of the stirrup base and hanging down - follow the next steps below for detailed information.

This is a good option for those who are riding out on the trail for many hours, those with longer legs (in the ring) and heavier riders. This option maximizes the weight distribution properties of the Sensation Ride by sharing the rider's stirrup weight onto 3 separate load bearing straps, which are affixed into the main body of the saddle. Your saddle would come from the box with this set-up in place.

Step 1

Feed the end of the stirrup leather thru your stirrup from back to front. Or toward the horse

Step 2

Feed the end of the stirrup leather thru the flap buckle on the bottom of the buckle, from back to the front



Step 3

Place the tongue of the flap buckle into the appropriate hole in the stirrup leather. Ensure the stirrup leather is not twisted up higher on the flap.

Step 4

Feed the free end of the stirrup leather back into the flap buckle into the top slot.



Final

Using the velcro strip supplied - secure the two sides of the stirrup leather together below the flap buckle. Feed the loose end back under the stirrup.

Stirrup Leathers continued.

The third option for stirrup leathers is called "Endurance". The greatest benefit of this option is that it permits the rider to only use the lower flap buckle to attach optional "shortie" stirrup leathers, thereby eliminating any straps laying over the flap. great for Endurance riders or those who wish to ride in shorts!

Girthing system

The Sensation Rides all feature a "Y" girthing configuration. What this means is that the girth billets are dropped low for a secure low base of connection. The straps that feed up through the saddle are permitted to lay at a wide spread - this ensures the maximum area of connection, which aids in security and safety. Your girth straps are made from harness leather. This type of leather is very strong and also has a bit of stretch to it. With this stretch comes unequalness of holes over time. We offer our self-centering girth for sale as a way of eliminating the uneven pull that can occur with a 4 billet girthing system. Always be aware of the condition of your billets and the stitching for safety.

Stirrups

As with any saddle - the primary concern is your safety and comfort. Don't overlook the importance of safety stirrups. 1 type of safety stirrup is pictured at right The stirrup has a cage over the toe area to prevent an accidental foot going through the stirrup. 2 other types of safety stirrups are known as "peacock irons" and "Safety S" irons. Periodically check your stirrup leathers for wear and tear - replace if questionable.



Caged stirrups



Peacock Irons



"S" Stirrups



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Seat Options

The seat on your Sensation is made with a medical grade polymer foam which is excellent at absorbing shock and providing comfort. All seats are interchangeable. This gives you the option of having multiple seats with varying leathers. If you are a smaller rider or wish to have a seat feel smaller - Bolsters may be used under the seat topper in order to take up length in the front or back of the seat.



Front Bolster

This shows the look of the optional front bolster under the seat



Front Bolster

This shows the look of the optional front bolster with the seat over top



Cantle Bolster

This shows the look of the optional cantle bolster under the seat



Accessories

Some of the more common accessories that can be mated to the Sensation Ride include:

- Cantle Pack - the English version is preferred and is secured to the cantle with the pocket on the pack, hold down straps are secured to the optional rear flap rings. Please order these rings to be put on your saddle if you know you will be using a cantle pack.
- Pommel pack - this attaches to the front rings of the saddle and is great for storing easy-to-reach items.
- Sheepskin seat cover - the ultimate in comfort - if you haven't tried one on a long ride - do yourself a favor!
- Breastplate - hunt style. We recommend usage of a hunt breastplate for safety reasons. The way it should be adjusted is so that the "V" portion lies below the horse's throat/chest juncture and you can fit 1 fist between the intersecting straps at the chest center and the horse
- Crupper - should your horse require a crupper due to a downhill build or sliding issues, the Sensation Ride has a crupper ring at the back of the cantle for crupper attachment.

Replacement Parts

Your Sensation is very user friendly when it comes to replacement parts:

- Felt panels may pack down over time the same way the stuffed panels in an English saddle compact - these components are available for purchase.
- Stirrup leathers may be replaced as necessary when they wear out.

Under-Padding

The type of saddle pad you use under the Sensation can make or break the fit and comfort of your saddle - for you and the horse. General guidelines to follow are:

Softer padding - If you are a lighter rider (under 120 lbs.) with a horse that is suitable for your size and weight
If you are riding in the ring or for shorter periods

Firmer padding - If you are riding for extended periods of time
If you are a heavier rider or are riding a small-for-you horse

Front Riser pad - This type of padding may be beneficial for horses with a slightly higher wither or for horses that are higher in the rump than shoulder

Features of a good saddle pad = easily washed . breathable materials . contoured center seam . replaceable padding . low profile center seam . non-slip material on top and bottom side . non irritating materials for YOUR horse - some horses are sensitive to particular materials.



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Here are some images of other types of Sensation Ride saddles available - Custom made and ready made - check availability:



The G3 Western Trail Sensation Ride

Features:

- Dual attachment stirrup leathers AKA Hard-use.
- A higher rise over the withers
- A deeper seat, taller cantle and pommel
- Dropped Y rigging
- Your choice of leather textures, colors and types
- Your choice of hardware type and quantity



The G3 Dressage Sensation Ride

Features:

- Free swing, hard use or Endurance stirrup options
- A higher pommel
- A deeper seat, taller cantle (Customizable)
- Dropped Y rigging
- Straighter flap than the English trail model
- Your choice of leather textures, colors and types
- Your choice of hardware type and quantity



The G3 English Hybrid Sensation Ride

Features:

- Free swing, hard use or Endurance stirrup options
- A Wide High Pommel - AKA swell
- A deeper seat, taller cantle (Customizable)
- Dropped Y rigging
- A very secure feeling when riding
- Your choice of leather textures, colors and types
- Your choice of hardware type and quantity
- The best of both worlds - English flap knee support with the western secure seat



The G3 English Trail Sensation Ride

Features:

- Free swing, hard use or Endurance stirrup options
- Dropped Y rigging
- All purpose shaped flap
- Your choice of leather textures, colors and types
- Your choice of hardware type and quantity
- Suitable for a forward seat
- Removable knee blocks to place where you need them



We are able to custom make many other styles of Treeless designs - all based on the Sensation model of construction. Some other saddles possible are - The G3 Western Hybrid, The Australian, The Child's English A/P, The Chiron forward seat, and the Special Ability Saddle - these are all by special order.

Happy, Comfy Trails!



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