

## WHAT IS A CIRCLE Y FLEX2® ?



There are lots of "flex" saddles on the market, but the unique design of the Circle Y Flex2® sets it apart from all others. It starts with the Flex2® tree. Our revolutionary dual bar system provides both stability and flexibility - where they are needed. The high-density bars provide stability under the rider for weight distribution, making the Flex2® saddle an option for riders of all sizes. The low-density bars are flexible, conforming and flexing with the horse at the bar tips for freedom of movement.

### IS IT RIGHT FOR ME?

- Are you tired of struggling to saddle your horse and want something lightweight and easy to handle?
- Do you ride for long hours and appreciate comfort for yourself AND your horse?
- Do you compete in timed events where every extra pound counts?
- Have you had a hard time finding a saddle that's comfortable for you and your horse?
- Are you riding in a discipline that does NOT require roping or heavy dragging?
- Do you need a saddle that frees your horse to perform?

If you answered YES, a Flex2® is a great choice!

### WHAT IT'S NOT

- Not adjustable or one-size-fits all. Proper saddle fit is important no matter what the tree. Flex2® saddles are offered in Regular, Wide, and Extra Wide fits
- Not recommended for roping or heavy dragging.
- Will not flex in half, get wider over time, or overflex to create pressure points if properly fitted

## SADDLE FIT MISCONCEPTIONS

*My horse is really tall so he needs a wide tree.*

Actually, the horse's height has nothing to do with proper tree fit. You'll want to look at the horse's conformation starting at his withers - are they well defined or are they rounded? Is his back typical or dropped? Answering these questions first will help your horse enjoy comfortable saddle fit

*My horse has to have a \_\_\_" gullet.*

We hear this quite a bit, and it's not always the case. The bar angle and rock are also very important to fit. Gullet width is only one aspect of tree fit

*I'm a bigger rider so I can't use a Flex2®.*

Not true! Only Circle Y's patented Flex2® tree technology uses a rigid ground seat and dual-bar system to make it a great option for riders of all sizes.

## SADDLE FITTING

There is no standardization in the industry for a Regular (or Semi-Quarter horse) tree and Wide (or Full Quarter horse) tree so different saddle brands will not fit the same. The fit may also vary among disciplines.



The gullet measurement is important, but it is the most misunderstood. It is not the defining factor of saddle fit. Most importantly, not every saddle with a specified gullet measurement will fit the same. The angle and twist of the bars affect how the saddle will fit

With all the varying trees fits, how do I know what fit my horse needs?

## CONFORMATION

Regular (semi-QH)



This mare is 15.3 hands with heavy bone structure, but she needs a Regular tree because of the defined wither

Wide (full-QH)



This mare is 15.1 hands and of foundation build with a round, or mutton, wither and needs a Wide tree.

Extra Wide



For a draft type or extra wide foundation style horse, we offer an Extra Wide tree fit



## EVALUATE FIT



**Ideal** Saddle should sit level on the horse's back placed so it settles into the horse's sweet spot behind the scapula

**Too Narrow:** it should NOT be perched up in the front. It will pinch and cause discomfort

**Too Wide:** it should NOT tip up in the back and the gullet should not sit on the horse's withers

## IMPROVE FIT

Evaluate your horse for conformation issues that may interfere with proper saddle fit. Does the horse have a dropped (sway) back, really prominent withers, hollows behind the withers, or a prominent backbone? Corrective padding is required to achieve a good saddle fit.



\*If your horse has conformation issues, saddle fitting will require some specialized solutions. Call us for help. View our Saddle Fitting Guide at CircleY.com for more complete explanations. These are guidelines - Circle Y does not guarantee saddle fit through photos.