

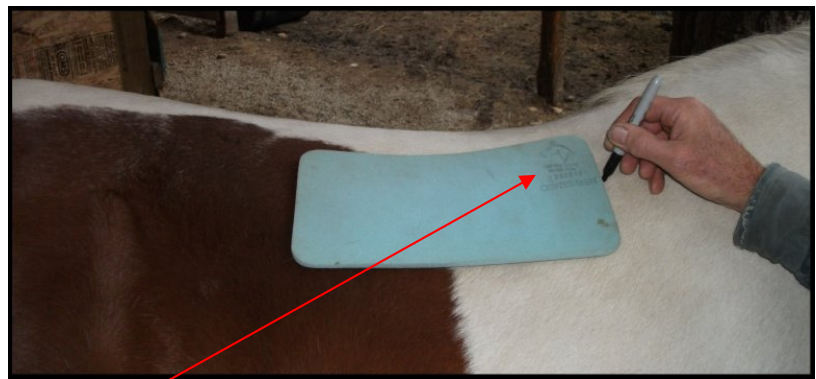
How to Insert Shims

1. Place your saddle pad on your horse where it will be positioned under saddle. If you're not sure, put the saddle on too. Get it just right.

2. Make a mark on your horse at the front edge of the pad with something that will show up, like chalk or a crayon or magic marker.

3. Take the pad off and lay the shim on your horse where it should go. Make another mark at the front of the shim. The beveled side goes down towards the horse and the Skito Stamp should be face up and in the top corner towards the front of the horse. When placed correctly, both sides will be the same.

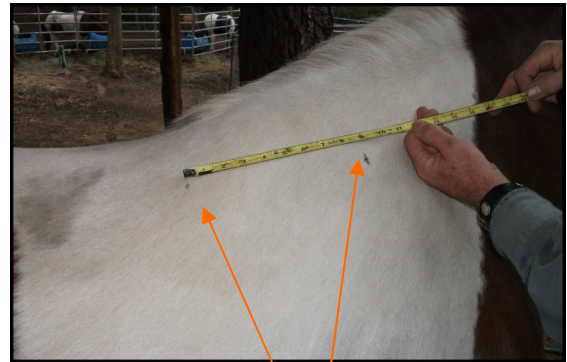
The shim shown is a center shim. (Compare to English Bridge). It does not fill in hollow withers, but the dip in the back behind the wither. This will lift a saddle up to prevent a bridging problem. We put this 1/2" shim on this horse because he has a slight dip and is built slightly downhill (croup high). This made the saddle press down too hard on his loins. We later moved the shim forward about another inch to get it just right.



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4. Measure between the marks you made on your horse.

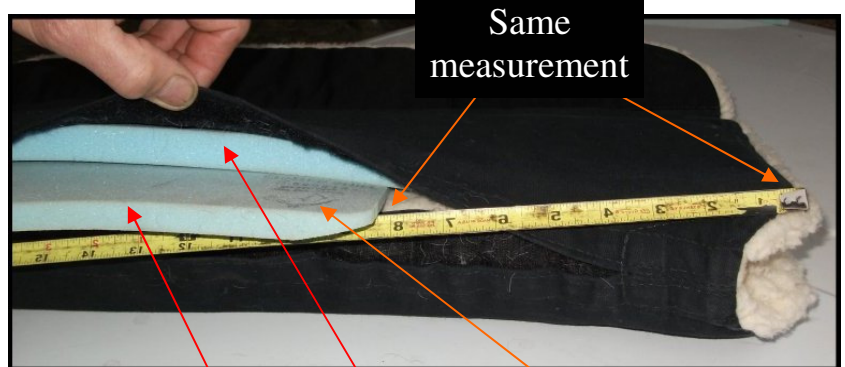
5. Place the shim inside your saddle pad under the foam with the beveled side toward the horse and the smooth side against the foam. The top front of each shim has the Skito stamp on it and should be placed in the pad with this stamp face up and toward the front of the pad.



6. Move the shim until the measurement from the front of the pad is the same as between the marks on your horse. This should put the shim in the correct place.

7. After getting the measurement just right put a mark on the foams for future placement for after washing etc.

8. The pad shown is a top load. Treeless pads have the Velcro on the front edge of the pad and the foams and shims are put in from the front.



shim

foam

Skito stamp

Same measurement