

Balancing Barefoot Saddles through the saddle pad

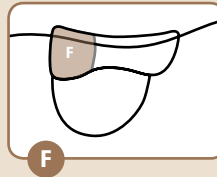
A saddle should always sit level on the horse's back.

The Barefoot Saddle System can easily be balanced – should your horse's conformation make this necessary – by adding padding to certain areas of saddle pad.

To shim the saddle pad is very straight forward (see photos).

Best material to use are shims made of cellular rubber foam which are cut accordingly.

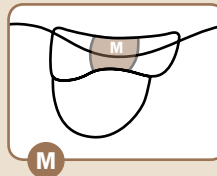
The edges are cut at an angle to prevent the formation of a step.



Shimming the front:

Recommended in the following situations:

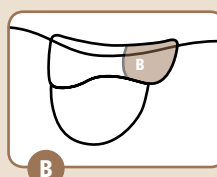
- The saddle is dipping forward
- The saddle rides up the neck
- The rider feels he is being tipped forward
- Horse is croup high



Shimming the middle:

Recommended in the following situation:

- The horse has a pronounced sway back

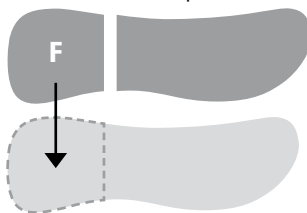


Shimming the back:

Recommended in the following situations:

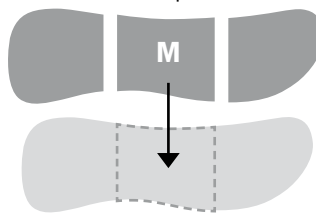
- The saddle slips back
- The rider feels he is being tipped backwards
- The horse has loaded shoulders
- The horse has a very long back

F Cut cellular rubber shim in 1/3 and 2/3 pieces



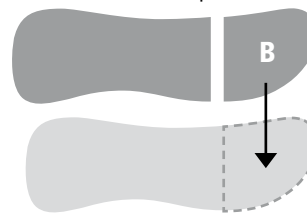
Insert front piece on top of PU-foam shim

M Cut cellular rubber shim in three 1/3 pieces



Insert middle piece on top of PU-foam shim

B Cut cellular rubber shim in 2/3 and 1/3 pieces



Insert rear piece on top of Pu-foam shim

cellular rubber shim

PU-foam shim



Cut shims are always placed towards the rider.

Ideally an additional full length soft, Pu-foam shim is placed towards the horse.