



OWNERS MANUAL

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WELCOME TO THE BUA FAMILY

The BUA Cantilevered Saddle expresses a commitment to excellence in design and a desire to “do right by horse and rider” by improving the comfort and performance of the product for the benefit of both.

The BUA Saddle moves conventional saddle design forward by drawing from technical advances in other sporting disciplines and by introducing high-performance materials not previously used in equestrian saddles. The BUA Saddle recognises differences in the physiology of horse and rider and caters beautifully for both through its novel cantilevered structure.

In the Irish language, BUA means triumph and the BUA Saddle is a triumph in good design. It delivers on our ambition to create a saddle that functions superbly, improves performance and incorporates much of what is best in Irish design and manufacturing.

BEFORE YOU START

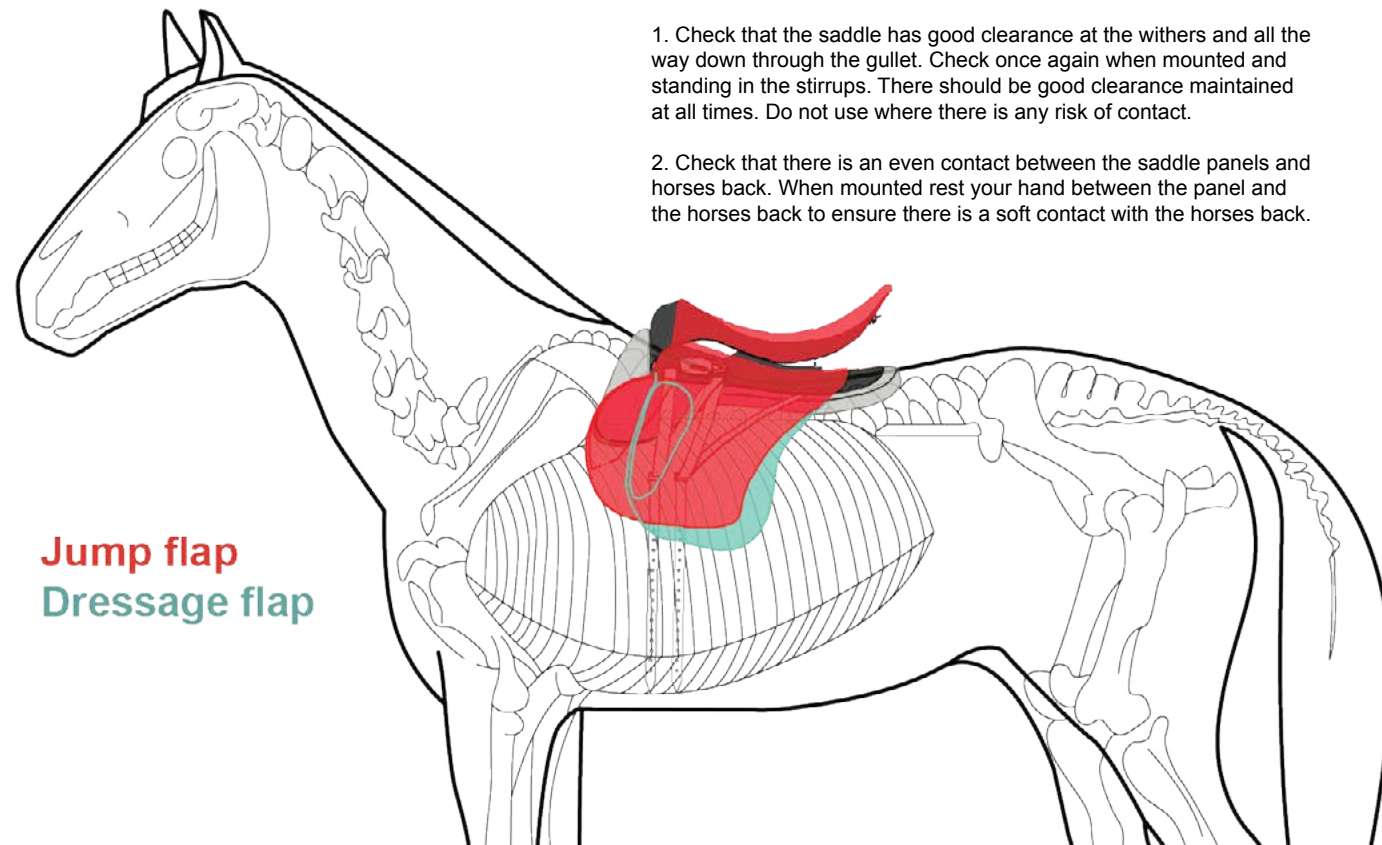
It is most important to have saddle that fits your horse. Before you ever ride a Bua Saddle we strongly advise you complete the following check to ensure Bua is right for your horse.

Saddle fit safety check

2 Point check to ensure the saddle correctly and safely fits your horse.

1. Check that the saddle has good clearance at the withers and all the way down through the gullet. Check once again when mounted and standing in the stirrups. There should be good clearance maintained at all times. Do not use where there is any risk of contact.

2. Check that there is an even contact between the saddle panels and horses back. When mounted rest your hand between the panel and the horses back to ensure there is a soft contact with the horses back.



DIFFERENT WITHER TYPES

High withers

When standing in the stirrups ensure the pommel remains clear of the withers and you are satisfied there is no risk of contact.



Flat withers

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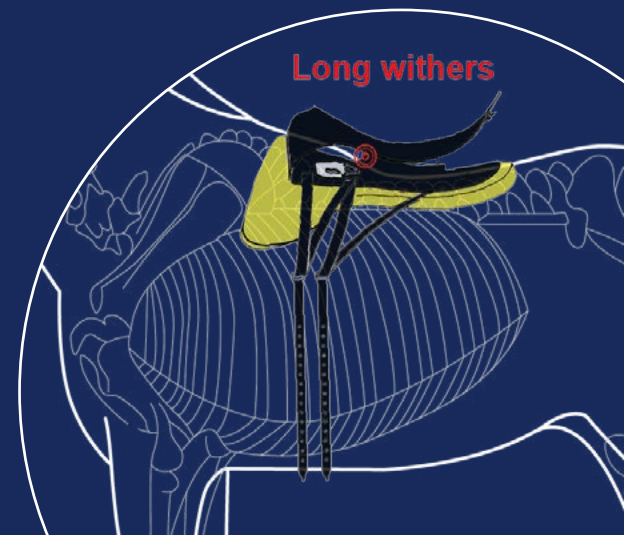
When standing in the stirrups ensure the angle of gullet is evenly cushioned by the panel. Place your hand under the panel and check that there is no point pressure there is no risk of contact.



Long withers

Long withers

When standing in the stirrups ensure the gullet remains clear of the withers and you are satisfied there is no risk of contact.



PUTTING YOUR SADDLE TOGETHER

Please note a new saddle will be more difficult to assemble. This is due to the leather stiffness when new. As it is used a few times it will become more subtle and take the shape of the tree better.



Step 1
Place the tree upright on a table or hard surface. Make sure the ratchet system is opened to its fullest.



Step 2
Position all opened zips so they now wrap around the underside of the tree.



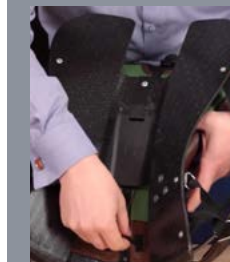
Step 3
Fix plastic clips in place.



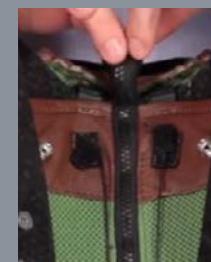
Step 4
Close front zip by pulling string, then secure Velcro tab of string to patch 1.



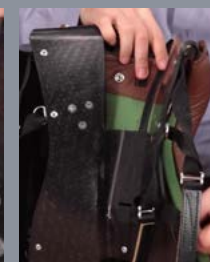
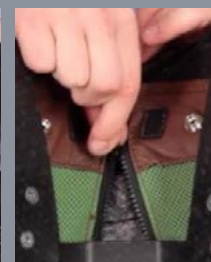
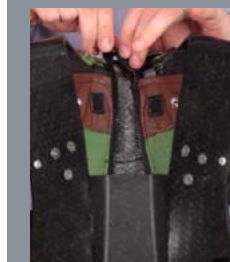
Note - to achieve best fit use your hands to work the seat so that it sits flat and in the correct place. A good outcome should see most wrinkles eliminated. As it is a soft seat there will always be some wrinkles.



Step 6
Tuck zip end 2 in between tree and seat cover.



Step 7
Fold front cover flap A and snap fasten buttons.



Step 5
Close back zip by pulling string, then secure Velcro tab of string to patch 2.





B) ATTACH THE SADDLE FLAPS

Step 1
Ignoring the girth straps place the saddle flap on to the tree so the Velcro connected tab at the back hooks on to the tree.



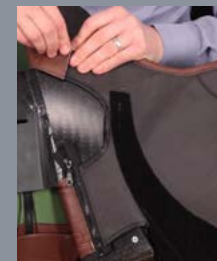
Step 2
Feed the girth straps through the centre of the saddle flap, making sure they are not tangled and are correctly orientated.



Step 3
Locate the two tabs to be joined by zip. Once located fasten zip.



Step 4
Open the Velcro connected tab securing the back of the flap so the flap can be pulled away a small distance from the tree. Use this clearance to secure the plastic alignment piece on the correct side of the tree. Make sure not to entangle the girth system before re-securing the Velcro tab at the back of the saddle.



Repeat for second flap



C) ATTACH THE PANELS

Step 1
Locate the back end of the panel where the pocket is located. Secure the pocket over the back of the tree so the top of the pocket slides under the saddle flap.



Step 2
Before allowing the Velcro to connect, make sure the panel is pulled tightly towards the front of the saddle so the tree fills the pocket on the panel.



Step 3
Secure the panel to the saddle flap so the channel edge of the panel is aligned with the inside edge of the tree. Pull tightly to the front and secure to the Velcro. The front

block part of the panel should cleanly sit in front of the tree.



Step 4
Feed the panel tab with button fastening through the tree and secure by snapping to the button connection on the saddle flap.



Step 5 (for Dressage saddle only)
After securing your panel you will now need to adjust the front end so that it aligns with the front edge of the flap. To do this, release the front half of the panel from Velcro, and then re-secure the panel so it aligns with the flap edge. On completion check the panel has not slipped back by confirming the tree fills the panel pocket.



Repeat steps for second panel

Online help

We offer a full set of video tutorials to assist our customers in using their Bua Saddle. Videos are available on our website and our vimeo page.

Vimeo page

<https://vimeo.com/buasaddles>

Videos

Bua - Taking the saddle apart
Bua - Putting the saddle together
Bua - Positioning the panel to a dressage saddle
Bua - Adjust suspension
Bua - Saddle fit



Warranty and Maintenance

The BUA Saddle has been rigorously tested. The tree comes with a two year warranty, under normal use. The soft components are made from high-grade leather and technically-advanced synthetic fabrics. The leather components require care and should be protected from extremes of temperature and moisture and cleaned with a soft, damp, non-abrasive cloth. Under normal use, the leather components come with a 1 year warranty. The synthetic components can be machine washed (or hand washed) at 30 degrees a light detergent and dried flat. The synthetic components are also covered by a one year warranty under normal use.

Waranty by product

Saddle trees	2 year
Seat	1 year
Flap sets	1 year
Panel sets	1 year
Girths	1 year
Stirrup leathers	1 year

Returns Policy

Goods that have damaged or have been incorrectly sent should be returned with 14 days of receipt and will be replaced once the goods in question are unsoiled,

unused and in the original packaging with tags still attached. The cost of returning the goods will be borne by BUA Saddles and the return shipping will be arranged by BUA Saddles. Customers are advised to take photographic evidence prior to dispatch. The goods should be well packed, clearly labelled and have a copy of the despatch note enclosed to be sent back to us at:

BUA Saddles,
Highfield House,
Highfield Park,
Dublin 14,
Ireland.

BUA Saddles will not be held responsible for goods that are damaged during return transit.

Accessories

The Bua Saddle offers versatility to the rider by modular design. For more information on our latest products check out our online shop or your local supplier.



Important contact information

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