

A Tracing is required to determine the correct width of the tree..VMCS SADDLE FITTING GUIDE

There are 2 ways you can do this:

1. **VMCS BACK GAUGE**
2. **WIRE TRACING OR ARCHITECTURAL RULER**



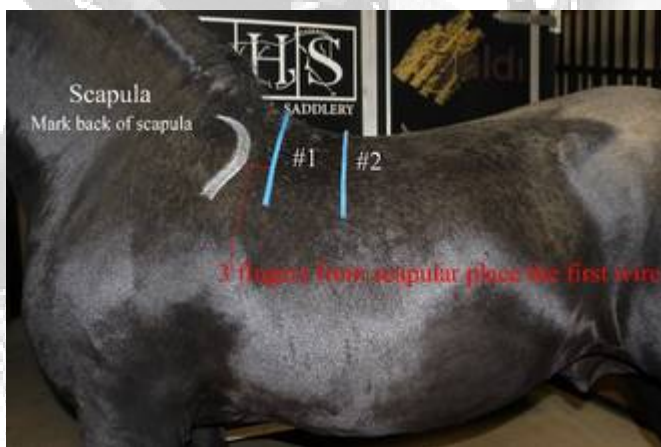
The gauge is placed over the horse's back, on the withers, 5cm (approximately 3 fingers width) behind the back edge of the horse's scapula – see diagram below. Gently adjust the gauge opening until both legs rest lightly on the horse. You can then read off the measurement for the width of tree required for your horse. This should fall within the range of 28cm to 36cm.

Place the gauge 5cm behind the scapula. If you are unsure, the diagram should help you locate this.

WIRE TRACING INSTRUCTIONS (MOST ACCURATE)

Any wire measuring 22" in length, that is pliable enough to shape but rigid enough to hold its shape will work. A coat hanger wire will work, being careful press hard enough so the wire maintains the new shape. I prefer the Architectural ruler for this job.

Take two pieces of letter size paper and tape together. This will make it easy to scan later.



Tracing position 1 (3 fingers behind Scapula) Locate the scapula, I mark it with chalk. Bend the ruler/wire in half then place the wire 3 fingers width behind the scapula over the wither.

Take the wire/ruler and place it on a large piece of paper, transfer the inside of the wire/ruler shape onto the paper.

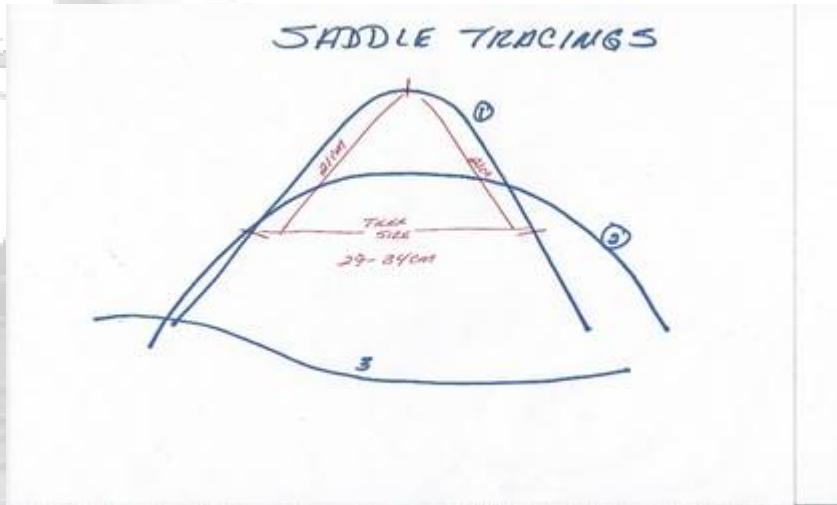
Tracing Position 2 (Lowest point of back) To determine the lowest part of the back if it is not obvious to the eye, place a pencil at the wither and let it roll down the back. It will settle on the lowest point of the back. Place the ruler here. Bend it to shape and transfer to the paper.

Tracing Position 3 (the top line) Open the ruler to flat, then lay along the top line of your horse. Trace to the paper.



SENDING YOUR TRACING

Separate the two pieces of paper, scan and email the tracing to darkhorsesaddlery@gmail.com and photo of your horse from the side front and the topline by standing behind on an elevated position. It is helpful to take photos with the ruler/wire while making your tracing. This will record the accuracy of the wire position when translating the scan of your tracing. Your tracing should look like this before the tape is removed to separate the two pages for scanning,



If you are concerned or have an unusual shaped or size horse then you could send 3 photos and all pertinent information about your horse, breed, height, weight, age, sex, discipline, any impairments, etc.



Tree Sizes

28cm . (aprox. 11.02") very Narrow
29cm (aprox. 11.05") Narrow
30cm (aprox. 11.08") Medium Narrow
31cm (aprox. 12") Medium Small
32cm (aprox. 12.05") Medium(most common)
33cm (aprox. 13.") Medium wide
34cm (aprox. 13.04") Wide
35cm (aprox. 13.08") X Wide
36cm (aprox. 14") XXWide

CHANNEL WIDE

The saddle should vertically clear the horse's wither when the rider is sitting on the saddle.

As a rough guide there should be a minimum of about 3.5cm (about 1.5" or 2 fingers' width) clearance. The saddle must also clear the horse's spine and sit with an equal bearing surface at the front and rear.

The panels should sit on either side of the spine on the longissimus muscle. The panels should not touch the spine or be too wide that they are laying on the outside of the longissimus muscle.



Channel 5



Channel 7



Channel 9

The general and common characteristics to all VMCS Selaria Europe saddles are:

- * Tree is constructed in a combination of marine laminated wood and steel
- * Material used in the construction of the panels: Microfibre and wool filling
- * Brass or chrome hardware
- * Measures for the rider (seat): from 16" up to 18,5"
- * Measures for the horse (gullet): from 26cm up to 34cm large on special request.

All the saddles are made by measure to perfectly adapt to each horse and rider.

The leather colors available are: black, brown and natural

The suede leather colors available are: black, brown, natural, red, green, honey, beige. 5 year warranty

All the information that can be provided will insure the best possible fit for your horse.

