

How to fit DK Western Saddles :

a) use supplied Allen wrench to open bars completely . Do this by turning bolt counter clock wise.

Please note : saddles with plugs rather than conchos- need to use large end of Allen wrench to first remove the plugs. Concho covers swivel to expose plug.

b) have horse standing "square" on level ground with head and neck straight.

The first step required is to determine your horses asymmetries . **All** horses are left or right handed. You must be able to acknowledge the horses weak/low side. To find please follow step c.

c) Standing directly behind your horse place your thumbs on either side of the tail dock. Slide thumbs upward to very top of the dock.

d) Asses which thumb is lower - this is your horse's weak/ low side

e) Place saddle on horse with saddle pad - do NOT girth

Note - be sure saddle is correctly positioned on horses back. Front of saddle directly up against the back of the shoulder - should have one fist width between horse's elbow and the girth.

f) use supplied Allen wrench (small end) inserted into bolt on pommel on determined weak/ low side and bring bar in 5 rotations (clock wise)

g) place both hands on top of horn and apply pressure straight down. You are watching for the amount the back of the saddle lifts.

Note - perfectly fit saddle will finish with 1 - 1 1/2 fingers allowance between rear of saddle and horses spine/ back.

To achieve this you will need to bring bars in equally on both sides

h) to determine amount of rotations note degree of lift. If saddle is lifting 4 fingers off back when horn is pressed bring bars in 4 rotations on both sides . (5 fingers equals 5 rotations , 3 fingers equals 3 rotations , ect)

Note - extremely important to do same on both sides.

i) now girth up saddle. Once girthed re asses if you still have your 1 - 1 1/2 finger clearance at rear of saddle.

If not - adjust with rotations - still to high use clockwise rotations if to tight use counter clockwise rotations .

Note - when fitting is correct be sure and do your final girth tightening on your horses strong/high side

Trouble shooting :

* If bars aren't turning

Fix by removing outer plug ! (saddles with concho covers have **No** plug)

*If when riding your saddle is tipping/ leaning to one side you have wrongly selected incorrect side as being weak/ low.

Fix by winding the side you put in 5 rotations out 5 rotations (counter clockwise)- re position saddle - take opposite side in 5 rotations (clockwise).

*If saddle moves forward on top of shoulders this means your saddle is either too wide or too narrow.

Fix by adjusting rotations - clockwise to close/ narrow - counter clockwise to open/ widen