

SHIMMING for a good saddle fit is EASY!

3 “magical” patterns that fix 90% of fit issues:

Note: Effectiveness is superior when using Parelli Saddles

SHOULDER SHIM



CENTER SHIM



Choose 1 or both of our tapered foam shims and place them inside your saddle pad's pocket to keep pressure off your horse's shoulder while insuring good connection between horse, saddle and you!

1.



Use same positions in English pads

2.



3.



Our research spanning more than a decade has indicated clearly that shims positioned properly inside your saddle pad facilitate scapula clearance, rider balance point security and comfort for horse and rider. Especially in our new “Smart Pad”, just 1 or 2 is usually all you need to make a hugely positive difference! Read about features/benefits of the “Smart Pad” on Parellisaddles.com. Also check out lots of helpful hints there when you click on “Education” and “Downloads”. Don't miss the “Checklists” that set you up for success! Thank you for your feedback! It spurs us on to make certain we're providing the best possible saddle tools on the planet for horses and the people who love them.

1. This simple SHOULDER shim, (placed in this position inside the pad's pocket) SET BACK FROM THE FRONT OF THE PAD POCKET is a HUGE help in lifting the front of the saddle and keeping rider/saddle weight off the horse's forehead.

Note: if shoulder still feels pressured, shift the shim back further.

2. An alternative when horse's center back is a little bit low: Use a “center” shim shifted forward just enough that the thick part of the shim helps lift the front of the saddle while the tapered ends stay out of the way of the shoulder. This offers a gentle “ramp” of connection between horse and saddle. It encourages horse to round up under you and use his HQ more.

3. If horse is low in center back area as well as “downhill” (withers are lower than croup), use both shims. This will likely provide good connection with the saddle in the center (eliminates bridging) while lifting pressure off the horse's shoulder and enhancing balance point access for the rider.

EXPERIMENT with shifting shims back or forward to acquire best results.

Try felt shims if foam seems too thick.