

12.1. Dorsal supplement pads (DSP)



The Dorsal Supplement (shown here fitted, in red) is a gulletted pad which supports the under panels of the saddle, designed to give support where the back is lacking dorsal muscle. It is used to ensure that the spine is evenly bridged and pressure avoided.



The pad can be layered on top of the saddle cloth before putting the saddle on the horse. Can be used in conjunction with either front or rear shims as required. The Velcro opening along the back seam allows the cover to be opened and shims inserted if required.



Make sure the DSP is fitted with the central gullet sitting straight along the horse's spine and the saddle is supported by the pad, and not overlapping onto the saddlecloth.

The Standard Dorsal Supplement Pad

Gives a level lift along the length of the saddle with a single thickness. Useful where the saddle balance is good for the rider, but the fit is a little low on the horse's back because of a prominent spine.

The *Front Wedge* Dorsal Supplement pad (FWDS) is designed to give more lift at the front for a high withered horse or where the rider needs to be positioned further back.