

# Legacy Saddlery Custom Fit Instructions

At Legacy Saddlery we use the **EQUImeasure Kit** to help us develop a custom fit for your horse.

The EQUImeasure Kit is a relatively easy-to-use and accurate way to create a 3-D model of your horse's back. If we have an accurate model of your horse's back in our shop, we can build you a saddle that fits!

The information below is a quick overview of the complete instructions included in the EQUImeasure kit and on the equimeasure.com website.

All you need to use an EQUImeasure Kit is an oven, oven mitts and your horse.

The EQUImeasure 17"x20" sheet is shipped with its heating tray inside of an insulated box. Complete directions along with photos illustrating each step are included in the box.

## ***General Instructions:***

1. Read the instructions in the box. Reread the instructions.  
**Call us if you have questions: 1- 540-955-0301**
2. Brush the horse's back to remove loose hair and dirt.
3. Place the heating tray containing the EQUImeasure sheet in your oven on low heat – about 170 degrees for about 15 minutes.  
*Be sure to preheat your oven!*
4. Use oven mitts to remove the tray and EQUImeasure sheet from the oven, returning them to the insulated package.  
*Be sure the sheet is heated all the way through and is floppy.*
5. Take your EQUImeasure in its box to your horse. Your horse should already be brushed, tied, standing squarely and facing forward. Having the help of a second person is almost essential.
6. Remove the EQUImeasure sheet from the package. Using the photographs in the directions and the arrows on the sheet, position it across the horse's back. Use both hands to smooth the sheet to the conformation of the horse. Wait 5 minutes for the Equimeasure sheet to cool and become rigid.

*Do not keep lifting the edges to see if it is cool.  
We use the top side to fit your saddle. If you curl up the edges, we will have to grind them off and lose possible*

*valuable information. Do not let your horse turn his head to watch you, it will make the form lopsided and then we can only guess at his conformation.*

*If, when you place the heated EQUImeasure form on your horse's back it does not conform almost by itself, place it back in the oven and heat up a little longer. If you have to work at getting it to take the shape of your horses back the Equimeasure is not hot enough. It is our experience that the form shapes best when it is very warm.*

7. Remove the formed EQUImeasure sheet from the horse.

The proprietary EQUImeasure sheet is made of materials similar to those used in veterinary and medical applications world-wide for nearly 30 years. The EQUImeasure sheet is non-toxic, hypoallergenic, non-sticky, and emits no harmful fumes.

**Before you ship your EQUImeasure form to us, put it back on your horse and check the fit one more time. If it is not fitting right, redo it!**

### ***Final Essential Steps for Legacy Saddles:***

1. Take a side view photo of your horse WITH THE EQUIMEASURE ON HIM Make sure his head is up, he is square and on level ground. Include the whole horse. Try being about 6 feet away while taking your photo.
2. Take an overhead photo of your horse's spine. Stand behind him on a chair or in the back of a truck bed. Make sure he is straight. With the EQUImeasure on him.
3. Take a photo of the rider holding the horse's lead, showing a full body shot that can give us a size reference.
4. Using a carpenter level, draw a horizontal "level line" along one side of the form. This will act as a reference for proper saddle positioning and balance. Do this while the EQUImeasure is on your horse and he is standing on level ground.
5. Take a picture of your horse with the saddle you are currently using. Saddle the horse up just as if you were going for a ride.

Stand him square and take a photo from the side with his head pointing forward. I would like to see the whole horse.

Measure from the center of the saddle seat, straight down to the tread of your stirrup. This will give us a good idea of the stirrup leather length that you are

comfortable with.

6. Mark on the EQUImeasure form any places on your horse's back where you have had saddle fit issues before like white hairs, bruising etc.
7. Send us your measurements:
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Inseam
  - Upper thigh at widest point
  - Hip at widest point

If you have a large shoe size let us know, as all of our stirrups will not fit all size feet.