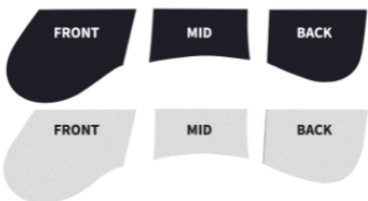






Fitting Pad Guide

Instructions & Information

The Schleese TruForm Fitting Pad offers custom fit in order to maximize comfort and correct fit to the horse, with 16 shimming options that allow for flexibility when adjusting your saddle. The Saddle Support Area (SSA) Inserts are used as the weight bearing surface. The weight of the saddle and the rider is placed across the inserts and evenly distributed across the horse's SSA. Poron shock absorbing foam is utilized in the hybrid panels, and is now included inside the TruForm Fitting Pad for additional flexible cushioning. This foam has a unique open cell structure that provides excellent resistance to compression and delivers superior shock absorption, impact protection, high resiliency and vibration damping. The blue felt (soft) Fitting Inserts are used as the primary fitting and lifting inserts when adjusting your TruForm Fitting Pad. In the case that your horse requires additional lift, such as a horse with a sway back, the white felt (firm) Lifting Inserts are to be utilized.

TruForm Fitting Pad:	Saddle Support Area (SSA) Inserts:	Fitting & Lifting Inserts:
	Combination felt full length lining	Soft felt fitting inserts $\frac{3}{8}$ " thickness Firm felt lifting inserts $\frac{1}{4}$ " thickness
		

TruForm Saddle Pad Fitting Instructions:

Cutting the Saddle Support Area (SSA) Inserts:	
When cutting the Saddle Support Area (SSA) inserts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT cut the long white felt base of the SSA. ONLY cut the blue felt of the SSA insert to the horse's saddle support area length. 	
To cut the blue felt of the SSA insert to your horse's SSA length, measure the blue felt of the SSA insert and mark the center. If the insert is 18" in length, and your horse has an SSA of 16", you will mark the felt at the center (ie. at 9"), and then mark the insert at 1" and 17". Proceed by cutting the SSA blue felt at the 1" and 17" marks by following the curvature of the insert.	

Cutting the Fitting Inserts:

If you need to add more lift in specific areas, please follow the instructions below:

Front Fitting Insert Only:

Create a smooth transition on the flat (back) end of the insert (indicated by the red arrow in the image to the right).

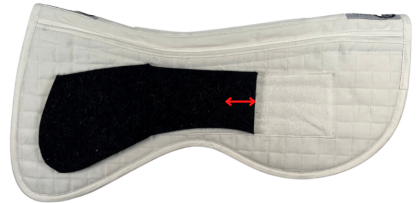
NOTE: This will provide lift to the front of the saddle.



Front & Middle Fitting Inserts:

Create a smooth transition at the back of the middle insert (indicated by the red arrow in the image to the right).

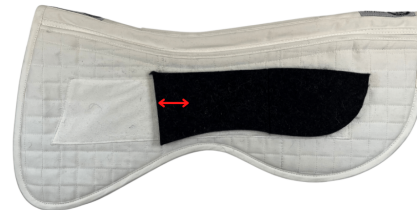
NOTE: This will provide lift to the front and center of your saddle.



Middle & Back Fitting Insert:

Create a smooth transition at the front of the middle insert only (indicated by the red arrow in the image to the right).

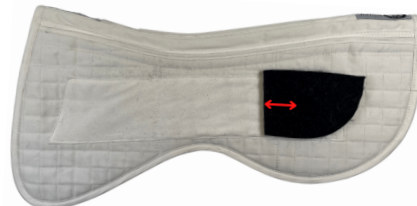
NOTE: This will provide lift to the center and back of your saddle.



Back Fitting Insert Only:

Create a smooth transition at the front of the back insert only (indicated by the red arrow in the image to the right).

NOTE: This will provide lift to the back of your saddle.



All Fitting Inserts:

NO smooth transitions are required.

NOTE: This will provide lift to the entire saddle.



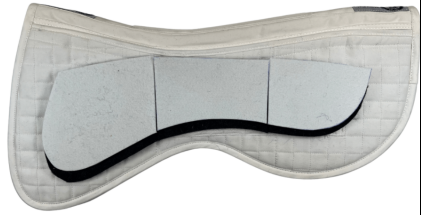
See 'Cutting the Lifting Inserts' page 3



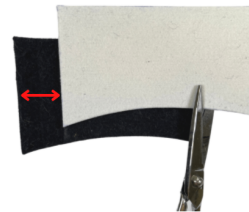
Cutting the Lifting Inserts:

If further added lift is required, in addition to the blue Fitting Inserts, please follow the instructions below:

The Lifting Inserts provide your saddle with added lift, in addition to the Fitting Inserts. The Lifting Inserts must only be used on top of a Fitting Insert, they are not to be used on their own.



If a lifting insert is required over a Fitting insert that has a smooth transition, it must be cut back so the Lifting Insert begins at the highest point of the smooth transition of the Fitting Insert. As pictured to the right, a smooth transition is present along the red arrow, and thus, the insert will start at the end of the transition and the additional white felt will be cut off.



Placement of the Inserts:

The Saddle Support Area (SSA) Inserts are placed inside the TruForm Fitting Pad with the white felt facing the inside of the pad (towards the horse), and the blue felt facing outward (towards the saddle).

The Fitting & Lifting Inserts are placed in the pockets of your TruForm Fitting Pad, with the small blue Fitting felt pieces facing the blue felt of the Saddle Support Area (SSA) Inserts, and the small white Lifting felt pieces facing outward (towards the saddle).






Quick Tip: Your felt inserts should be placed inside your TruForm Fitting Pad facing Blue-to-Blue. White to the outside, and blue to the inside.

Creating a Smooth Transition:

The Fitting Inserts can be peeled back in 5 different layers. Depending on how sensitive the horse is, it will dictate how many layers should be peeled back. For the average horse, the felt is peeled into three layers. To create a smooth transition on your Fitting Inserts, measure 1" back on your insert and mark this with a piece of chalk. Behind this line, measure ½" back and mark this line with a piece of chalk.



<p>Peel back the first layer of felt to the 1" mark, and proceed by cutting the layer of felt off on an angle, going back over the felt to create a smooth edge.</p>	
<p>Repeat this step by peeling back a second layer of felt to the ½" mark, cutting the felt on an angle once again and creating a smooth edge.</p>	
<p>Your final product should have a smooth transition from the lowest to highest point of the felt. To ensure there are no sharp edges, take a pair of scissors and cut the layered edges on an angle to make it flush.</p>	

NOTE: The TruForm Fitting Pad is one size fits all, but is most suitable for saddles 17.5" - 18.5" in length.

