

How To Measure Your Horse's Saddle Platform/Back Length for Saddle Fitting.

A measurement from the back of the scapula to the point of the last rib (R18)

Tools you will need:

- A piece of chalk or tape. Stick chalk will work best if wet.
- Tape measure.
- Phone to watch our step by step video (you will find the video on YouTube).

1. Make sure your horse is standing square with his head up and looking straight ahead. From the nearside (left) feel for the top edge of his shoulder blade (scapula) with your fingers. Lifting the nearside foreleg will help you find the scapula if you're not sure.
2. When you have located the highest point of the scapula, use chalk to mark the outline around the scapula.
3. Find the position of the last rib (R18) by using the hair direction, find where the hair forms a v on the horse's side, mark using chalk, find the centre of the v and draw a line straight up toward the spine.
4. Measure from the back edge of the shoulder/scapula that you already marked, measure across to the R18 line.

