

## How to do a template to check what gullet size your horse needs

This measurement is needed to work out what gullet your horse needs, this simple measurement shows us gullet width, angle and height and highlights muscle atrophy, it is therefore much more accurate than using a gullet gauge which only shows angle and sinks into any atrophy giving an inaccurate reading.

There is no universal sizing between saddle brands, we will let you know what brands of easy change gullets are a compatible shape and what size you need.

### Tools you will need:

- A helper to hold your horse..
- A piece of chalk or tape. Stick chalk will work best if wet.
- A flexible drawing curve (available from Office Works) or a piece of coat hanger or fencing wire, measuring approx 45cm.
- A4 paper.
- A pen.
- A ruler..

### Gullet Measurement.



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 **furthest back point**, place three fingers next to the back of the scapula, draw a line next to your fingers going straight up. (This line should be 5cm behind the scapula)

4. Place your measuring tool on the white line, mold your measuring tool up and over the withers.

5. Squeeze and shape the measuring tool so it hugs the contours of the horse's sides, taking care that both sides are contacting at the same time, heavy gauge wire can be tricky and 1 cm is one size so be accurate!

6. Transfer the shaped curve onto an A4 piece of paper, don't worry if the ends go off the page. Draw along the inside edge with a black pen. mark near/left side and right/off side

7. Repeat step 5 from the offside and check it's the same, if its not exactly the same, repeat until you get a consistently accurate template.



8.. Using your ruler measure down 10cm from the centre point and then draw a line across and measure the distance accurately, write it on your template. (This is only so we can check that your drawing comes through to us accurately).

**Write your name, horses name and date on your template.**

**Scan your template and save as a PDF file, save without margins to ensure the same scale remains.**

**We can not use a photo of a template so don't use a scanning app that takes a photo.**

**Upload the template via the gullet form on the Saddle Central website. [www.saddlecentral.com.au](http://www.saddlecentral.com.au)**