
Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by rodeoange - 2008/03/10 22:22

I have recently sold a few saddles via ebay, I aimed to give excellent quality saddles at an affordable price from a chap who custom makes for me in the USA.

I'm sure i'm not alone in being utterly dismayed at the total rubbish that gets sold on ebay and leads a lot of people wishing to try their hand at the western experience totally up the garden path with what can be described at best as total tat!

There are then the dreadful dreamers who ask shocking prices for what will appear on picture as a half decent saddle but to those of us who have been around the block a few times the worst excuse for a western saddle ever!

I am honest and upfront, I offer as many measurements as I can and advise saddles are by no means guaranteed to fit. It pains me to see so many people thinking that a western saddle will fit any old horse without suffering any consequences.

I'd love to know your views and experiences, have you had sleepless nights with excitement only to open the box and been greeted with a poor Mexican replica?

Thanks for reading my ranting, I feel better now!:silly:

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by QQH - 2008/03/11 20:29

Ditto! People just don't understand the difference between a quality saddle/bridle whatever and the cheap knock off imports....I know one person on this forum who does know what they are doing (if she were to say - buy that saddle - you wouldn't question her opinion) who purchased what seemed to be a great deal from ebay - had the saddle checked out by one of the most respected western saddlers over here and discovered it was compressed card that had been lacquered and dyed.....just wait until you rode int he rain.:ohmy:

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by whitewood - 2008/03/11 23:14

Not just Western tack though is it - that's the chance you take when trying to get yourself a bargain on an auction site, english tack, clothes, household goods etc etc.

If it looks too good to be true - is probably is too good to be true.

Caveat emptor.

Would be lovely though to get a genuine bargain, but when it comes to something as important as a saddle, then I think you need to bring the professionals in.:cheer:

Post edited by: whitewood, at: 2008/03/11 23:15

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by rodeoange - 2008/03/11 23:31

Too right saddles are important! I wouldn't bat an eyelid at buying a tat washing machine! But a tat saddle.....

The cardboard saddle sounds very Blue Peter!!!!:P

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by shaza - 2008/03/12 09:24

Saying that,i put my well made Ray Cooper saddle on Ebay and i didnt even get one bite at it.The saddle was priced ok to.Yet some of the cr*** stuff sells quickly.
Go figure that one out :unsure:

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by amanda - 2008/03/12 10:01

ditto that Shaza - we've had a saddlesmiths and a custom made on ebay and no interest at all. seems to me that people expect to pay pennies for anything on ebay, unless of course you have some navel hair from Elvis or a potato snack in the shape of the Madonna.....apparently that sort of stuff goes for squillions!!

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by Roland - 2008/03/12 11:31

I think the problem is if you know anything about saddles and saddle fit its not ideal to buy something that my or may not fit you or your horse
in a auction, what do you do if it wont fit?? I guess the cheap and nasty sell to people who dont know any better just my two Cents...

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by jjessky - 2008/03/12 18:32

Hi , I think i must of been lucky when i bought my saddle off ebay, I hadnt been riding western for long and managed to get a circle Y training saddle for just under £500. It also fitted my little mare very well.And yes i haver also purchased some real crud too.

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by scotty - 2008/03/12 19:08

Although not related to tack, I echo the remarks made by somebody here that people just want to pay pennies on ebay. I put on two designer dresses and two designer coats, all worn genuinely only once and just not right for various reasons and I didn't get a single bite even though they were priced to sell and very cheap.

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by Jills - 2008/05/15 12:09

I bought a Circle Y from your rodeoange. Yours was by far the best advert and all your extra help texting me measurements was fab. It fits my mare a treat! So thank you very much!:)

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by quarterhorsemad - 2008/05/15 16:50

I agree that people expect something for nothing on Ebay (or car boots for that matter!) I have had some quality stuff on Ebay and none of it sold, could not afford to sell it for peanuts. Many people don't know what the good stuff is, so they go for the cheap crap and wonder why that is exactly what they get. If you want quality then you have to pay for it! I would not personally buy a saddle from such a site, I would want to see it on the horse before I bought it. Have had a circle Y halter up on Ebay several times and not even a bid, yet Royal King (Indian Leather crap)sells! My Chavez stuff all sold privately and not on Ebay either, as for the books and DVD's/Videos they were all sold for less than I paid, so people missed out on some bargains!

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/05/17 17:27

I know there is a lot of crap on ebay, but some people can't afford to buy an expensive (even second hand saddle) at the time they decide to start western riding, along with all the other costs. I bought my saddle of ebay for £150. It is not the highest quality saddle in the world and yes is probably made from Indian leather, but fits my horse (I guess I am lucky in having fairly shapless horse) , is comfy for me and does the job. I also cannot afford a seperate show saddle this year, so am "doing up" my "cheap" saddle with some silver conchos. it looks fine, and I feel kinda proud of it. When I can afford a really nice saddle, I will appreciate it all the more.

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Re:Ebay Tat and Dreamers!

Posted by appynospots - 2008/05/17 18:17

I buy and sell on ebay regularly. I have in the past got a few pieces of C***, but on the whole I have been very happy with what i have got. A lot of purchases are a matter of expectations, as i dont believe in a 'bargain' i am not generally disappointed.

I have sold loads of stuff, and been very happy with what I have sold things for, sometimes, I have made a profit!

Saddles are a difficult thing and in the past i ve had to part with a saddle for so much less than I have paid. Western saddles just dont seem to keep their value. As I cant afford a thing to sit around without a job, I have to bite the bullet and accept what the general buyer can afford to pay. A least they have bought a good saddle instead of the tat there is out there!

There is a skill in Ebaying, but i LOVE IT. I am an addict, there is so much stuff that would have found its way to the charity shop, which now i get a bit for and keeps the gee gee in a the little luxuries!

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