
rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/04/27 13:50

What is the use for this, is it used in UK western shows? If so, what which classes Always wondered, as my saddle came with one.

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Re:rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by JellyBean - 2008/04/27 14:42

The proper term for the rear cinch is called the Flank cinch, it is to stabilize the saddle, & should be a snug fit, NOT TIGHT, & always to be used with a connector strap that attaches to the front cinch, other wise if it slipped back could be classed as a bucking strap, (NOT NICE):(

Not sure if western classes use them, I have seen a few use them in reinning, but they are mostly used on working saddles, that dont have all the bling on them, although lots have the option for them. We have them on ours & have always used them.

Post edited by: JellyBean, at: 2008/04/27 14:42

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Re:rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by wyomingpat - 2008/04/27 17:44

The flank cinch is usually found on full rigged to 3/4 rigged saddles. It is for stability. It should be pulled tight enough to be snug against the horse's belly when you are in the saddle at least. Working cowboys pull it much tighter. The consequences of leaving it loose are dire - firstly if the horse throws a fit that loose cinch banging against its belly will make things worse. Secondly in scrub or working around gates it has been known for a branch or broken post to catch in that cinch and peirce the horse.

It must have the connector strap on.

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Re:rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/04/28 10:41

Thanks for enlightening me, don't think I will try it though, my horse likes to buck anyway!!. But since we have a new saddle pad, the saddle is more stable.

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Re:rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by jinglejoys - 2008/05/26 21:01

Can I add a question. My boy has a Bob Marshel Endurance but there is no flank cinch with it. I was tacking him up the other day and he dropped his head to graze and the back of the saddle lifted.

Is this a hint that he needs a flank cynch and do they come with the conecter already with them if I bought one?

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Re:rear cinch (don't know proper term)

Posted by wyomingpat - 2008/05/28 15:29

Depends on the main rigging. Both the tree and the saddle leather have to be designed for a full cinch or not. A lot of show saddles just have a flank cinch for show rather than purpose

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