



THER-E-QUEST SADDLE PAD INSTRUCTIONS AND CARE

INSTRUCTIONS:

(Pads are shipped with air valves CLOSED. On receipt, OPEN both Valves and store with them OPEN)

Before use, make sure both valves are OPEN and the air cells are filled and then CLOSE them. (If necessary blow in them to accelerate filling). Place the pad on the horse with the reinforcing straps on the cross ties showing up. Center the pad and align its front edge with the rear edge of the horse's scapula cap. The front cross tie will be at the start of the horse's withers.

Place the saddle on the pad and center it right to left with the saddletree centered over the air-cells front to back. Be sure the cinch wear strips are on the outside. Use the front adjustment loop to lift up the pad's front wings high under the saddletree fork. Tighten the cinch (s) or girth. For Western, use front and rear cinches, close link over the sternum and tighten both. Centerfire and 5/8 rigged saddles can use one cinch. Walk the horse to release air and retighten 2 to 3 times if it doesn't release air.

With the horse standing square, OPEN both valves simultaneously and slowly so the horse is not startled. Wait till the release of air stops, then CLOSE them. The saddle is now fitted to the horse. (Check fork clearance. If it is less than 1" inch use booster pads or another saddle).

The non-slip action of the THER-E-QUEST pad allows for less tight cinches and girths and more comfort and ease of movement for the horse.

When mounted, fine tune for right-left rider balance by SLIGHT release of one valve. To reduce rider height, adjust both valves SLIGHTLY.

DO NOT release all air from cells. Ride with the Valves CLOSED.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. When not in use store in a clean dry place upside down with valves open and nothing on top of the pad.
2. If dusty or dirty wipe with a damp cloth or brush. If necessary hang the pad over a rail and wash using a water hose directed from the side with optional mild soap and drip and air-dry. REMOVE THE AIR CELLS if heavy soaking washing is required.
3. If hair builds up, vacuum or soft brush it off. Sticky tape helps.
4. If an air-cell is inadvertently punctured or damaged repair or replace. If this happens when riding and/or before repair can be made, keep the valve on the other side open and the THER-E-QUEST pad will act as a normal pad without the benefit of the fitting and cushioning features. Repair or replace for maximum benefit ASAP.

Air cells can be removed and replaced by opening the Velcro closures located on the top edges of each side. When replacing aircells exhaust the air and close valves for ease of installation. Be sure the valve stem is protruding, smooth the cells in their compartments then open the valves for storage or to fill for use.

5. Do not spray the pad or underneath with fly spray or any other harsh chemicals.