

TACK & EQUIPMENT GUIDE

If you want to outfit your horse in good equipment, you've come to the right place. From bits to spurs, and saddles to leg protection, we've put together a collection of quality items to help you make the most of your time with your horse.

BITS

Marsh Brothers Traditional Bridle Bits

spanishspade.com
307-899-3301

Marsh Brothers has manufactured bridle bits, as well as saddles and high-quality items to outfit you and your horse, since 1990. This small business consists of saddlemaker Dennis Hensely, who manages the store in Etna, Wyoming; and Ernie and Teresa Marsh, who fabricate items in their small studio shop near Lovell, Wyoming.

Features: This line of traditional bridle bits was first made famous by Al Tietjen of Reno, Nevada, in 1970. Marsh Brothers bridle bits have been tried and tested by many cowboys and competitive horsemen. With a variety of cheeks and mouthpieces, the bits can accommodate highly trained horses, from the two-rein transitioning to straight up in the bridle. All bit components are USA-made and built in the company shop in Wyoming. Purchase Marsh Brothers bridle bits either at the store in Etna, Wyoming, or by contacting the company.

Tom Balding Advantage Bit Line

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Master bit- and spurmaker Tom Balding has designed functional and innovative gear for horseman for nearly 30 years from his facility in Sheridan, Wyoming. Balding's bits and spurs have a reputation for high quality, precision and flawless finish. Each Balding design is thoroughly tested during development by respected horseman from a variety of disciplines to ensure proper fit and performance.

Features: The Advantage line is designed with a heavier $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch satin finish stainless material in both an $8\frac{1}{4}$ -inch shank and a 7-inch short shank. Advantage combinations are offered at \$175 with standard mouthpieces without copper. This

affordable line holds to the quality and superior craftsmanship that has set Tom Balding Bits and Spurs a cut above the rest.

Reinsman Bits

reinsman.com

Reinsman offers a complete line of handmade bits, saddle pads, leather strap goods and saddles designed to keep your horse performing at its maximum. With a dealer network spanning across the United States and internationally, Reinsman is a top choice for performance equipment.

Features: Reinsman Bits are handmade in Cleveland, Tennessee, and provide horsemen with a variety of options. To help horse owners choose the right bit, Reinsman created Bit Stages, where the focus is placed on the horse and rider in their specific riding situation to achieve effective communication and control. Reinsman mouthpieces are made from materials palatable to the horse to increase salivation for a more supple mouth. Select bits, such as fixed dee snaffles and curb bits, have Golden Glide Bushings, which further enhance independent cheek movement for more precise cues, eliminate pinching from the cheek connection, and smooth the cheek piece movement for better feel and performance. All Reinsman bits are backed by the company's Handshake Promise: Reinsman promises all bits are warrantied to be free of craftsmanship defects throughout their useful life.

SADDLES AND TACK

Brighton Feed & Saddlery Powder River Custom Ranch Cutter Saddle

brightonsaddlery.com
800-237-0721
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Brighton Saddlery is a leading purveyor of custom and production saddles, new and used, since 1973. It is the largest saddle and tack shop in Colorado. The shop has easy access from Denver International Airport. Feel free to stop by and bring your horse to

find the right fit for the both of you. Check the website or call to find in-stock items, but custom specs are also an option to get the perfect piece of tack for your needs.

Features: The Powder River Custom Ranch Cutter Saddle has a T.D. horn and a 10-year guaranteed saddletree. Featuring tooled Hermann Oak skirting leather and a deep, narrow, comfortable seat, this saddle has a custom tree and a great fitting bar pattern. Fenders are hung $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch forward with plenty of free swing. The saddle has genuine wool-lined skirts.

Martin Saddlery Performance Saddle

martinsaddlery.com

Martin Saddlery's reputation for uncompromising quality in fully custom saddles has earned the company respect across many disciplines. Customize your own Martin saddle on the configurator at martinsaddlery.com. Purchase a Martin Saddle at a dealer near you.

Features: The Martin Performance Saddle is a proven winner that excels in the reined cow horse arena, as well as in reining, versatility ranch horse and ranch riding events. The well-balanced ground-seat offers security and freedom in all aspects, while cutting a cow out of the herd, running a pattern or going down the fence. This is the choice saddle of the NRCHA's only \$2 Million Riders, Todd Crawford and Todd Bergen, along with other winning trainers and non-pro competitors.

Weaver Leather Working Cowboy Collection **ridethebrand.com** **330-674-7548**

Riding for the brand is a way of life. It's exemplified through integrity, trustworthiness, reliability and loyalty. Since 1973, Weaver Leather has stood by a commitment to crafting top-quality products that can be depended on ride after ride.

Features: New for 2016, the Working Cowboy Collection features leather strap goods handmade in the USA from quality weighted harness leather. With the cowboy

in mind, this collection is dipped in oil, dressed with saddle butter and hand-rubbed for exceptional feel and performance. Headstalls range from a doubled and stitched browband or one-ear to slit-ear style with water-tie and quick-change buckle ends. Featuring a contoured roping and pulling breast collar, this collection is perfect for a wide range of needs. To top things off, a pair of ¾-inch 8-foot weighted split reins will feel perfect to a true horseman. Take your horsemanship to the next level with quality tack from a brand you can trust.

John Fallis Balanced Saddle
fallisbalancedsaddles.com
208-461-7252

The John Fallis Balanced Saddle was created in 1954, when trainer Monte Foreman showed riders how horses moved and how the Fallis Balanced saddles made it easier for horse and rider. Learn more about this saddle online at fallisbalancedsaddles.com, by phone or stop by the shop in Nampa, Idaho.

Features: The John Fallis Balanced Saddle has a flatter seat, forward-hung stirrups and in-skirt rigging. It is the only natural crossover from an English saddle to Western saddle. Whether you are roping, trail riding or competitive riding, there is no bulk under your legs. No heavy brass dees lets the rider have more contact with the horse. There's no knee pain after a ride, and the saddle makes it easier on the horse's back. The saddle is balanced for the horse to move easier.

Schutz Brothers
Hand-Braided Leather Reins
shop.schutzbrothers.com

Family-owned Schutz Brothers, Inc., celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. Schutz Brothers works closely with the nation's top trainers and leading leather tanneries to create rugged working and training tack for the Western horse, designed to fit correctly and stand up to years of use and abuse. Horses and leathercraft are a way of life for the Schutz family, and they are dedicated to using their knowledge and experience to offer the best products available. Founder Don Schutz's legacy of uncompromising dedication to integrity, service and quality products lives on in the company today.

Features: These reins are braided from soft and pliable top-grain leather. Made in

the USA, they come in a wide range of colors: black, brown, brown and black, black and burgundy, red and white, gray, gray and black, and gray and burgundy. Choose from split reins and roping reins. Both have braided-in scissor snaps for easy tack changes.

Cactus Saddlery & Gear
Dynamic Edge Line
for Fallon Taylor
dynamicedgebycactus.com

Cactus Saddlery makes the finest custom and trophy saddles and tack in the industry, and is proud to be one of the last saddle companies that hand-carves and builds each saddle in Texas. Cactus Gear has decades of experience in boot construction and design, and by partnering with Fallon Taylor, the company couples its experience with the wants and needs of barrel horses and their owners. For a list of dealers, visit dynamicedgebycactus.com or go to Fallon's store at ranchdressin.com.

Features: Fallon Taylor's Dynamic Edge boots offer supreme protection and support. The unique double-sling straps pull from the front of the coffin bone, cup the fetlock, and lift back to the front of the leg, providing unparalleled lift and support for your horse's ligaments and tendons. The boots are lightweight and made for barrel horses that need quick, strong leg movements, yet still provide protection from dirt, sand and concussion that may occur through turns and stops.

Dynamic Edge Saddles fit both sides of a barrel racer's personality. Choose the blinged-out, fully hand-carved saddle with multiple colored whipstitch for glitz and glamour; or the full roughout with the deep pocket for all-day training and function over all else. Fallon's Dynamic Edge tack is full of personality but made of the highest quality leather; everything is cut, tooled, stitched and finished in Texas.

Steve Guitron
Custom Rawhide
12-Plait Hackamore Set
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For many years, Steve Guitron Custom Rawhide of Vista, California, has braided rawhide and built leather tack in the vaquero spirit. The Guitron family produces meticulously handcrafted tack that includes items such as romal reins,

bosals, headstalls and cavessons.

Features: The 12-Plait Bosal has a 12-plait cheek and a 16-plait nose. It can be used for work and show, and it's a favorite for members of the NRCHA. Steve Guitron Custom Rawhide offers this bosal set, as seen in *Western Horseman*, at a discounted price. Steve Guitron Custom Rawhide makes this bosal on a continual basis, and it is normally available for quick delivery.

The Dr. Cook® Bitless Bridle
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Robert Cook, FRCVS, PhD, Professor of Surgery Emeritus of Tufts University, has researched diseases of the horse's head, neck and chest since 1958. Recognizing the many diseases and negative behaviors caused by the bit, he developed the cross-under bitless bridle. Since 1999, the Dr. Cook Bitless Bridle has been used by riders of all ages and experience; on horses of all types and sizes; in nearly every discipline; and under a diversity of conditions worldwide. Its unique design has eliminated problems, reduced accidents and spread happiness.

Features: In comparison to bitted bridles, the Dr. Cook Bitless Bridle is safer, provides more effective signals, and has no side effects. Feedback shows that it fulfills the needs of both horse and rider. To slow or stop, brief pressure on both reins hugs the whole head; to steer, pressure on one rein nudges half of the head. Neck-reining can also be used.

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Cowboy Kid Saddles
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800-333-2202

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Features: Cowboy Kid Saddles help keep children in the correct position so they can concentrate on learning their chosen discipline. Five different saddles are available, tailored to each sport. The Barrel Racer features a deep seat pocket,



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Weaver Leather 100 percent Alpaca Cinch

ridethebrand.com
800-566-2240

Weaver Leather has more than 40 years' experience bringing quality products to horsemen worldwide. View the company's extensive catalog and find a dealer near you at ridethebrand.com.

Features: Woven by dedicated Amish craftspeople in Mount Hope, Ohio, Weaver's

100 percent alpaca cinches are luxurious, naturally water repellent, breathable, and high in comfort, strength and durability. They feature stainless steel hardware adorned with intricate floral engraving and black accents. Cinches are available in the straight or roper style. Sunset harness leather accents are stuffed with tallows and oils to prevent moisture absorption, stiffness and galling of a horse.

Double Diamond Halter Co. Waxed Nylon Reins

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yarn and rolled flat to produce a rope that will not twist or curl. They are available in ½-inch and 1-inch widths for roping reins and split reins, and connect to the bit with 10- or 11-ounce burgundy leather water ties. The roping reins are 8½ feet long and the split reins are available in 7- and 8-foot lengths. The 1-inch split reins have a doubled teardrop-shaped 6- or 7-ounce leather popper on the end of the rein for added weight, and are ideal for snaffle bits. The ½-inch roping reins are endorsed by 22-time NFR qualifier Mike Beers. These reins are now available in black as well as the original natural lariat yarn color.

JT International Southern Charm Collection Saddles and Tack

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JT International carries more than 250 styles of saddles in different sizes and colors to meet every riding need. The company features Silver Royal, Royal King, King Series, Australian Outrider, Silver Fox and Equi Royal saddle brands.

Features: The Southern Charm collection features five unique styles of saddles and tack, each with hand-painted details, crystal embellishments, floral tooling, and reptile or floral print accents, perfect for barrel racing and speed events. The collection includes a premium breast collar, single-ear headstall, browband headstall, noseband, wither strap, tie-down hobble, and shaped spur straps. Select breast collars and headstalls are also available with fun fringe accents. The set is finished with medium oil leather.

TW Saddlery Saddles

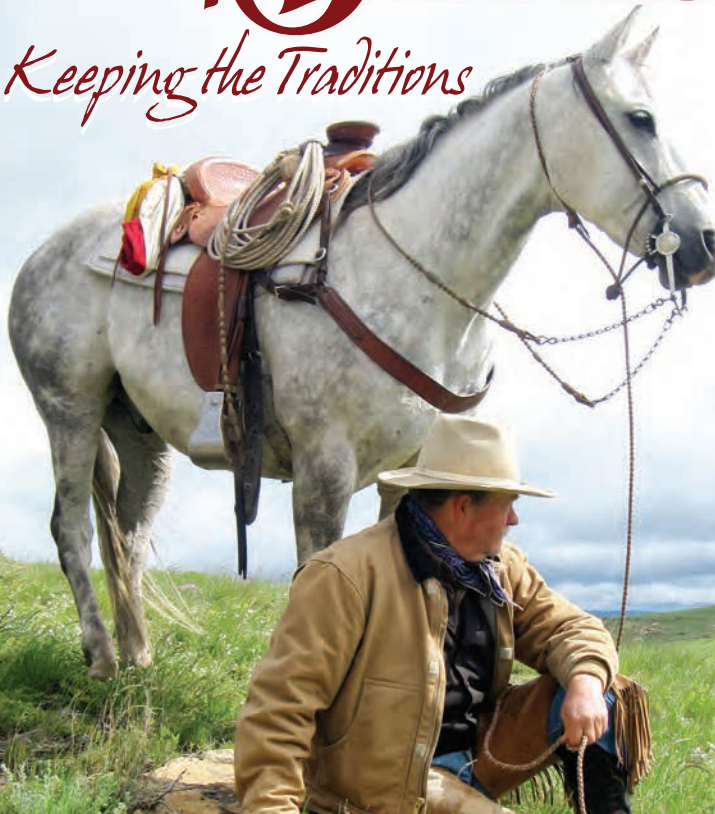
twsaddlery.com
915-726-0550

TW Saddlery got its start by producing and continues to produce a full line of adjustable lightweight trail riding saddles that are comfortable for both horse and rider. The company is located in Canutillo, Texas. More information is available at twsaddlery.com.

Features: TW Saddlery uses patented saddle-fitting technology combined with lightweight close-contact design to offer horsemen a new alternative in saddle selection. Find saddles for reining, barrel racing, mounted shooting, ranch versatility and Western dressage from TW Saddlery.

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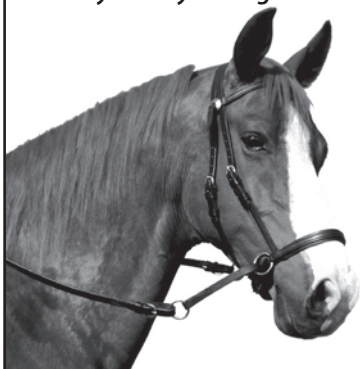
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TW Saddlery saddles range in weight from 15 to 22 pounds, making them among the lightest leather saddles made today. Company craftsmen have learned how to lighten weight without compromising quality or strength in critical parts.

All saddles have a 3-inch range of width adjustment, and full adjustment of loin and shoulder angles to allow for full, even distribution of rider weight. TW Saddlery has developed and patented the only system that adjusts all three dimensions of saddle fit: width, arch and angle.

BuckBuster

thebuckbuster.com
405-440-3353

Featured on RFD-TV, The BuckBuster is an ingenious patented invention to decrease the likelihood of a horse bucking.

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Features: The BuckBuster is made of extra thick, top-grade leather with high-quality stitching, stainless aircraft cable, heavy-duty buckles and trouble-free pulleys. This piece of equipment is adjustable at the noseband, throatlatch, and cheeks to fit most horses, ponies, and mules. The BuckBuster is available in black or brown, and a bridle version is also available.

McCall Saddle Company Wood Post Pendleton Saddle

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Features: With its thick, high, rounded swells, the Wood Pendleton Saddle is an offshoot of the old Severe Bronc Saddle that is well known in the Northwest country. It has a laminated integral hardwood horn and a 4½-inch cantle that is a plus if you spend a lot of time in the saddle. This modified association tree has become a standby for swell-fork-loving cowboys. The Pendleton's narrow seat makes it nice at the end of a long day in the saddle.

High Quality Saddles Wade Saddle

highqualitysaddles.com

435-979-3445

info@highqualitysaddles.com

After making saddles on the side for years, in 2008, Dan High and his wife, Ashley, founded High Quality Saddles out of Monroe, Utah. Dan's father, Ross Christensen, taught saddlemaking to his son at a young age and has been making beautiful custom saddles for decades. Ross has been repairing saddles and making tack since 1966, and started building saddles full time in 1987. Dan started working alongside his dad in 1985, and has been building saddles since. High Quality Saddles produces custom, 100 percent handmade saddles and tack at an affordable price. Customers ride comfortably for more than 15 hours in High Quality Saddles.

Features: One of the most comfortable narrow saddles on the market for your rear and your horse's back, the Wade Saddle is versatile. Ideal for all-around riding, it is built with the best materials available, including a rawhide tree, Hermann Oak leather, top-of-the-line hardware and real sheepskin lining. Many customization options are available; prices start at \$2,750.



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Buckaroo Businesses Stock Saddles

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Features: Buckaroo Businesses stock saddles are custom quality saddles without the wait. They are made with the highest quality American-made materials and include latigos, mohair cinches, back cinches and monel stirrups. Made to be functional, well-fitting and attractive, they are in the showroom, ready to purchase and put on a horse and ride. Call Buckaroo Businesses to find out what the company has in stock.

SILVER ACCESSORIES

Gene Klein Custom Silver Finery

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Gene Klein has been designing and crafting unique hand-engraved sterling silver and gold finery since 1988. He started a decade earlier, designing and building bits and spurs for his cowboy friends, and always strived to create pieces that were appropriately functional yet had that artistic style cowboys want. Whether it's a bridle bit or bracelet, spurs or a buckle set, every piece is uniquely designed, built, and hand-engraved by Gene himself.

Features: Gene's work is traditional, classic Western style and has become highly prized by cowboys as well as collectors of fine Western gear. Check out his unique designs on his website, but don't let those hold you back. Give Gene the chance to build the custom piece you've always wanted. Don't forget to stop by his



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booth and visit with him this May 12–15 in Abilene, Texas, at the Western Heritage Classic Bit and Spur Show.

Hansen Western Gear Silver Trim

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Hansen Western Gear of Oakdale, California, has specialized in hand-engraved silver products since 1994. Tim and Marie Hansen and their son, Tim, and his wife, Kelleigh, own the company.

Hansen Western Gear carries a full line of buckle sets and conchos for bridles, saddles and tack, including economical silver plate, sterling overlay, rust, and solid sterling silver. The company's products can be purchased from retailers, tack companies and saddlemakers. Hansen's is family-owned and -operated with a large inventory, and can ship most orders within a day. Hansen's attends the Denver WESA Market and several leather and saddle shows in the Western states.

Features: Hansen Western Gear's

hand-engraved silver trim is ideal for adorning headstalls and saddles with conchos, buckle sets and corner plates. Choose from designs including square and heart-shaped conchos.

Baru's Silver at the Spiller Ranch

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"Fancy but ranchy"—that is how Baru Spiller describes her custom buckles, conchos, hoof picks, scarf slides, bracelets, and other jewelry that is handcrafted at the Spiller Ranch, located between Abilene and San Angelo, Texas. The ranch is also home to horses that have garnered championships in working cow horse, ranch horse and stock horse competition. Baru strives to make her work suitable for ranch work, eye-catching in the arena, and the perfect accent at any ranch gathering.

A silversmith of 10 years, Baru's work has been included in gear exhibits and sales at the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine, Texas; the Western Folklife Museum in Elko, Nevada; the Desert Caballeros

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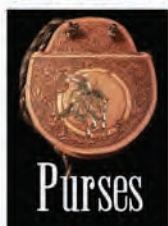
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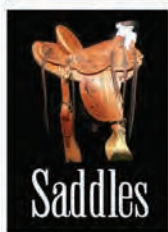
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Baru believes becoming a good craftsman is like becoming a good horseman—both are a journey. She strives to make each creation better than the last while blending her creative style with the customer's taste. Visit her booth at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene, Texas, May 12–15.

Features: Baru's buckles and jewelry shapes are named for rodeo towns in which her family has competed, such as Dodge City, Gallala, Plainville and Mankato.

BACKCOUNTRY GEAR

Tip's Cattle Bags

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Since 1973, Ken Tipton of Winnemucca, Nevada, and his crew have crafted top-quality tack, canvas items and custom saddles. Tip's Western & Custom Saddles is a leader in manufacturing canvas bedrolls and a leading supplier of long ropes including poly ropes, open range ropes and the popular 380 Special. Stop by the shop or go to tipswestern.com to find a large selection.

Features: Known for its TIP Slick-Fork Wade and 3B saddles, Tip's Western also carries cattle bags. Ideal for trail rides or ranchers who need to carry items such as water, food, clothing and medicine, these bags are made at the shop out of premium leather. The bag has a storm flap over the zipper to help keep moisture and dirt out. Tip's Cattle Bag is available in plain brown leather or with basketweave tooling. Chap leather bags are \$139.95, and basketweave tooled are \$225.

Horsewright Clothing & Tack Gordo Knife

horsewrightclothing.com
661-822-4941

Horsewright Clothing & Tack is owned by Dave and Nichole Ferry and is located in Tehachapi, California. The company produces handmade knives, sheaths, holsters, rifle scabbards, martingales, spur straps, chap leather purses, leggings, wild rags, wool vests and many other items.

Features: The Gordo knife is a small, fixed-blade knife ground from 416 layer Damascus Steel. This knife owes its popularity to its compact size. It is easy to carry, yet due to the handle design, it feels good, even in large hands. Horsewright's damascus is forged in the USA. Each blade is crafted from raw stock, expertly ground, heat-treated and tested for a consistent 60 RC hardness. This provides an excellent little knife for all kinds of ranch chores, whether it's branding, opening feed sacks or cutting open a hay bale. The Gordo comes with a premium leather sheath in the Beltless Sheath style, a Gordo Sheath (a unique horizontal-type sheath designed for this knife), or a Vertical Pancake Sheath.

All of Horsewright's knives and sheaths are handmade by Dave Ferry. Horsewright knives are carried and used by ranchers, cowboys, buckaroos, working horsemen and hunting guides throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and worldwide. Horsewright offers many unique, beautiful and durable natural material handle options, including exotic woods, stag, camel bone and jigged bone. All knives come with a handcrafted Hermann Oak leather sheath. Choose from several sheath designs that are individually wet-molded and fitted to each knife.

Big Bend Saddlery Cowboy Bedrolls

bigbendsaddlery.com
800-634-4502
info@bigbendsaddlery.com

Big Bend Saddlery is located in a small town nestled in the Davis Mountains of Southwest Texas. With a focus on quality, the company has been making and stocking fine leather goods, saddles and tack, and other cowboy supplies for decades. Stop by the shop if you are in the area.

Features: Used for years by working cowboys, these bedrolls are made of sturdy 18-ounce cotton ducking. They measure 7 by 17 feet, have hemmed edges, and are complete with snaps and rings. The tarp folds over the 4-inch-thick foam mattress lengthwise, then folds together in the center, with plenty of tarp left to cover your head in a storm. It comes with leather bedroll straps so that you can easily roll up and move camp.

K Bar J Leather Company Back Country Chest Holster

kbarjleather.com
605-456-1332

K Bar J Leather Company is well known for the high-quality chinks and chaps it makes in South Dakota. The company's expertise is expanding into firearm accessories, with its most popular item being the Back Country Chest Holster.

Features: This is an easy-to-access chest holster that keeps your firearm close, whether you are horseback, on an ATV or hiking in the backcountry. This American-made product is customized to fit most revolvers, from the smaller frame revolvers such as the Lady Smith, up to the Smith & Wesson .500, and semi-autos from subcompact to 6-inch barrels. A mag or cartridge holder comes with the chest holster. The leather chest holster is adjustable to fit a wide range of sizes, from very small to extra large. The company has recently developed a quick-change system that allows you to swap out holsters in 30 seconds. Shoulder holsters and suspender rigs are also available for smaller concealed firearms such as the Lady Smith or the Bodyguard. Check the website for the full line of conceal-and-carry items, as well as Old West and field holsters, chaps and chinks.

Emerson Knives, Inc. Model CQC-15

emersonknives.com
310-539-5633

Emerson Knives was founded in the family garage nearly 35 years ago. Today, Emerson Knives is family-owned and run by owners Ernest and Mary Emerson and their daughters Megan, head of marketing, and Rachel, director of operations. The Emersons have built the business into the most influential knife company in the cutlery industry, and have changed the face of the industry with several of the best selling knife designs in history.

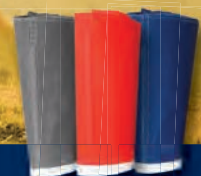
If you work around livestock, you know to always have a knife on hand to ensure the safety of the rider and animals. Emerson Knives are the No. 1 hard-use knives in the world. Guaranteed for life, every component of the knives is manufactured in the United States. Emerson is the go-to company for all elite special operating units in the USA, including the U.S. Navy Seals.

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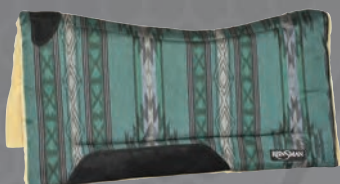
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Features: Cowboy Model CB-3200 saddle, harness, and leather sewing machine. The U.S.- patented design of this stitcher makes it the lowest priced compound feed harness stitcher on the market today. A compound feed machine features a needle feed, walking foot and a feed dog. It is a triple feed design.

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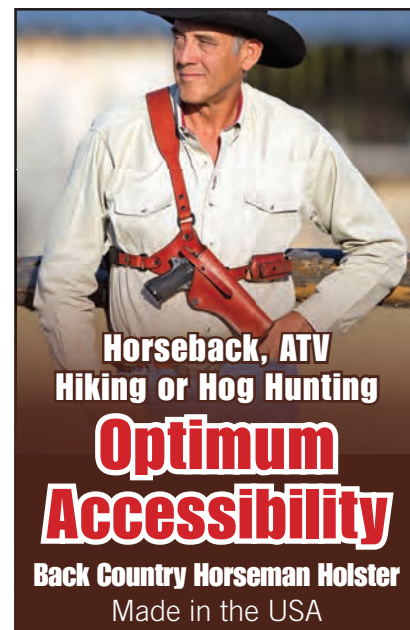
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tippmannindustrial.com
866-286-8046

Tippmann Industrial Products is an American-made company. Founded by Dennis Tippmann Sr. in 1991, Tippmann Industrial Products manufactures products such as premium leathercrafting equipment and machinery, propane-powered post driving equipment, pneumatic die-cutting presses and equipment, pneumatic belt-fed machine guns (under Air-Ordnance, LLC), and vintage-style hunting rifles (under Tippmann Armory, LLC).

Features: The Tippmann "BOSS" Leather Hand Stitcher Sewing Machine sews through leather up to ¾-inch thick. Simple to adjust, it can sew between 6 to 16 stitches per inch and can sew a variety of materials, including leather, nylon, canvas, urethane, plastic, sheepskin and more. Portable and lightweight, the machine is ideal for repair work, custom work and small production work. You'll find it to be accurate and consistent on every stitch. Hand-powered and simple to stitch, it is ready-to-use right out of

the box. Made in the USA, the product comes with a 30-day trial period and a 1-year full parts and labor warranty.

To learn more about this product, contact Tippmann Industrial for a free catalog. Most of the company's product lines are available factory-direct as well as through Tippmann's dealer network.

Artisan Sewing Supplies Artisan S-335B BT

artisansew.com

Artisan Sewing Supplies is an innovative company that manufactures affordable, modern machinery for the vast array of leather working needs. Located in San Francisco, California, this family business aims to help leather-smiths and artists work smarter and more efficiently while enjoying creating projects made of natural leathers used in the equestrian world.

Features: Artisan Sewing Supplies has just introduced a new tabletop transportable model stitching machine. The Artisan s-335B BT is designed to be portable and used atop a workshop bench, on a kitchen table, at a trade show, rodeo, or out in the boonies plugged into the 12-volt system in your truck using an inverter, or almost any 12-volt battery.

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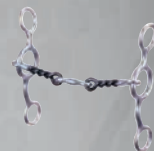
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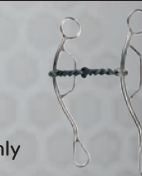
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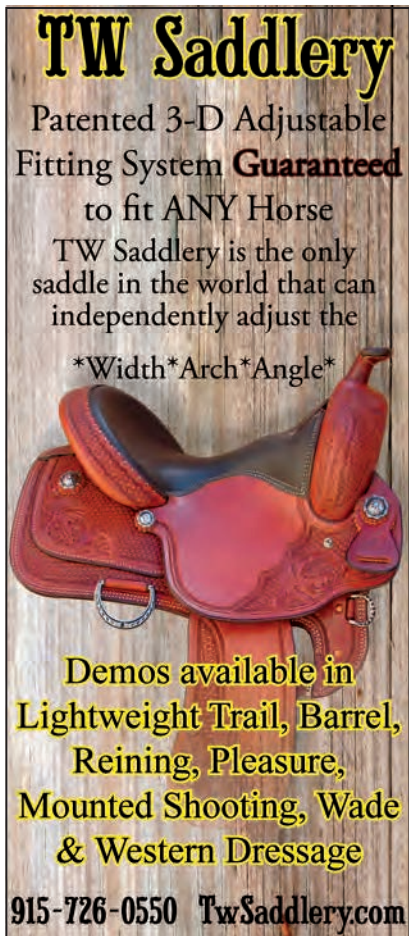
Saddle Doctor's Repair Manual for Western Saddles

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If you're a bit handy, you can save money on your saddles and tack—despite the increasing costs of leather—by repairing your own equipment. Dick Orent of Omaha, Nebraska, is an experienced saddlemaker with nearly 40 years of experience. The master craftsman has always tried to share the knowledge he's acquired to help generations of horsemen with saddle repair. Dick can repair your saddle, or he can help you repair it yourself.

Features: Dick originally wrote *Saddle Doctor's Repair Manual for Western Saddles* as a textbook to address the need for a clear and understandable guide for classes he taught. Written for ages 8 to 80, the book walks readers through everything from deconstructing a saddle down to the tree, to performing minor repairs and reassembling the saddle.

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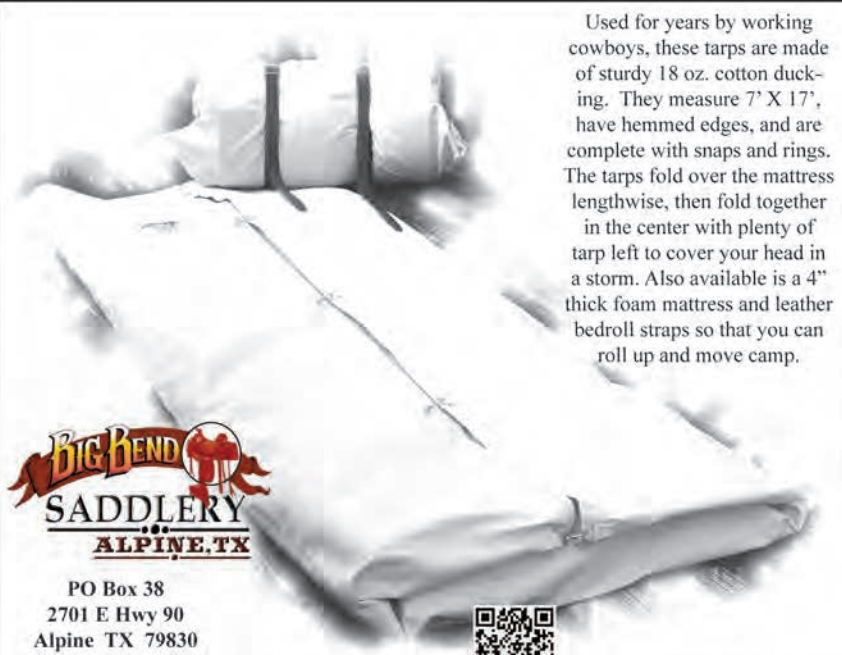
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The Rancher pad requires no break-in time due to its perfect fit. Its protection eliminates sore backs, while the pad's durability allows more than 2,000 hours of riding. Pads come with a square skirt, in natural or black color, in four sizes.

National Saddlery Oxbow Ergo Saddle Pads

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Features: Oxbow Ergo Saddle Pads help ensure proper saddle fit for the hard-to-fit horse. These contoured orthopedic-grade saddle pads are specifically designed to relieve shoulder strain and pressure. The Ergo Pad helps with hard-to-fit conformation, high withers, narrow shoulders, asymmetrical muscle development and poor saddle fit. Poron XRD material provides a protective shield that absorbs up to 90 percent of force, protecting from pressure and relieving strain and soreness. The built-up layer of high-quality memory foam behind the scapula ensures alignment of horse, pad and saddle every time.

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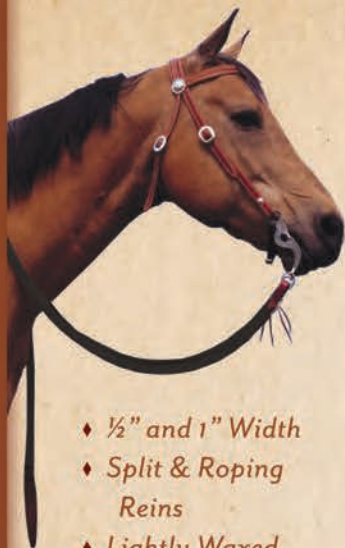
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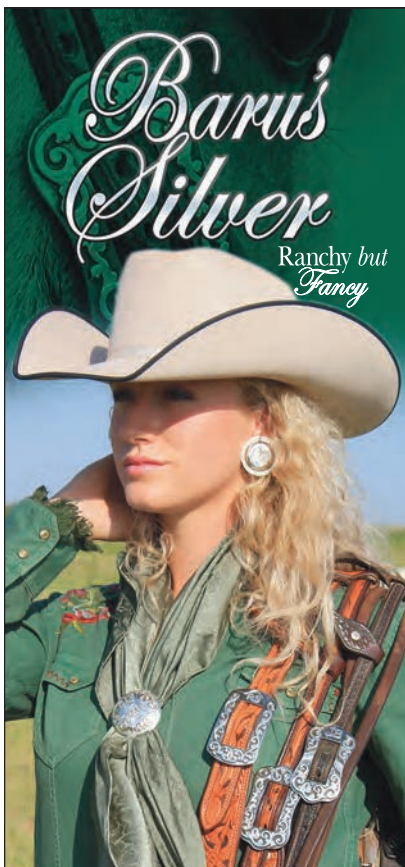
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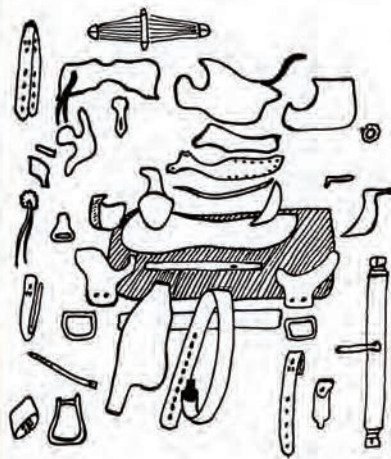
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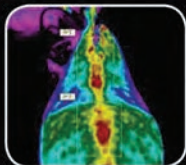
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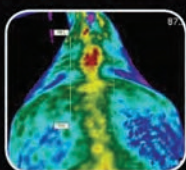
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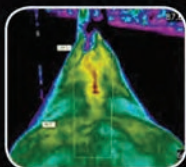
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