



**Saddle Pads Buyer's Guide**  
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Modern saddle pads are some of the most versatile equine products available. They are available in styles to suit Western, English, and bareback riding. In addition, each is a long-wearing, durable compliment to any color horse coat. But they also help protect both the horse and rider. In fact, the best saddle works to evenly distribute rider weight across your horse's entire back. This creates better horse spine health, which in turn may lend itself to less leg and hoof injuries because your horse is able to move more naturally. Plus, each pad also helps cushion your ride and keep your horse cool and dry.

Product Name	Style	Size	Material	Core	Wash	Unique Benefits
 <a href="#">Full Cotton Dressage Pad</a>	Dressage	22" top x 20" drop	Cotton	1/4" Polyfil	Machine washable	Contoured top line promotes constant airflow. Can be used with sheepskin half pads.
 <a href="#">Full Cotton All-Purpose Pad with Memory Foam</a>	English - All Purpose	22" top x 20" drop	Cotton	Memory foam shims	Machine washable	Memory foam shims customize the support. Constant air flow and moisture wicking.
 <a href="#">Cotton Correction Half Pad with Memory Foam Inserts</a>	Half-pad made especially for English saddles	Fits saddles 16.5" to 18"	Cotton	NA	Machine washable	Memory foam shims customize the fit and support.
 <a href="#">Cotton</a>	Dressage	22" top x 20"	Cotton	Memory foam shims	Machine washable	Memory foam creates customized support for you and your horse.

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 <a href="#">Correction Dressage Pad with Memory Foam</a>		drop				Promotes constant airflow.
 <a href="#">Grip Tech All-Purpose Eventing Pad</a>	English - All Purpose	21.5" x 19"	Cotton and foam top backed by compression foam	NA	Machine washable cold	High tech cushioning allows horse and rider to meet and conquer the many challenges in the Eventing world.
 <a href="#">Air Ride Half Pad by Equine Comfort Products</a>	English - All purpose	22" x 14"	Thermo Plastic Elastomer (TPE)	NA	Machine washable cold	Can be a boon for proper fitting of a saddle and eliminates bulk under the rider's leg.
 <a href="#">Full Cotton All-Purpose Pad</a>	English - All Purpose	22" top x 20" drop	Cotton	1/4" polyfil/span>	Machine washable cold	Promotes constant airflow and absorbs and wicks moisture.
 <a href="#">Contender II Dressage Saddle Pad</a>	Dressage	22" x 21"	Welltex and Ultra ThinLine	NA	Machine washable cold	Soothing, long wave infrared thermal warmth increases blood circulation and warms up horses more quickly.
 <a href="#">Grip Tech 1/2 Pad by Equine Comfort Products</a>	English - All Purpose	20.5" top x 8" drop	Compression foam backed by cotton	NA	Machine washable cold	Moisture-wicking, breathable and shock-absorbing for maximum comfort.

 <p><a href="#"><u>Classic Sheepskin Half Pad</u></a></p>	<p>Half-Pad English or Dressage</p>	<p>Medium fits saddles up to 16.5". Large fits saddles 16.5" and larger.</p>	<p>Cotton and sheepskin</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Machine washable cold</p>	<p>Cut a little closer to the saddle and sits a little more forward on the horse. Merino sheepskin wool is a protective fiber that wicks away moisture.</p>
 <p><a href="#"><u>Deluxe Classic Sheepskin Half Pad by Equine Comfort Products</u></a></p>	<p>English</p>	<p><b>Med:</b> for saddles 16.5" and below <b>Large:</b> fits saddles 16.5" and above</p>	<p>100% Merino sheepskin</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Machine washable</p>	<p>High-wither design, natural merino absorbs and wicks away moisture. Rolled edge keeps pad in place.</p>

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