



Short Introduction to Treeless and EDIX Saddles



EDIX treeless saddles and treeless riding!

Treeless riding reintroduces an art of riding that was performed for many centuries, even before the invention of the treed saddle. Treeless riding is not a novelty, but a different way of horse riding. Riding treeless, horse and rider can experience more mutual feeling, the so-called “close contact”, enabling them to develop a more refined way of communicating through the rider’s position.

How Treeless is Your Treeless?

Not every treeless saddle is designed in the same way! Some have a form of soft, pliable tree or internal construction and others have none at all and are built only of layers of material. Some are designed as a complete system, whereas others are a standalone saddle.

Most often, riders are unaware that there are varying degrees of treeless saddles, or the impact that their choice has on the performance of them as a rider, and their horse. Finding the right treeless saddle for you and your horse should take time and consideration. For every horse and rider there is a perfect saddle, meaning we will not end up all with the same choice.

Adjustments and comfort aspects are determined by differences due to the anatomy of the horse, the posture, experience and flexibility of the rider, the discipline, the age of the horse and other variants. All EDIX saddles are designed with care, attention and cutting-edge innovation, offering a range of treeless saddles and soft tree saddles.

Treeless Saddles

An EDIX treeless saddle consists of at least two individual components, the two-part superstructure (the saddle) and the special treeless saddle pad, including the pressure-distributing inlays. The EDIX treeless saddles and saddle pads are built according to the EDIX® MPDS: multiple pressure distribution system. Due to this specific construction, the treeless saddles have the unique characteristics of being able to fully adapt to the anatomy of horse and rider. Instead of using the term treeless saddle, the term “treeless saddle combination” would be more appropriate. It is the combination of those soft parts which together ensure ultimate flexibility across the horse’s back in all directions. Right there is the strength of the balanced pressure distribution, through the different layers across the maximum surface of the horse’s back. It goes without saying that your horse will be able to move much more freely because of this enormous flexibility and it is this type of treeless saddle which encourages the rider to seek his or her fullest potential.



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Soft Tree, Treeless Saddle

The soft tree saddles of the EDIX range are technically still fully treeless due the lack of a solid tree, but they are much more structured and therefore we call these models 'soft tree saddles'. This type of treeless saddle is designed as a standalone saddle. Besides the possibility to correct temporary saddle position with a special treeless saddle pad, the panels of the saddle allow a refill. The EDIX soft tree saddles are built of different flexible shock and soft absorbing layers and synthetic wool filled panels, which fully adapt to the horse's anatomy and riders' posture. This construction of the EDIX soft tree saddles offers the rider a narrower and more balanced seat and still has great flexibility and spinal clearance for movement for the horse.

In treeless and soft tree saddles you are unable to rely on a solid seat for balance. The communication that comes from the close contact between the rider and the horse, enables you the ride the horse in a more refined way instead of the riding a saddle. This way of riding encourages you to find synchronicity and unity with your horse, communication becomes more subtle, movements are freer and the connection between horse and human becomes stronger. After the habituation period, both horse and rider, show an increase of relaxation and fluid movement in all aspect of horse riding. An extra result is an increase in muscle mass due the increased freedom of movement the horse optimally develops.

EDIX recommends purchasing a treeless saddle as a complete package, including stirrups, stirrup leathers and a matching saddle pad with inlays. In order to ensure constant firm fixation, we recommend a fully or partly elastic girth for a consistently fixed position. A durable elasticity tailored to your horse's strength, which will save your saddle from undesirable forces that are caused by the varying abdominal circumference of your horse while riding. The elastic of the girth always adjusts itself in length and has the possibility to keep the saddle in place with constant tension. Besides the EDIX anatomical soft leather padded elastic girth we also offer the fully elastic girth of F.R.A.

The EDIX treeless saddles come in different models and sizes. The EDIX range offers sizes from 12" up to 19", in General Purpose, Dressage and Western style. The different models are available in the colour combinations brown, black and natural, in synthetic materials or genuine leather.

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When you follow the recommended process of fitting, testing, purchasing and aftercare, EDIX saddles guarantees a perfect fit of your saddle for you and your horse to enjoy for many years.

EDIX treeless riding, the way to more mutual feeling between you and your horse!