



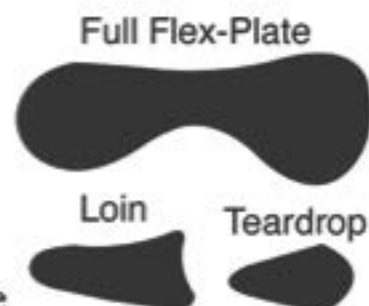
Using Shims with a CSI Saddlepad

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STEP

1

Choose the correct shaped shim for your needs.



STEP

2



Position the shim on your horse's back in the area where it will "fill in" creating even contact with the Flex-Plate. Remember, our goal with the shim is to create even distribution of the weight when the saddle & rider are added.

STEP

3



Use scissors to refine the shape of the shim to fit your horse's exact needs.

When you have the shim shaped correctly, you need to bevel both edges of the shim so it makes a graduated step up to the full thickness of the shim instead of a hard edge.

STEP

4



Apply a Velcro strip to the top of the shim and then affix the shim between the layers of your CSI pad. Ride in the shim until your horse works up a little sweat and then check your sweat pattern to make sure shim placement is correct. A correctly placed shim should yield an even sweat pattern.



Your sweat pattern should look like this one. Note the even sweat across the entire footprint of the pad and the dry strip down the middle of the horse's back.

Remember shims should only be necessary temporarily! Be sure to check them often and adjust since your horse's anatomy and saddle fit can be affected by MANY factors. Please visit our website CSIpads.com for informative videos explaining how to use shims with your CSI pad as well as other topics or YouTube at http://youtu.be/0K8x7qQzx_o.



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