

# Basic Detail Report

## **Safety and Care**

As with any sport, riding involves certain risks which you assume when you decide to ride. Smith-Worthington wants you to enjoy safe riding. We suggest that you know your horse, your abilities and your equipment and always wear a safety helmet. Proper care of your tack will insure your safety and extend your the life of your equipment.

**FIT** - Be sure that your saddle properly fits your horse. Your dealer or instructor/trainer will help you.

**STIRRUP BARS** should be secure to the tree, in good condition and always used with the ends down.

**TREE** - The head or pommel should be rigid. Hold it firmly on each side and try to bend it. It should not bend or make noises. The bars of the tree, running front to back under the seat should not flex abruptly or excessively. (Exception: Smith-Worthington's custom leather tree saddle.)

**BILLETS AND WEB** - The billets should be checked every time you ride. The leather should be strong with no excessive grain cracks, gouges or elongated holes. Stitching should be secure with no loose or broken stitches. Webbing should be strong with no sign of wear at the tree and no frayed or weak areas.

**PERIODIC INSPECTION** by a professional saddler is recommended. Smith-Worthington offers free safety inspections. Return your saddle along with instructions, your return address, a daytime phone number, and \$10 to cover shipping and insurance.

**INITIAL CARE** - While the leather in your new saddle is fat liquored and tallowed at the tannery and can be used without additional treatment, we recommend you immediately begin a regular program of care. Several light applications of preservative worked into the leather fibers by hand will promote suppleness and personalized formation of the saddle as you ride.

**BASIC CARE** - Keep your saddle clean and preserved. Store it in a well ventilated area away from moisture, heat and sunlight. This saddle has been designed for many years of service. Treat all leather as a living substance. Keep it clean: surface dirt is abrasive and wears the epidermis. Keep it preserved: preservatives act both as an adhesive and as a lubricant for the leather fibers. They also leave a protective surface coating.

**CAUTION:** Some "super cleaners" remove natural fat liquoring. If you use such products be sure to use preservative after cleaning to restore some oils to the leather. Some oils contain petroleum products and may affect stitching with repeated use. Smith-Worthington recommends natural oils such

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as pure neatfoot oil.

To register your warranty privileges, complete and mail the attached card along with a copy of your sales receipt within 10 days of purchase. Keep this card for your records.

DATE OF  
PURCHASE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEALER: \_\_\_\_\_

DEALER'S  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SADDLE  
MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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