

3. SNAFFLE BRIDLE - FITTING

Proper fit of bridle parts

Cheekpieces have one or two spare holes above buckle when bit is correctly adjusted.

Headpiece and browband fit without rubbing or pinching ears

Cavesson noseband lies 1/2 inch (one finger) below cheekbone.

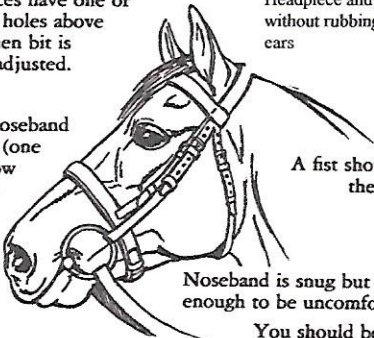
A fist should fit between the throatlash and pony's cheek.

Noseband is snug but not tight enough to be uncomfortable.

You should be able to slip a finger under any part of the bridle.

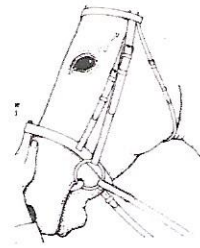
Snaffle bit makes 1 1/2 to 2 small wrinkles in corners of lips.

All strap ends are in keepers.



CAVESSON NOSEBAND

Two fingers between noseband and head. If it is fitted a little lower and tighter, it can help discourage the horse from opening his mouth and evading the bit.



BROWBAND

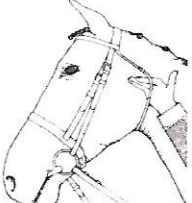
This browband is a good length and is fitted low enough to avoid rubbing the ears.



Noseband is too high and will rub the projecting cheek bones.

THROATLASH

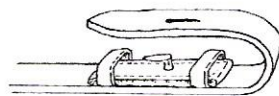
Fit width of fingers between the throat and throatlash so that it will not cause pressure on the windpipe when the horse flexes to the bit.



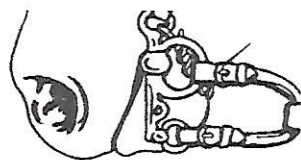
4. STUD BILLETS

Stud Billets are small metal hooks which fasten into a small hole in the rein or cheek strap to attach it to the Bridle. The billet and billet hole should be checked regularly for wear and tear.

Stud Billets do up facing towards the head



A Stud (Hooked) Billet with a sturdy leather platform



These Stud Billets are done up **incorrectly** facing away from the head



This Stud Billet is done up **correctly** facing towards the horse's head

5. BUCKLES

Buckles are a secure way of attaching the cheekstraps and reins to the bit, but they can look bulky.

Buckles do up facing away from the head

The buckles on the
Cheekpiece and on the rein
are done up correctly facing
away from the horse's head

