

2. NOSEBANDS – FITTING



CAVESSON NOSEBAND

CORRECT

Two to three fingers below the projecting cheekbone depending on the size/length of the horse's head

Two fingers between noseband and horse's head



DROP NOSEBAND

There should be room for one finger under the noseband

CORRECT

TOO LOW



HANOVERIAN (FLASH) NOSEBAND

CORRECT

One to two fingers below the projecting cheekbone.

It should be fitted more snugly than a Cavesson Noseband so that it will not pull down and restrict the nostrils when the bottom (flash) strap is tightened.



GRAKLE (CROSSED) NOSEBAND**CORRECT**

The top strap should lie just below the projecting cheek bone (1 finger).

There should be room for one finger under the noseband.

The main (central) point of pressure (where the straps cross over the nose) can be moved up or down decreasing or increasing its strength of action. Make sure it does not lie below the nasal bones.

The buckle on the bottom strap should be closer to the cross-over.

**TOO LOW****MEXICAN GRAKLE**

Also known as the High Ring Grakle.

The two rings either side of the top straps should be fitted no more than one inch below the eye as, if fitted any lower, the noseband will be less effective.

The top straps pass over the cheek bones and the point at which the straps cross is fitted higher up the nasal bone. The base strap sits in the chin groove as normal.

Do not over tighten when using this noseband for the first time as it could cause the horse to panic until they become accustomed to it.

The buckle on the bottom strap should be closer to the cross-over.

**CORRECT**