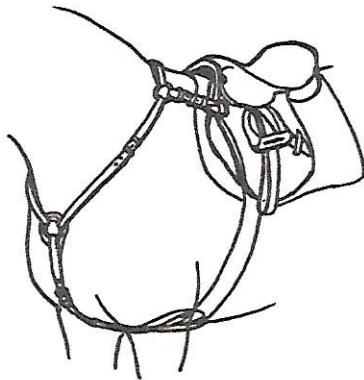


BREASTPLATES

Breastplates are permitted for all activities and must be correctly fitted.

1. STOCKMAN / HUNTING BREASTPLATE



Great care is needed in fitting. If fitted too high, the horse's breathing will be affected, if too low, it interferes with the action of the shoulders.

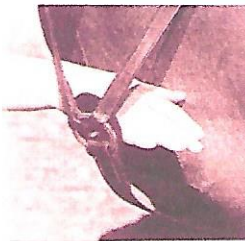
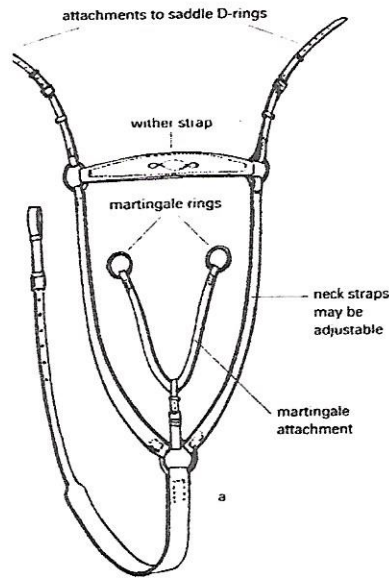
Neck strap should allow the width of a hand at the withers.

It should follow the line of the horse's shoulder blades, with the centre ring sitting at the base of the neck in the middle of the breast.

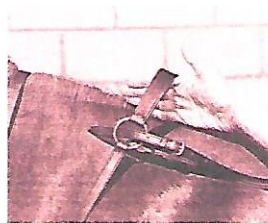
It is usually attached to the D's on the saddle.

The ring at the breast should be backed with leather to prevent rubbing.

Martingale attachment may be attached to the breast ring.



When the Breastplate is in place, check that the fit allows room for a palm's width at the chest.

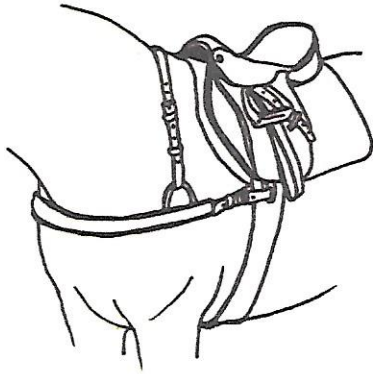


You should be able to fit 4 fingers under the strap that passes over the neck



The Breastplate keeper should be pushed tightly up to the girth so that there is no loop in which the horse could catch his foot.

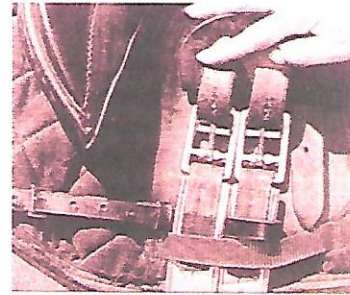
2. RACING BREASTPLATE OR BREASTGIRTH



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May be made of leather, webbing material, PVC or elastic.

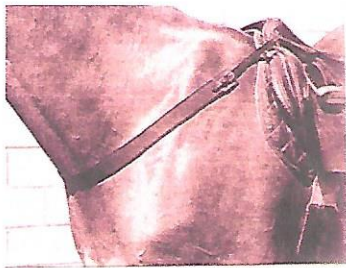
Sheepskin cover can be fitted over the Breastplate to prevent the strap rubbing the horse.



Attach the strap from the Breastplate to the girth strap just under the buckle if it is a long girth and above the Numnah strap (if any) to prevent it slipping down.

Pass it under the first girth strap and round the second girth strap.

3. CONTINENTAL BREASTPLATE / BREASTGIRTH



This is elasticated and is attached to the D rings of the saddle, rather than to the girth straps.

Can be hard to fit so as not to put pressure on the horse's windpipe.

4. ELASTIC "Y" FITTING OLYMPIC BREASTPLATE



This is elasticated and is attached to the D rings of the saddle