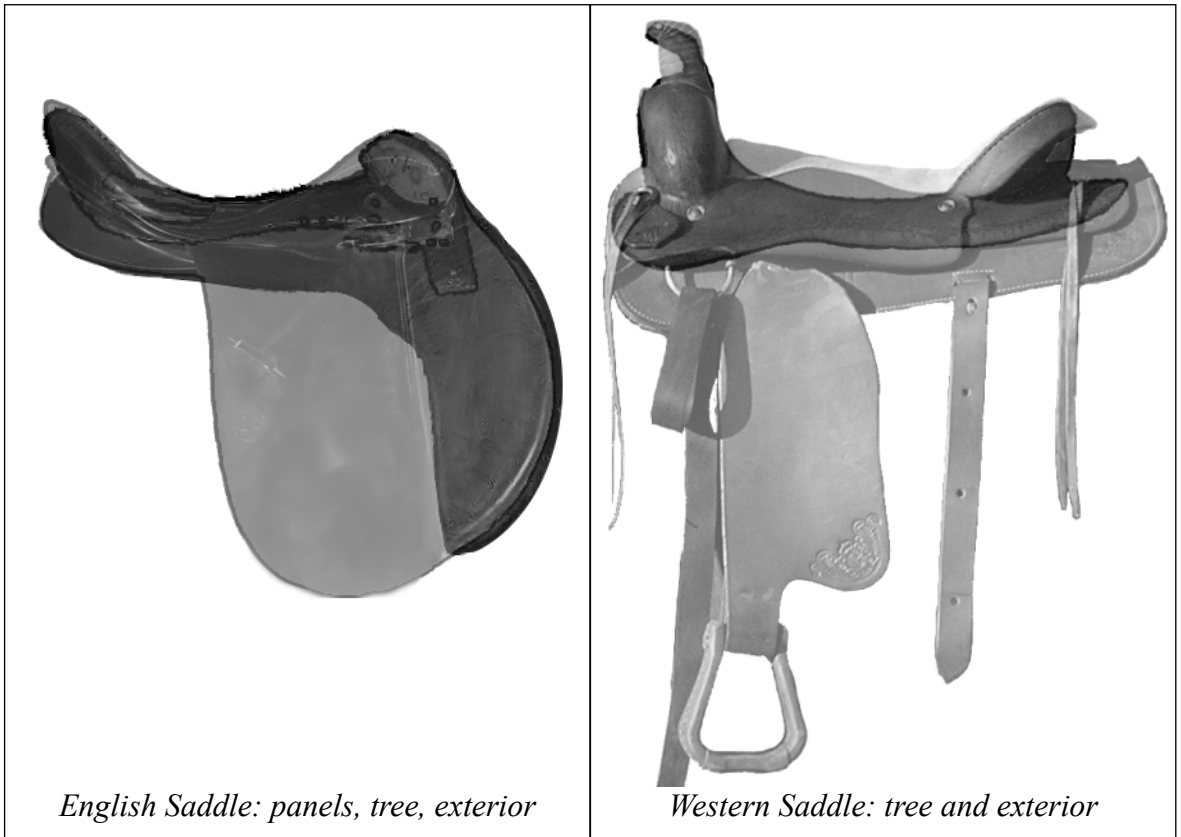


Chapter 2: Saddle Tree Standards

Elements of the Saddle

Evaluating a Saddle

In the first chapter, we discussed the purpose of the saddle tree. We'll now look at differences between the various types of saddles. We'll also discuss potential flaws within the saddle itself, obvious or hidden. If the saddle tree is twisted or cracked, then there is no point in even setting it onto the horse's back. It will not fit, unless the horse's back is also twisted or cracked. (Unlikely!)



English Saddle: panels, tree, exterior

Western Saddle: tree and exterior