

## TACK & GEAR

*"I will reward thee Once for thy sprightly comfort, and tenfold For thy good valor."*  
— William Shakespeare, *Antony and Cleopatra*

### Back support

*New products seek novel ways to increase comfort for both horse and rider.*

Instead of traditional padding, saddles with the new **CAIR Panel System** are equipped with air-filled pockets designed to distribute a rider's weight evenly across a horse's back and continuously adjust to his movement. The CAIR system is available in a variety of styles, including the **Bates Close Contact Saddle** (suggested retail, \$1,995) and the **Wintec Close Contact Saddle** (suggested retail, \$555), both of which are distributed through **WeatherBeeta USA**. For more information, go to [www.cairpanelsystem.com](http://www.cairpanelsystem.com).



Made of a durable, high-quality neoprene that stretches in four directions for ease of movement, the **Professional's Choice Comfort-Fit Low Back Support** (suggested retail, from \$74.95 for small to \$95.95 for XXL) is designed to provide support as well as moist-heat therapy for tight or sore back muscles. Available in black, navy and tan, the support can be worn over or under clothing. For more information, call (800) 331-9421 or go to [www.profchoice.com](http://www.profchoice.com).

Combining modern design principles with an Old West look, the **Western Legend series** saddle pads (suggested retail, \$98.95) from the **White Eagle Saddle Pad Company** are engineered to provide close contact without chafing or restricting a horse's movement. Rolled edges help disperse back perspiration and hold the saddle securely in place. For more information, call (914) 952-2556 or go to [www.weaglepads.com](http://www.weaglepads.com).



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