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Abstract (en)
The present invention relates to improvements in or relating to saddles, particularly for horses. In particular, it relates to a method for improving the fit of a saddle upon the back of a horse. In particular there is described apparatus and a method of improving the conformity with a horse's back of a conventional saddle having a saddle tree and two generally L-shaped pockets or panels constructed within the saddle(s); wherein the method comprises inserting a set of bladders (30,31,32) into each L-shaped panel and inflating the bladders with air or other fluid medium to form a cushion between the two faces of each bladder such that the two faces of the bladder are held apart; characterised in that each set comprises a pommel bladder (31) and a rear bladder (30), wherein corresponding bladders in each set are in sealable fluid communication; the bladders are constructed from a flexible, substantially inelastic material; the dimensions of each bladder, when deflated, exceed the dimensions of the area in the saddle into which they are to be inserted, such that adjacent bladders within each panel overlap; and further characterised in that a resilient element is inserted between the pommel and rear bladders and the under surface of the seat. <IMAGE>

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