

# ADVANCED SADDLE FIT

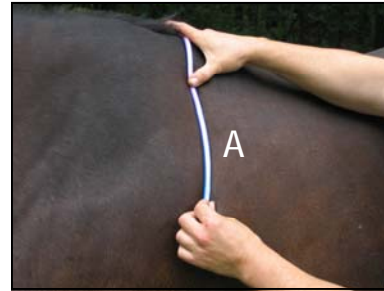


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## Wither Tracing

To do a wither tracing, you will need paper, pen, and an architect's curve, also known as a curvex or a flexible curve (available in the graphic supplies section of any of the large office supply stores).

The following photos show how to do the wither and back tracing. All four measurements go on one "tracing form." This form can be one we provide, or simply use a plain white 11x17 sheet of paper. The tracing may be cut down the middle (see sample tracing, included) and faxed to us.



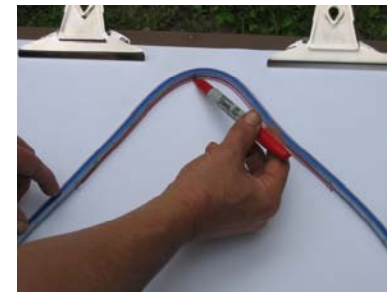
The curvex should be placed about three small fingers - 2.5" - behind the scapula, or shoulder blade (A). This is where the tree points will lie. Taking the measurement here allows for rotation of the shoulder without interference by the tree. It's helpful to have someone to help you with this to hold one side steady.



Take a second measurement (B) another 2.5" behind the first. This is approximately where the stirrup bars will lie. This measurement is very important in determining the width between the rails on the tree.



The third measurement (C) will be taken at the eighteenth rib, which is the end of the horse's rib cage. This shows us the shape of this back and also defines the carrying surface of the horse. The last measurement (D) should be taken along the horse's spine. When you transfer this measurement to paper, mark where the tree points lie so that we can see the drop from the tree point to the back of the panel.



After each measurement, remove the curvex gently and place it on the 11x17 sheet of paper. Then trace carefully on the inside of the curvex. Repeat for each of the four measurements. See sample tracings for further guidance and other information needed.

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Following are some examples of photos that we have found useful and that should guide your photography. Video is very helpful, though if this is not possible, photos of the horse being ridden would be welcome.



Photo Examples



# Sample Tracing

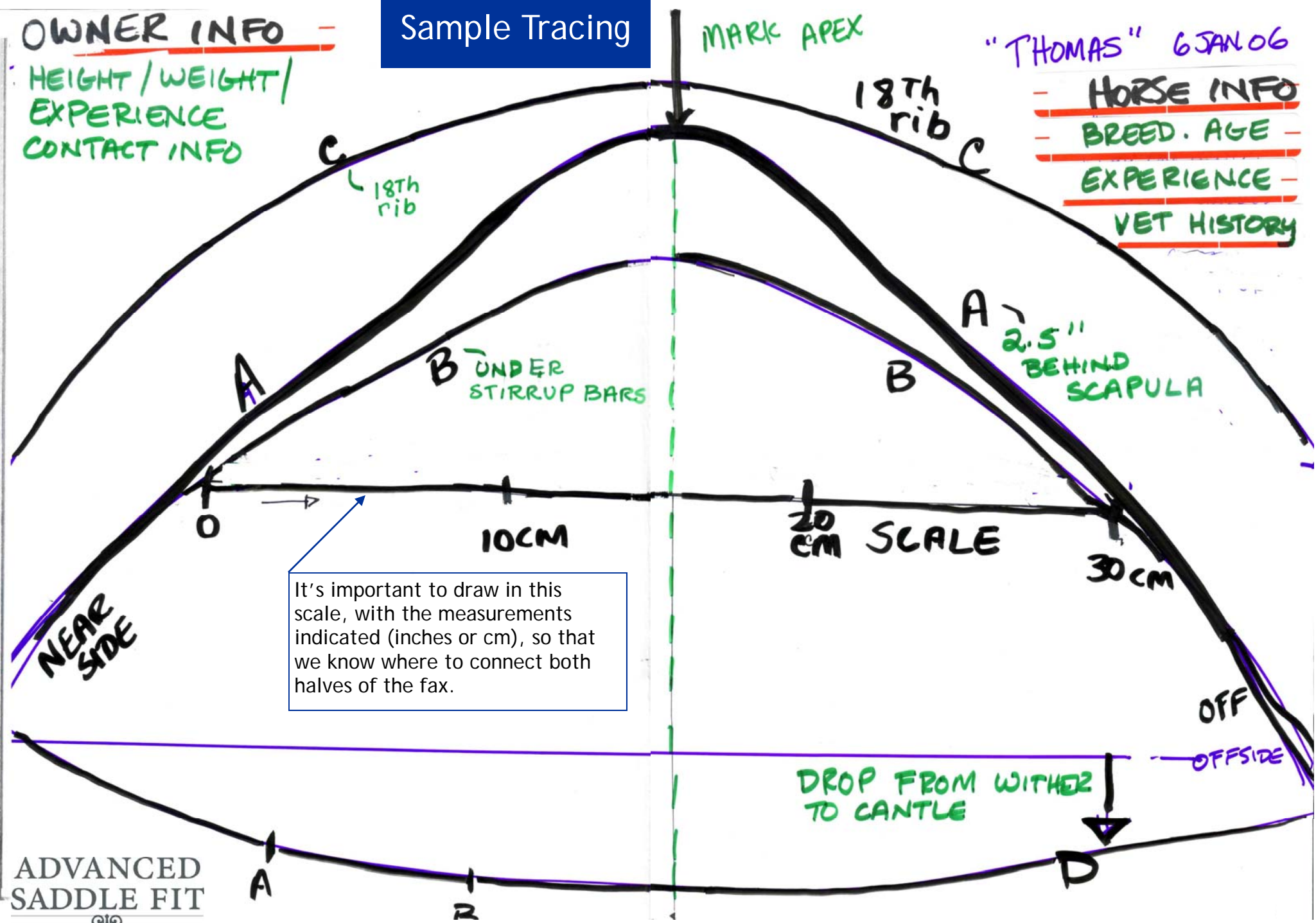
## OWNER INFO

HEIGHT / WEIGHT /  
EXPERIENCE  
CONTACT INFO

"THOMAS" 6 JAN 06

## HORSE INFO

BREED. AGE  
EXPERIENCE  
VET HISTORY



It's important to draw in this scale, with the measurements indicated (inches or cm), so that we know where to connect both halves of the fax.

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