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Since Wintec brightly burst onto the riding scene in 1986, our serial number process has changed many times and unfortunately there is no one way to accurately read your serial number can be a handy tool to finding out
more. Our commonly asked questions below, are a handy guide to help you to work out the age, size and technologies within some of our newer models. Where is my saddle's serial number? Depending on the age of your saddle, your serial number will either be on a sewn in tag or stamped on the under-flap of your saddle. How do I read my saddle's
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saddle seat size in centimeters, this will usually be preceded by a dash, for example -44 (36 cm/14", 38 cm/15", 40 cm/16", 42 cm/16.5", 43 cm/17", 44 cm/17.5", 46 cm/18"). How old is my saddle? If the first two numbers in your serial number are a 10 or higher, then the first two characters represent the year of manufacture. For example, 22 equates
to 2022. Changeable gullet v EASY-CHANGE Gullet v EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution Most Winter a specialist saddler to unstitch your saddle and change the gullet. Easy access can be identified by visible screws on the outside of your saddle near the pommel, and a
large tab beneath the pommel, over the gullet area. If your saddle serial number begins with the letters WIP, or has the EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution badge in the chamber or HART
badge under the back of the seat, then it will feature the complete EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution which means that you can easily use the risers within your saddle. Does my saddle have CAIR or HART? The technology that makes up HART has been proven to be transformative for both horse and rider and includes: Protective cushioning: CAIR Cushion
System Precision custom fit: EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution Ergonomic flex: Elastiflex Tree Free movement: Performance panel technology Superior rider performance panel technology Superior rider features, is it worthy of the HART badge. Prior to the launch of HART, a badge with the CAIR and/or EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution
or EASY-CHANGE Gullet System logos may have been affixed to your saddle, signifying the inclusion of one or more of the specific technologies that are now within HART. If your saddle features both a CAIR and an EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution badge, then it will feature all of the benefits of Horse and Rider Technology. Need more information? If you
are unable to find the answer to your question using the above information, please contact our specialist product team who will be stamped with a serial
number, model number and other important fitting information. Each brand has its own language for organizing the information on their saddles. Some brands are happy to share to educate potential clients on their products and tack while others try to keep it more of a mystery. This makes it challenging for those who want to learn more about the
saddle created by different brands. This is my ever-growing list of saddle decoding notes I have picked up as I research and learn more. I am happy to share what I have learned with you, but just a reminder I am not a certified saddle fitter, just a tack nerd! This blog post will be ever-changing and growing as I learn.:) Another reminder, stamps will
be for when the saddle was produced, sometimes there can be changes made to the saddle that are not reflected in the stamp. Antares was established in Saintes, France, with the goal of creating both luxurious and high technology saddles. Five professionals within the horse world came together: Xavier Lenrouilly, Thierry
Guiberteau, Eric Guiberteau, Eric Guiberteau, Evelyne Cummings, and Dominique Bauer. Antares Saddles have 3 tree options, their standard medium wide, and two wider styles the A01 and A02. Similar to other French saddles, a foam paneling can be crafted to help with the fit of the saddle to the horse's back. If you are looking for the Antares stamp it can be
found on the billet flap or on the back right of the sweat flap. Example Antares Saddle Stamp: P A1 17 E 09 602 P = seat depth A1 = flap 17 = seat size (generally true to size) E = Seat width 09 = year of manufacturing 602 = item number of the year P Flat Seat SC Half-Deep Seat C Deep Seat 00-5 Flap Lengths N Standard (Straight) A-AAA
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 with excellent durability) or buffalo (the softest and most grippy). CWD Saddles feature a 3-point girthing system, wide panels that are concave and integrated for a better pressure distribution of the saddle along the horse's back, and a higher cut sweat flap to reduce bulk under the rider's leg. CWDS also tend to have the shortest billets. Many
people find they need to go up at least one, if not 2, girth sizes to accommodate the shorter billets. SE01 TC 170 3L PA 715 205 205 06 560 CWD typically has 3 lines on their stamp. The top will be details regarding the model, seat size, and flap on the saddle. The second row has information on the foam panels, and the third row will contain the year
it was produced and the serial number. The majority of French saddles are built on a similar tree, then shaped to the horse with the foam panels. Since there isn't a range of tree sizes, it is important to understand how the panel is shaped when researching these saddles. The standard CWD Panel will either have no stamp or read 700 / 200 / 300. The
700 section refers to the front of the panels, 200 ranges from the shoulder to the cantle and 300 is the rear. Their standard pro-panel 705 / 205 / 305. CWD Flaps come in a limited number of shapes compared to other brands. With C as their forward and L as their straighter standard style. They do come in a variety of sizes from 0 - 5, with 0 being the
shortest. PA - Less Fill RT- Cut Back at the Shoulders TC - Flat Seat TR - Half Deep Seat SE25 2Gs Semi Deep Seat SE25 2Gs Hunter Mademoiselle SE31 2Gs Hunter Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE33 2GS Hunter Mademoiselle SE31 2Gs Hunter Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE33 2GS Hunter Mademoiselle SE33 2GS Hunter Mademoiselle SE32 2Gs Mademoiselle SE33 2GS Hunter Mademoiselle SE
Length. 1 is the shortest and 5 the longest. Flap C Forward Flap L Straight Flap K Kid Flap H Hunter Panel RG More Wither Clearance Butet Another elegant French-made saddle. Known for their close contact feel, Butets offer a narrower twist compared to other brands, but this also leads to them fitting more narrow. They
tend not to fit horses with very large shoulders or those with a convex area behind the shoulder. They do tend to fit normal to narrower-shouldered horses, thoroughbreds and French-bred horses very well. Butets come in whole sizes only. You can find the half-sized seat in Europe more commonly than in North America. Butets frequently vary in seat
size by 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch from the stamped size so always measure the actual seat size - both desired and in the saddle you are considering. They have either standard or forward flaps (designated as .5), various flap lengths (0 being short, 1 standard, 2 long, and 3 extra long), and flat (P) or deeper (L) seats. The deep-seat Butet is about equivalent
to a half-deep in CWD or Devoucoux. Butet has options on their tree width, including E = narrow, N / S = standard, W = wide, XL = extra-wide (if not mentioned in the serial number, this means standard tree) Flap 1 Standard Flap 1/4 Slightly Forward Flap 1/4 Slightly F
Follows Depth Letter Year # above MIF Devoucoux Devoucoux come in whole and half seat sizes and flap lengths 0 through 5. Grain/calf, full calf, and buffalo leather are all options. Devoucoux has 4 "grades" of forwardness, with D being the straightest, no letter associated with the flap length being standard, A being forward and AA being very
 forward. 18S42019888\ 002\ 2A\ D3D\ 4.0\ 3-5\ 18 = year\ of\ manufacturing\ (2018)\ S42019888 = saddle\ make\ reference\ number\ 002 = seat\ Size\ (001/16"-16.5",\ 002-17"-17.5",\ 003/18"-18.5")\ 2A = flaps\ (flap\ lengths\ 0-5,\ D/Straight,\ A/Forward,\ B/Low\ Forward,\ B/Low\ Forward)\ D3D\ 4.0\ 3-5 = panel\ configuration\ (D3D\ is\ wider\ panels\ that\ are\ perfectly\ are partially as a seat of the partial partial
symmetrical: weight-bearing surface area increased by 30% compared to the previous generation of panels) Year 1st number in Serial Seat 3rd Row left Flap B - Lower Curve More Recommended Reading Where Can I Find The Serial Number? For dual flapped
saddles, you can find the serial number by lifting up the top flap! The serial number will then be located on the left side and will be located underneath the single flap. What Do All Those Numbers Mean?! Let's start by
looking at the first cluster of numbers which contains 4 digits. The first two numbers are the tree size. The example saddle shown below is a 17", and was originally a 33 cm tree. The tree of a Prestige saddle can be adjusted
by a certified Prestige dealer so, if there is a number stamped underneath the second set of numbers (the tree size underneath the original. In the example, you can see that the original tree size was a 33 cm however, there is a 32 stamped underneath of that 33
which means the tree size is now a 32. Not sure about what your tree sizes mean? We can help you decode those here! The next three digits of the serial number stamped on the saddle is a three digit serial number given to that individual saddle. After the three digit serial number, it is followed four more
 numbers which tell us the date of manufacture. On the example saddle above you see "0211" which means that it was manufactured in February of 2011. Though not all saddles will have it, this saddle has a "C 5" stamped at the end of the eleven digit serial number. This tells us the tanning batch the leather came from. If needed, this would help you
more forward. You are now fully equipped to decode the serial number on your Prestige saddle!! As your Certified Prestige saddlery would be happy to help you find the perfect Prestige saddlery.com for help on choosing what
 saddle would be best for your needs, any additional questions that you may have about Prestige saddles, or to inquire about having the tree adjusted in your Prestige saddle. For a full selection of saddles, that we have available on consignment and available for order please visit www.vtosaddlery.com! Tags: dressage, eventing, fit, gear, hunters,
jumpers, leather, saddle, safety, schooling, tack Have you ever wondered what the numbers and letters stamped under your saddle's flap mean? Before a saddle leaves the workshop, it is assigned a serial number. Not only does this serial number indicate the specifications of the saddle's build, but it also helps to keep track of when the saddle was
 made for warranty purposes. Every saddlery has its own unique identification system, meaning that serial numbers may differ significantly between brands! As such, the information on decoding saddle stamps from other brands, we highly recommend
getting in touch with your local representative for the most accurate information! Applies to all Manufacturer Dates Number Breakdown 1 = Regular (SQHB) | 5 = Wide (FWHB) | 6 = Extra-wideSeat Size:...50 = 15", 55 = 15.5", 60 = 16"...Saddle Colors:0 = Dark Oil Antique | 1 = Walnut4 = Regular Oil | 5 = Heavy Oil6 = Antique | 7 = Ultra Lite8 =
 Pecan | 9 = Lite Oil(1)8= Black | C = Chocolate More Details Whether you're looking to purchase a saddle second hand or want to check what systems are in your saddle's serial number? As we've been making saddles since 1934, our
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year it was made, the tree, and other details to help determine a value. Some makers do not stamp their saddles, so not all will have one, but it never hurts to look if you are wanting to get more information on your saddle. They can be placed in clearly visible spots, but sometimes they are tricky to find. Today I thought I would show you the most
common places serial numbers can be placed. Even if your current saddle does not have it, it is a good tool to have for future saddles. Latigo Keeper: This is the first spot to check and is a very common place for the serial number. Typically, you will see the maker's name or logo and then underneath the serial number will be stamped. Again, not all
 saddles will have it there or a number stamped at all, but this is the first place to check. Serial Plate - Under Seat Jockey: A lot of makers, mostly newer ones, will have an actual serial plate equipped on the saddle, underneath the seat jockey at the front, you will find their serial plate that visibly
 has the whole serial number etched into that plate. This can be super helpful and a lot of times they are easier to read. Under Seat Jockey Edge: If you lift up the seat jockey and look at the outside edge, sometimes there will be a serial number stamped along the border in the leather. This is not a super common placement, but we have seen quite a
 few come in with the numbers stamped along the edge under the seat jockey. Under Fender: If you lift up the fender and look at the very top of the saddle (near the tree and under the fender) there can be a serial number placed there. We do see quite a few makers use this area for serial numbers, Martin Saddlery is a great example. It won't be on the
fender itself, but on the leather right under the saddle tree. Front- Under Pommel. If you stand right in front of the pommel. If you stand right in front of the pommel in this location as well. We do see quite a few hidden up there,
including Allegany Saddles. Bottom - Stirrup Leather: We've only seen a few makers do this, McCall does write the serial number in this location. It is down at the bottom, closer to your stirrup, almost where the hamley twist would be. Serial
 numbers can be tricky to find so it never hurts to take a glance at the whole saddle. We hope this helps you find your saddle serial number! INSTRUCTIONS: Type in the exact serial number! INSTRUCTIONS: Type in the exact serial number in the search box then press 'enter' to get information such as Model Name, Seat Size, Width at Manufacture, Date of Manufacture and other
 specifications.IMPORTANT NOTES: NSC Serial numbers were also not used until 2008, and some saddles have only the saddlers' bench numbers stamped on them, which we are not able to search. There are also some saddles that were not stamped with any numbers at various times prior to 2017, and some serial numbers may have rubbed off on
 older saddles. The width listed here is the width listed here is the width at the time of manufacture, the saddle may have been altered since then. We strongly advise obtaining the advice of an NSC Expert when searching for a used NSC saddle as there are many pitfalls they can help you avoid. You can find your closest expert here or by calling 0800 723 353 They will be
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 information and images you have can be useful we are sometimes relying on hand-written notes in books. We get a lot of requests to decipher serial numbers can be found under the leather flap of the seat jockey. They are stamped towards the
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customer service specialists will get in touch as soon as possible. Each brand and saddle is vastly different for where to find the serial numbers and letters mean. Below we have prepared a list to help you decode your saddle serial numbers from a common confusing understanding what these numbers and letters mean.
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Medium = M, Medium Wide = +1.5, Wide = +2.5, Extra wide = +3.5 Panel Volume: Each saddle is made with wool flocked independent panels that can be chosen in different volumes 2, 4 (and in Dressage Saddles 6 as well). 4 is standard. LHI If you see this code in any Amerigo serial number, this means that the saddle has been made with an
extended head iron. The longer head irons are suitable for horses with longer, hollow withers. Saddles made 2009 or after have also been stamped with a code indicating the model. Please refer to the link for the full list of codes. Butet C18 2 1/4 = flap 925 = item number of them.
year 07 = year of manufacturing Seat depth: P is flat, L is half-deep, C is deep Flap: 1 is standard and 2 long, 3 is extra-long. The second part describes the forwardness, 1/4 being slightly forward and 1/2 more forward. Tree width: E = narrow, N / S = standard, W = wide, XL = extra-wide (if not mentioned in the serial number, this means standard
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the four numbers together on the saddle flap. The first two digits are the seat size in centimetres. The tree of a Prestige saddle can be adjusted so if there is a number stamped underneath the second set of numbers (the tree
 size) that means the tree has been adjusted and the adjuster has stamped the new tree size underneath the original. The sizes in cm can be broken up as follows: 31cm narrow back, like a typical TB type horse 33cm medium 34cm
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have another letter printed towards the end. For example, an A means that the flap is +2 inches more forward than a standard flap and AA means the flap is +2 inches more forward. We hope this information has been helpful in finding and understanding the serial numbers on your saddle. If you have any further questions or need help, our friendly
team are always here to help you. Whether you're looking to purchase a saddle second hand or want to check what systems are in your current saddle, your saddle's serial number? As we've been making saddles since 1934, our serial number process has
changed many times, meaning there is no one way to accurately read your own serial number. Some of our more recent serial numbers can be deciphered to tell you key information about your saddle's serial number? Most serial numbers
will be stamped on the under-flap of your saddle, however older models may have the serial number on a sewn in tag located near your saddle's year of manufacture at the start of your saddle's serial number. If the first two numbers start with 10 or above,
they represent the year your saddle was manufactured. For example, if the first two numbers of the serial number start with 17, the saddle was manufactured in 2017, 18 = 2019 and so on. What size is my saddle? The last two numbers of your saddle's serial number represent your saddle's seat size in centimetres. The conversions are as
follows: 36 cm = 14 inch, 38 cm = 15 inch, 40 cm = 16 inch, 42 cm = 17.5 inch and 46 cm = 18 inch. For example, if your saddle's serial number ends in "-43" the seat size is 43 cm or 17 inches. Does my saddle have a changeable gullet? Most Bates saddles have a changeable gullet, however some older models
have a different screw location or type and some early models are only changeable by a saddle fitter. All saddles manufactured after 2010 will feature the EASY-CHANGE Gullet System which means that for most saddles it is only two external screws that need to be taken out to access the gullet. Saddles older than this may have additional screws in
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Wither models, will be stamped with their model type. Wide models will also feature the EASY-CHANGE WIDE Gullet System which has purple/ lilac gullets. When did you last perform a health check on your saddle? It's important for the comfort and safety of you and your horse that you regularly check you saddle for signs of wear and tear. Follow
our guide on how to perform a health and safety check on your saddle. Are you looking to purchase a new saddle? Read through our checklist for buying a new saddle second hand, there is no way of knowing from the outside whether alterations have
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As we've been making saddles since 1934, our number process has changed many times and unfortunately there is no one way to accurately read your own serial number. However, our friendly customer service team would be happy to help you. Simply contact us with your serial number and we'll do our best to tell you all about your Bates saddle. To
speed up the process for you, please send us all numbers and letters that you can see, plus any stamping of model names. Both typing out the number for clarity and sending us several photos will assist us to determine your saddle details. All information and images you have can be useful we are sometimes relying on hand-written notes in books.
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