

## AUGUST 2006 PRODUCT REVIEW

### CASHEL SOFT SADDLE

In the last 7 years, I have given up treed saddles....treeless saddle are not for all horses/riders, but my horses seem to thrive on the treeless saddles in keeping their back free from being sore as well as not having to keep a check on the fit and the horses' changing back , as with treed saddles.

So, I decided to try the Cashel Soft Saddle. A lot of people asked if I had tried it and wanted to know more about it, so I decided to give it a try.



It is a wonderful option to a treed saddle for a trail ride, ring work or a way to improve balance and seat. It is lightweight, very easy to keep clean, does not move or slide and has a change out for either Western or English girthing. You can use your own girth.

The Soft Saddle is made of many layers of Cashel closed cell foam with Neoprene that is on the top, where you sit...it is a non slip material. The thick layers of foam and neoprene contribute to eliminating painful pressure on any part of your horse. There are no tree points to cause any pain on the withers. The foam is thick and molded to help keep your balance. Not like flat bareback pads, this is sculpted, similar to a "saddle" look. It is extremely soft and cushy.

It weighs less than 9 lbs, with stirrups and does not need a saddle pad underneath it. It does stay in place. It is extremely comfortable and also allows you to have close contact with your horse while also giving you stability.

We rode up hills, down hills, in ponds, got it dirty and sweaty, then came back and hosed it off, let it dry and it looked good as new. They come in black, purple, red green and royal blue.

For more information, go to <http://www.cashelcompany.com> click on Cashel SoftSaddle and all the options will pop up. Or call 1-800-333-2202 and ask for Cindy, she is wonderful and very helpful.