



# VH Saddlery

## Remote Saddle Trials



### ABOUT REMOTE TRIALS

VH Saddlery is based in Western Australia but can work with you or your saddle fitter to help find the best saddle to suit your requirements, no matter where you live!

The Discovery saddles are a fantastic option for remote saddle trials as they are fabulous fitting saddles with changeable gullets, great girthing options, wide channels, and lovely soft, flat panels. They come in two different trees to suit different shaped backs and offer incredible comfort and quality at affordable prices. They can also be made on shorter panels for very short backed horses. We always have Discovery saddles in stock, which means there's often no wait time.



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# REMOTE TRIAL PROCESS

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## 01 PHOTOS

To start we need some photos including:

1. Side on photos of your horse with no gear, head up and whole body showing including legs and topline. Ideally have your horse standing as square as possible.
2. As above but with your current saddle (if you have one), girthed up but without a saddle blanket
3. From behind showing spine and wither area (if possible). Standing square and with no saddle on
4. Standing ridden photos taken from side on and behind (using a saddle blanket is fine for ridden photos).

A video of you riding is also very helpful, but not essential. Videos show the natural position tendencies of the rider and the horse's way of going. Please do not worry about your riding or how green your horse may be under saddle. We totally understand how difficult it can be if you have been having saddle issues!

## 02 PHONE CONSULT

During the phone consult, we will gather some information including:

Horse's age, height and length of time under saddle

Any previous issues with saddles

Any previous injuries to anywhere in his body or illnesses

Your Height and type of build

Your preferred saddle size (irrespective of your horse's saddle platform area as some saddles can be made on shorter panels if need be)

Type of riding you plan to do in the future with this horse

Whether you are looking at a dressage, all-purpose or jumping saddle

Whether you plan to use the saddle on any other horse

If there are things you do and don't like in saddles?

Whether anyone else be riding in this saddle (ie - children, coach) and if they a different body size/shape to you

Whether you have tried many saddles yet

Do you work with a saddle fitter

Has your horse been measured recently?

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## SADDLE SELECTION

Using all the information we gather from the phone consultation and photos (+/-videos) we will recommend the best options including tree shape, size and gullet width. We will send you an invoice to include the cost of the saddle and the freight (usually \$100-\$120) and once this is paid we will arrange to have the saddle sent to your address.

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## TRIAL

Once the saddle arrives, if you do not have access to a saddle fitter, we can work with you via Facebook video chat or Skype to balance it. This is not nearly as daunting as it sounds and Victoria will walk you through each step of the process.

Victoria can watch you ride in it to check your horse's biomechanics and body language, and to look at your position and balance. Sometimes it is necessary to make a few tweaks before riding in the saddle again, or trying it the following day to ensure the perfect fit.

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## ORDERING

In most cases, the trial saddle will be the perfect fit (given the prior consultation), however occasionally we may decide to order a customised saddle for you and your horse. In this case the trial saddle must be returned and your new saddle will be shipped directly to you when it is ready. In rare situations the trial saddle will not be suitable and once returned to us in as new condition a full refund, less the freight costs will be organised.

