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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. Whether you want to check the age of your beloved old faithful or are looking at purchasing a saddle, your saddle's 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 serial number? Our serial number process has changed many times and there is no one way to accurately read your own serial number. However, our newer serial numbers can be deciphered to tell you your saddle's age, seat size and which systems your saddle features. Seat size of your saddle In most cases, the last two numbers will represent your 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 Wintec saddles feature a changeable gullet, however depending on the age this may require 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 10 or higher as outlined above, then it will feature the EASY-CHANGE Gullet System. Excluding kids and western saddles. 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: Comfort seat technology Only if a saddle has all of these 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 able to search our older records and get back to you with more detail. At Frank Baines Saddlery we have been hand-crafting saddles since 1980; that's a lot of saddles! We stamp each saddle with a serial number under the flap (on the sweat flap) generally on the near side of the saddle, which helps us locate information specific to that saddle such as: Model, Size, Colour, Fit (at time of Manufacture), Any Other Specifications and also the Date it was made and sold. This serial number also helps us to authenticate that the saddle is made by Frank Baines Saddlery. Example serial number: 17.5 MW 12345 Where to find your saddle serial number The serial number normally shows the size (eg 17.5″) and the fit (eg MW) followed by a four or five digit number which is the serial number. We keep a database of serial numbers which we can refer to if you need information about the saddle. In addition, you may see BS6635 – this is stamped onto the stirrup bar by the manufacturer and shows that the stirrup bar meets British Standard BS EN 6635. This is not the serial number. If you need to check that the saddle is an authentic Frank Baines saddle, please complete the form below. We will endeavour to respond within 2-3 working days, so please bear with us. PLEASE NOTE – ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR FRANK BAINES SADDLES – FOR OTHER SADDLE MANUFACTURERS PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE. 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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. Your saddle's serial number can tell you your saddle's age, seat size and model type. Below is a simple guide to finding out key information about your Arena saddle through its serial number. If you are researching this to purchase a second hand saddle, please note that there is no way of knowing from the outside whether alterations have been made to the saddle. Seek the advice your local Arena Saddles retailer if you have any concerns. Serial number location Your serial number can be found on the under-flap of your saddle, the side that will sit next to your horse/ saddle blanket. Saddle age You can find your saddle's age through the first two numbers of your saddle's serial number. 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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. The Pessoa Saddle Serial Number Lookup is available online for easy reference. Customers can use the serial number to search for the saddle model, size, and year of production. The website also provides access to a database that contains all relevant product information including warranty details, parts lists and repair instructions.This free service allows customers to quickly determine if their saddle has been recalled or is covered by any warranties issued by the manufacturer. Additionally, users can contact customer service with questions about their specific saddle or view instructional videos on how to properly care for it over time.Are you looking for information on a particular Pessoa Saddle? Did you know that the serial numbers located on your saddle can be used to look up important information about it? All you have to do is take note of the serial number and use it in a Pessoa Saddle Serial Number Lookup.This quick search will give you all the details associated with your saddle, allowing you to make sure that it was made correctly and has been properly maintained. Don't hesitate – start searching today!Looking up a saddle serial number can be done by contacting the manufacturer of your saddle directly. Many manufacturers have online databases where you can enter your serial number to get more information about the product, or you may need to contact them via phone or email. It's also important for consumers to register their saddles with the company in order to ensure that their product is covered under warranty and in case it gets lost or stolen.Additionally, some companies may require customers to provide proof of purchase before they will look up a serial number and provide any additional information about it.The most reliable way to tell what year a saddle was made is by checking the manufacturer's markings. You can usually find these on the underside of the fender or near where it connects with the tree. A mark such as a serial number, logo, or manufacturing code will be stamped into the leather and should include either an abbreviation for the month (e.g., Jan) or a two-digit number representing that month and year (e.g., 01/97).If you cannot find any marking like this, then you may be able to determine an approximate date based on its style and materials used in construction.Pessoa saddles are made in Walsall, England, the traditional heart of English saddle making. Pessoa has a long-standing tradition of producing some of the finest quality saddles and bridles available, crafted by their team of highly skilled leatherworkers and craftsmen. Their saddles have been developed over decades to provide riders with ultimate comfort and performance for all disciplines, from dressage to show jumping and eventing.They use only the highest quality materials when constructing each saddle; including fine French calfskin leathers in addition to other luxurious hides.No, not all saddles have a serial number. Most modern saddles are sold with some sort of identification on them, but it is usually just a product code that identifies the manufacturer and model of the saddle. Some higher-end brands may include a serial number as part of their product codes or even stamped onto the saddle itself.However, most lower-cost options do not come with any type of identifying information at all. If you're looking for an easy way to identify your saddle, investing in one with a serial number can be beneficial for future reference if needed.Credit: saddlecoaustralia.comPessoa Saddles are purpose-built to provide a comfortable and secure ride for both horse and rider. Each saddle is designed with special features to ensure the ideal fit for every horse, including adjustable gullet plates, flexible tree points, and VPS panels that accommodate various conformation types. Pessoa's signature XCH (Extra Comfort Harness) system also ensures maximum shock absorption while minimizing pressure on the withers.With their superior craftsmanship and attention to detail, it's no wonder why many of today's top riders choose Pessoa Saddles as their go-to choice.A saddle serial number search can be a great way to identify the age and manufacturer of your saddle. Many manufacturers use individualized serial numbers on their saddles, which can help you determine the year it was made and who manufactured it. With this information, you can then look up more detailed information about the make and model of your saddle from its original producer or other sources online.Pessoa saddles are a great option for riders looking to maximize their comfort and performance while in the saddle. These high-quality, handmade leather saddles feature an adjustable tree with a flexible panel system that helps ensure the best fit possible for both horse and rider. They also offer a unique close contact design that allows the rider to truly feel one with the horse, giving them unparalleled control over their mount's movements.With Pessoa saddles, you can be sure of superior quality and style without breaking your bank account!Pessoa saddles are designed to fit both the horse and rider in an ergonomically correct position, providing a comfortable ride for both. The patented X-Change Gullet System on Pessoa saddles allows riders to easily adjust the width of the tree by simply changing out gullets, giving them flexibility to find the perfect fit for their horse as it changes shape due to age or conditioning. Additionally, Pessoa saddles feature a unique design that uses two panels (rather than one) which helps ensure even pressure distribution along your horse's back and reduces heat build up under the saddle.The Pessoa Legacy Saddle is designed to provide a secure, comfortable ride for both horse and rider. Its panel design features an updated version of the classic tree shape, providing equal pressure distribution throughout the seat while still allowing for close contact between horse and rider. The panels are made from high-quality leather with a soft foam lining that helps keep your horse's back free from irritation.The saddle also includes adjustable knee blocks and stirrup bars, as well as luxurious leather flaps and handholds so you can customize your riding experience. With its timeless look, superior craftsmanship, and level of comfort provided by its innovative design, it's no wonder why the Pessoa Legacy saddle is one of today's most popular models!The Pessoa Saddle has become a popular choice among riders due to its unique design and comfort-focused features. The saddle is designed with a flexible tree, which follows the horse's natural movement and provides superior stability for both horse and rider. Additionally, the adjustable gullet allows riders to customize their fit as needed while the soft foam panels provide exceptional cushioning.As a result of these features, many consider the Pessoa Saddle one of the most comfortable saddles available today.If you're looking to purchase a used Courbette Saddle, it is important to know that each saddle has an individual serial number. This number can be located on the right side of the tree and provides a unique identifier for your particular saddle. You can use this serial number to look up information about your saddle model and manufacturer as well as other valuable information about its history.Knowing the serial number will help ensure that you are getting the correct fit for both horse and rider.The 15 Pessoa Saddle is a modern and ergonomic saddle, designed by the world-renowned equestrian rider and trainer, Nelson Pessoa. It features a unique combination of an ultra-soft seat cushion for maximum comfort, adjustable stirrup leathers for optimal fit and balance, as well as a flexible tree to ensure that your horse's back remains free from pressure points. With its innovative design and superior craftsmanship, this saddle will provide you with exceptional performance in any riding discipline.In conclusion, the Pessoa Saddle Serial Number Lookup is a great tool for anyone looking to determine details about their saddle. It can provide valuable information such as when and where the saddle was made, who it was sold to, what type of leather and hardware were used, and more. With this service, you can be confident in knowing that your saddle is genuine and has been properly maintained with accurate records. Here at The Saddle Bank, we are often asked by Bates saddle owners, 'How old is my Bates saddle'. It is something which is really worth knowing when looking to sell your Bates saddle or to purchase a Bates saddle. It is easy to identify the age and will help you understand why saddles are priced as they are. For example a newer saddle in better condition, will be more expensive than an older Bates saddle. In this article, we will advise where you can find the serial number on your Bates Saddle and decode it so you know what it means and what to look for in your next Bates saddle. If you have any further saddle relation questions please get in touch with our super helpful friendly team on 01733 301488 or email On Bates saddles the serial numbers are super easy to find, especially once you know where to look! So where can you find your Bates saddle serial number? (this also works on Arena saddles and the current models of Wintec saddles), The serial number on your Bates, Wintec or Arena saddle can be found on the underside of the left flap on the side that touches your horse/pony. All you need to do is turn your saddle upside down so you are seeing the underside of the flaps and panels and are looking at the parts of your saddle that make contact with your horse, and on the left hand side flap as you are looking at your upside down saddle you will see your serial number, it really is that easy. No trying to find it under girth straps or worrying that it might have been worn away! We are going to break the Bates serial number down and explain what each part of it means; At the start of the serial number is a letter, on Bates it is a B, and yes that is for Bates!If this was a serial number on an Arena it would be A and a Wintec would be W so this is a brand indicator. The next part as highlighted on the image below is four digits which tell us the year and month of manufacture. The serial number pictures show us this saddle was manufactured in January 2020, so the 20 is the year and the 01 is the month. So for example, if your saddle has a serial number starting 0603 then this would have been manufactured in March 2006. The next part of the serial number as highlighted in the image below shows the saddles ID number, this can range from 3-4 digits long, depending on how many saddles have been made in that time period. Did you know your serial number can even tell you your saddles seat size! On the image below, the highlighted parts show not only the seat size as inches but also as the 1 at the end of the serial. The plus at the end of the serial shows this is either a Opulence leather or Luxe leather saddle, if it is a Luxe saddle there will also be a Luxe stamp further along. Two Bates Dressage saddle models have their seat sizes classified differently to all other Bates saddles, these are the Artiste and the Innova. Instead of being a 17 inch seat size they come in sizes; 0 (16.5-17 inch) 1 (17-17.5 inch) 2 (17.5-18 inch) So on the serial below we can see this is a size 1 which is 17-17.5 inch seat size. For reference most riders who ride in a 17.5 inch seat ride in a size 1 in these two models. As pictured below on all other Bates models the serial number still shows you your saddle's seat size but it is in fact shown in cm, not inches. The serial number pictures below shows this saddle as a 43 cm seat, which translates into a 17inch seat. Bates is an Australian brand of saddle which is popular across the world. Although they do offer inch seat sizes, they are measured in centimetres. Below is a handy list to show you the conversions of cm to inch seat sizes in Bates Saddles; 38cm = 15inch 40cm - 16 inch 42cm = 16.5 inch 43cm - 17 inch 44cm = 17.5 inch 46cm = 18 inch Sometimes there might be some extra letters at the end of your saddle's serial number we can help you decode these as well! 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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. 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 at the time of manufacture, the saddle may have been altered since then. 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Included below are some things to look for to check what systems are in your saddle: HART badge A HART badge is featured on Bates saddles to denote that the saddle has all of the features of HART (link: including the complete EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution, CAIR Cushion System along with the other features of HART. CAIR badge and EASY-CHANGE badge Bates saddles manufactured prior to the introduction of HART branding may feature a CAIR badge at the back of the chamber and an EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution badge at the front of the chamber, these saddles have all the features of HART including the EASY-CHANGE Fit Solution. Special conformation models Saddles made for specialist conformations such as Wide and High 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 to ensure you make the right decision for you and your horse. Please note when purchasing a saddle second hand, there is no way of knowing from the outside whether alterations have been made to the saddle. This could include the removal of the saddle's CAIR Cushion System, which is not recommended and voids your saddle's warranty. Therefore, it is important to seek the advice your local Bates Saddles retailer or have the saddle assessed by a saddle fitter if you have any concerns. I still need help to find out about my saddle 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.