

My saddle is slipping to oneside.... why?

Spot the difference?



A panel imbalance was picked up on a routine appointment

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Saddle slip can be for multiple reasons and in many scenarios it's not the saddle that's the primary cause. Research has shown a saddle will slip to one side when there is hind limb asymmetry or lameness.

Saddle slip may also occur with a rider asymmetry, however the horse is the greater force and more commonly can affect the rider than vice versa.

How the horse moves and how we ride can also affect the levelness of a flocked panel causing it to settle unevenly, see image above.

Twisted trees are not that common and can only be correctly identified when the saddle is striped down and assessed on the bench.

With any saddle slip it's important to rule out the saddle as a contributing factor - having regular check ups is one way of keeping this in check.