



Empathy Breastplate

Research & Development

The unique, improved "Mk4" Empathy breastplate is a careful blend of ancient and proven harness systems, with new lightweight materials that combine strength, low maintenance and maximum comfort.

Research into the ideal breastplate shape has been meticulously researched right back to the days of the charioteers of ancient Greece. Study of load bearing areas and the horse's skeletal and muscular anatomy have all been taken into consideration.

The result is a breastplate that combines the load bearing and efficiency of a full breastplate, but with lightness and a more versatile and adjustable fit.

Why choose Empathy?

- Facilitates best possible paces and freedom of movement in any horse or pony.
- More comfortable for animals with a low headset.
- Avoids pressure on the shoulder joints for horses with shoulder lameness or tenderness from strains, old injuries or stiffness in the shoulder.
- Easier for animals that shorten their stride when in draft.



Design Features

- The "Mk4" Empathy works with the horse's conformation instead of against it, by allowing greater freedom of movement through the shoulder area, enabling the horse to pull a load with minimal restriction to limb movement or pressure on the shoulder joint.
- Quick release with a pivoting ring, to enable the collar to rotate with the movement of the horse's shoulders for greater freedom of stride regardless of the line of draft.
- The main body of the collar is suitable for either single or pair. Easy to convert from single to pair simply by changing the QR buckle ends.
- The uptug to the wither strap has three possible positions to allow adjustment to suit different shaped horses.

Materials and Fittings

- Sturdy construction to maintain the curved shape.
- Central inner core of Zilco strapping for maximum strength under the toughest of marathon conditions.
- Soft padded waffle lining on bearing surfaces of the breastplate, wither and martingale.
- Quick Release connections for traces
- High quality Stainless Steel fittings