

TRAINING

Balance Training Set



8988 D Balanced Training System

Quality training set is comprised of five pieces as illustrated above. Headstall and lunging cavesson are double ply nylon and fully adjustable. The cavesson is felt lined. Surcingle and breeching have nylon tops with felt lining for comfort. Lines and reins are sturdy bungee style. All pieces feature stainless steel hardware.



Snaffle Bridle



Lunge Cavesson



Surcingle



Breeching



Lines

Fitting Step 1 Surcingle



While tied or held, place surcingle on horse. You can use a thin blanket or pad underneath. Surcingle should fit snugly. Make sure that buckles do not dig into the horse's elbows and surcingle is centered on the back.

Fitting Step 2 Bridle and Cavesson



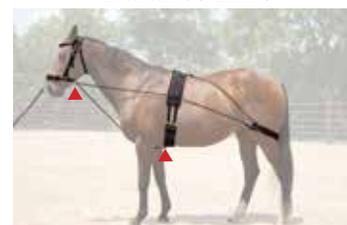
Tack up the horse with snaffle bit bridle and lunging cavesson. Snap lead or lunge line to cavesson. **IMPORTANT:** If horse is new to this system, when proceeding to Step 3 – always begin with least amount of tension on the head. Horse should always be engaged in forward motion while wearing system.

Fitting Step 3 Breeching



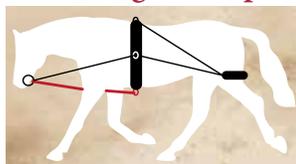
Clip the shorter breeching lines to the top-most ring on the surcingle, taking care to position breeching as shown above. Allow horse to become accustomed to the feel of the breeching if this is the first time you have used the system. Once horse is comfortable, run the remaining lines through the mid body surcingle rings and clip to the snaffle bit on each side of the horse beginning on the left.

Fitting Step 4 Balance Line



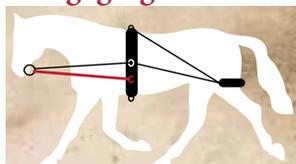
You will have one set of lines remaining. Beginning on the left, clip line to bottom-most surcingle ring. Run line to snaffle bit and attach it below the breeching line clip. Repeat the process on the off side. Take care to allow the horse to move off at an easy pace to become accustomed to the downward pressure. This position is the starting point for each training session.

1. Stretching The Top Line



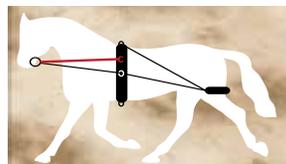
Always begin in Position One. This basic position encourages topline stretch and enhances muscle development and tone. Suggested use is two to three times per week for 20 minute sessions in this position for a minimum of six weeks before progressing. Some users prefer this position exclusively.

2. Engaging The Hocks



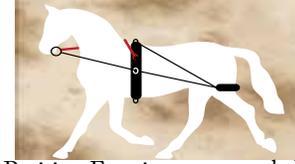
Position Two lifts the horse off of his forehead and encourages him/her to engage the hocks correctly. This drives the hindquarters under the body for more collection and better feel.

3. Intermediate



When the horse reaches the Intermediate stage (Position Three), he/she should have a relaxed jaw and topline. Position Three engages the hocks significantly more than Two. Position Three encourages correct balance and rhythm at the canter.

4. Advanced



Position Four is recommended for use **ONLY** by Professional trainers working horses that are competing at highly advanced levels. The line runs from the bit **ACROSS** the withers and connects to the number 3 surcingle ring on the opposite side. Shown with line clipped to off side bit ring.