

BITS

SNAFFLE BITS

A bit is considered a snaffle if the rein and the cheekpiece attach to the same ring.

Snaffles are usually the mildest. They act on the tongue, bars of mouth and lips,

LOOSE RING

Can pinch lips – often
bit guards are used.



EGGBUTT

Won't pinch cheeks – solid
and stable bit.



D-RING SLOW TWIST

Slow twist is stronger than
smooth mouthpiece. D ring helps
steer horse.



FULL CHEEK

Helps steer by acting on the sides of the face.



FULMER FULL CHEEK

Same as regular full-cheek, but won't pinch cheeks



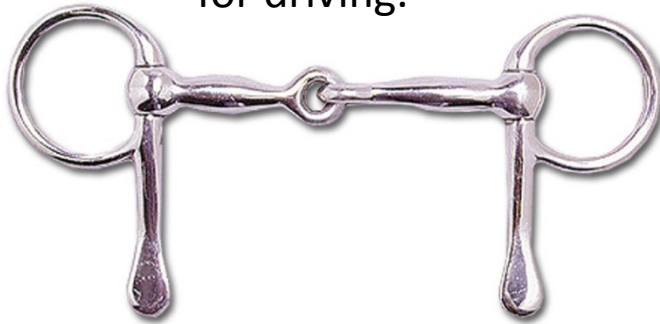
BIT KEEPERS

Help keep bit at correct angle and prevent it from getting caught on things.



HALF-CHEEK

Usually used
for driving.



D-RING DR. BRISTOL

Stronger than a
smooth single-jointed
bit.



EGG BUTT FRENCH LINK

Milder than a single joint.



D-RING CORKSCREW

Stronger than a smooth mouth.



D-RING WATERFORD

Keeps horses from leaning on the bit.



D-RING RUBBER MOUTH

Milder than a plain steel bit.



LOOSE RING DOUBLE-TWISTED WIRE

Very harsh bit. Can pinch lips and tongue.



LOOSE RING HOLLOW MOUTH

Thicker mouthpieces are milder than thinner.



EGG BUTT MULLEN MOUTH

Some horses prefer having no joint.



MAGENIS

Keeps horse from leaning on, and grabbing bit.



COPPER ROLLER

Helps soften a horse's mouth by giving him something to play with.
Copper increases salivation.



LEVERAGE BITS and GAG BITS

Act on tongue, corners, bars, chin, and
poll.

JOINTED MOUTH PELHAM

The joint decreases the curb action



RUBBER MOUTH PELHAM

Milder than a steel mullen mouth.



CONVERTERS

MULLEN MOUTH PELHAM



Converters take away individual curb and snaffle action. Milder than just a curb, stronger than just a snaffle. Good for young children and inexperienced riders, because they don't have to worry about two sets of reins.



LIP STRAP

Keeps the curb chain in place.



LIP STRAP and CURB CHAIN IN USE



BRIDOON or BRADOON

Always used with Weymouth. Has smaller rings than a regular snaffle



WEYMOUTH

Always used with bradoon.



KIMBERWICKE

Has a very mild curb action.



UXETER KIMBERWICKE

Mildest with rein around the ring, stronger on top slot, stronger still on bottom slot.



EGG BUTT GAG

Helps lighten front end.
Should be used with two sets of reins – one as a gag, the other as a snaffle.



DUTCH GAG

Helps lighten front end. Should be used with two sets of reins – one as snaffle, the other on a lower ring. The lower the ring, the stronger the action.



BIT GUARDS

Keep the cheeks from being pinched by bit.

