

TACK

RUNNING MARTINGALE

Helps encourage the horse to drop its head.



STANDING MARTINGALE

Keeps the horse from raising its head above a certain level.



IRISH MARTINGALE

Keeps the reins on the right sides of the neck, especially when jumping at speed.



GERMAN MARTINGALE

Helps encourage the horse to lower its head.



FIGURE 8 NOSEBAND

Keeps the horse from opening its mouth and evading the bit. Allows his nostrils to expand, allowing him to breathe properly.



DROPPED NOSEBAND

Keeps the horse from opening his mouth and evading the bit. Not suitable for speed work.



FLASH NOSEBAND

Keeps the horse from opening his mouth and evading the bit. Allows him to breathe properly with his nostrils, and allows a standing martingale to be used.



POLO BREASTPLATE

Keeps the saddle from sliding back.



HUNTING BREASTPLATE

Keeps the saddle from sliding back. Allows a martingale attachment to be used.



BREASTGIRTH

Keeps the saddle from sliding back. Can be attached to stirrup bars or billets.



BALDING GIRTH

Narrower behind elbows, reducing pinching and rubbing.



THREE-FOLD GIRTH

Old-fashioned girth – not much in use anymore.



SHAPED GIRTH

Narrow behind elbows, reducing pinching and rubbing.



STRING GIRTH

Provides a lot of give and reduces rubbing.



LACED REINS

Lacing provides some grip.



BRAIDED REINS

Provides some grip, but tends to stretch.



WEB REINS

Strong, easy to clean, and provides some grip.



PLAIN REINS

Attractive, but provide no grip. Often used as curb reins, which need no grip.



RUBBER REINS

Provide a lot of grip – great when they will get wet from rain or sweat.

