



Dressage Equipment
Is it Legal or Illegal?

Test your knowledge!





Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



Swan necked spurs are allowed.



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



Illegal. The inside arms of the spur must be smooth.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



A roweled spur is allowed as long as the rowels are blunt/smooth and free to rotate.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



The above spur is legal except in the FEI Pony Tests, since the length of the shank exceeds 1.5 cm.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



Spurs with hard plastic knobs are legal. The color of the plastic does not matter, but the knobs must be smooth.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



For Training through Fourth Level tests, as well as FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband is allowed.



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A Crescent noseband is allowed with a snaffle bridle in National level classes only.



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



A Kineton noseband is NOT allowed.



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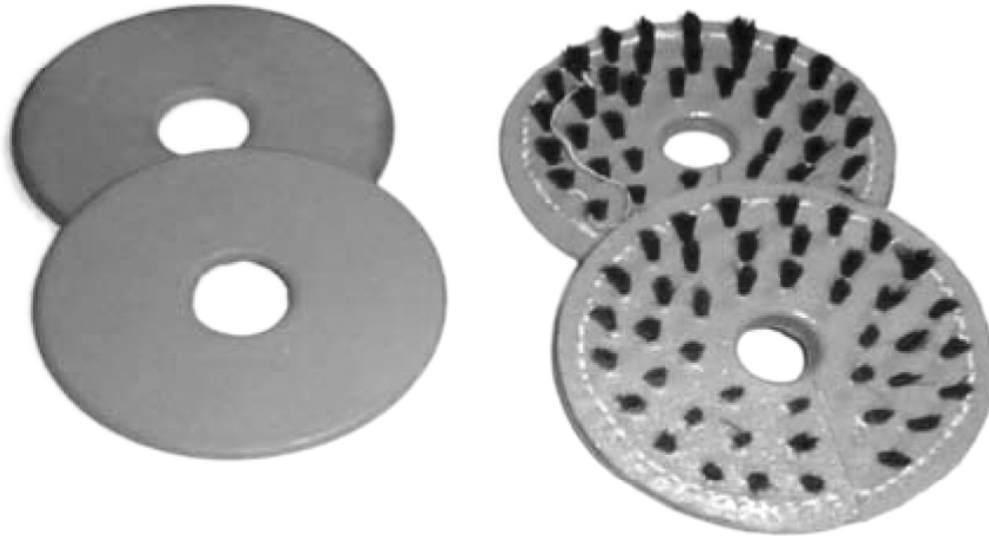
Legal in warm-up only.



Running martingales (only with snaffle rein of plain snaffle bridle), boots, bandages (without magnets) and earmuffs are permitted in warm-up only. They are strictly forbidden, under penalty of elimination, in the competition arena.

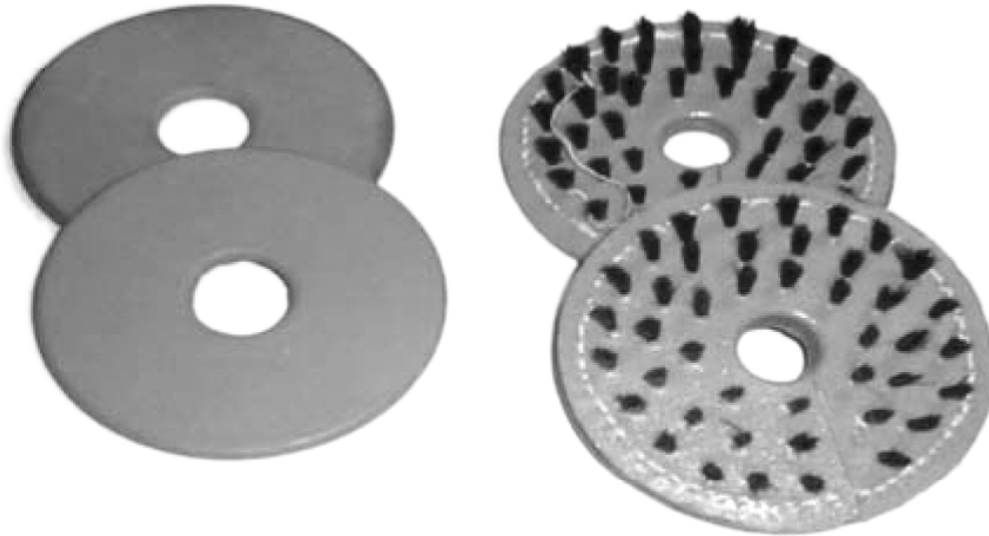


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Bit guards are NOT LEGAL in either the warm-up area or the competition itself.



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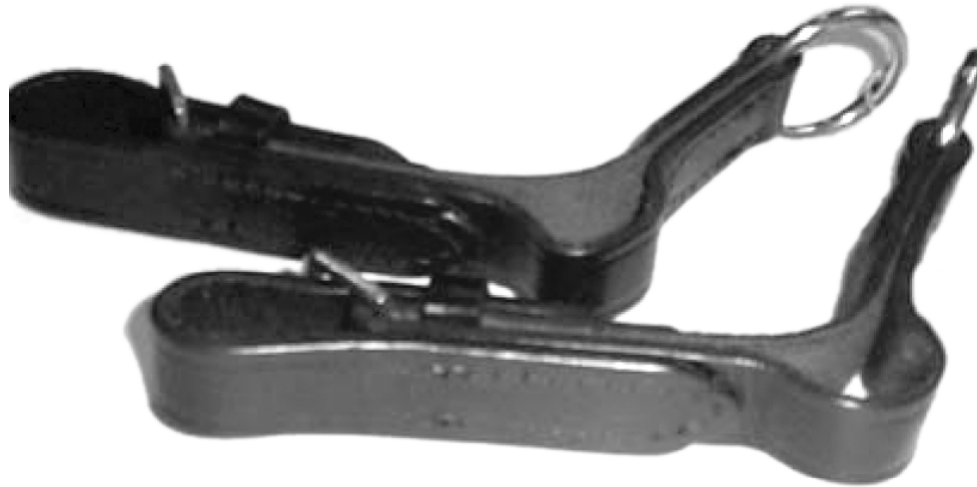
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Reins with hand-loop are illegal, unless accompanied by a Presidential Modification allowing this style rein as a compensating aid.

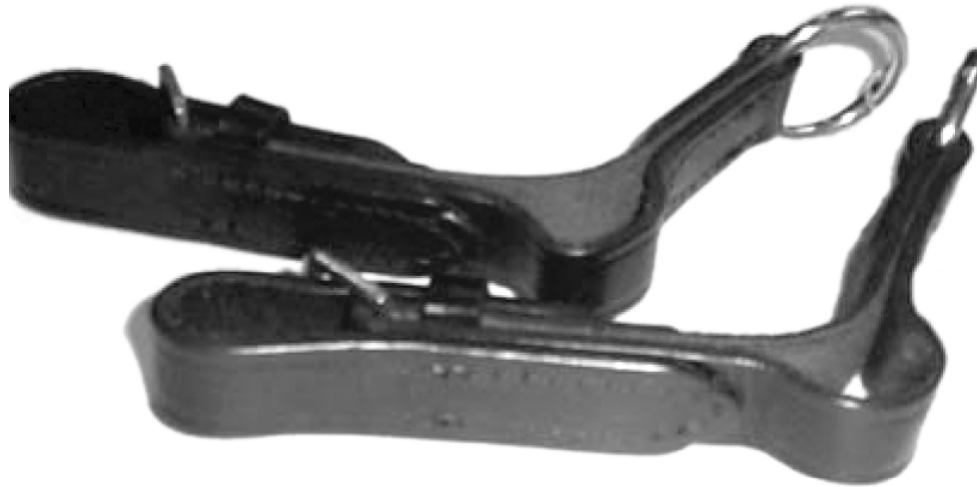


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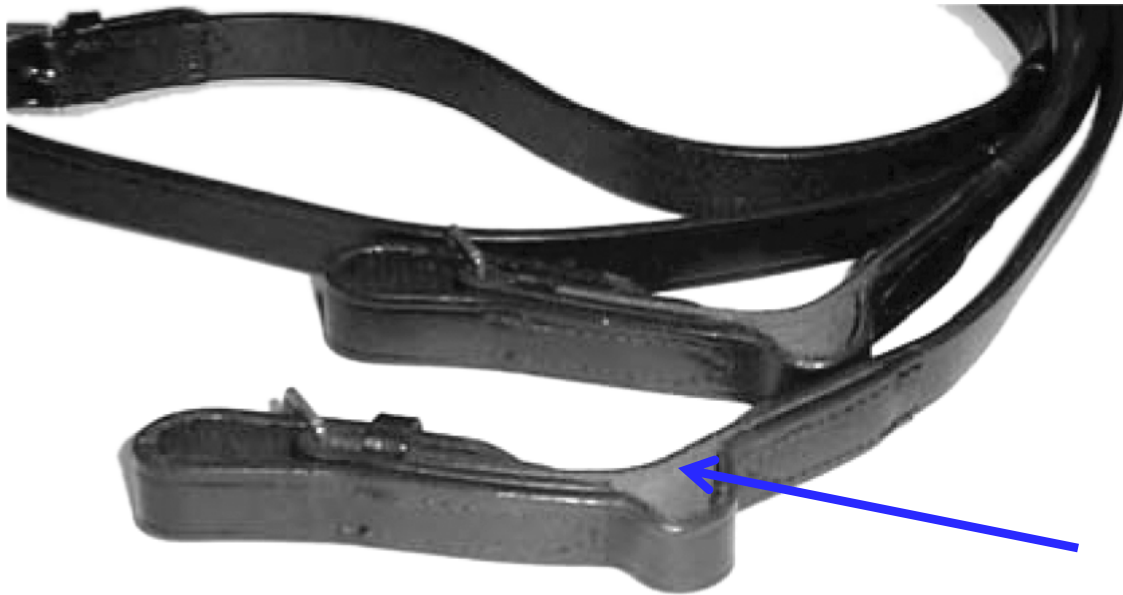
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Rein additions or attachments are not permitted.



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Complete reins that include the elastic section ARE permitted. The difference is that this is a complete rein, not an attachment to the rein. A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand.



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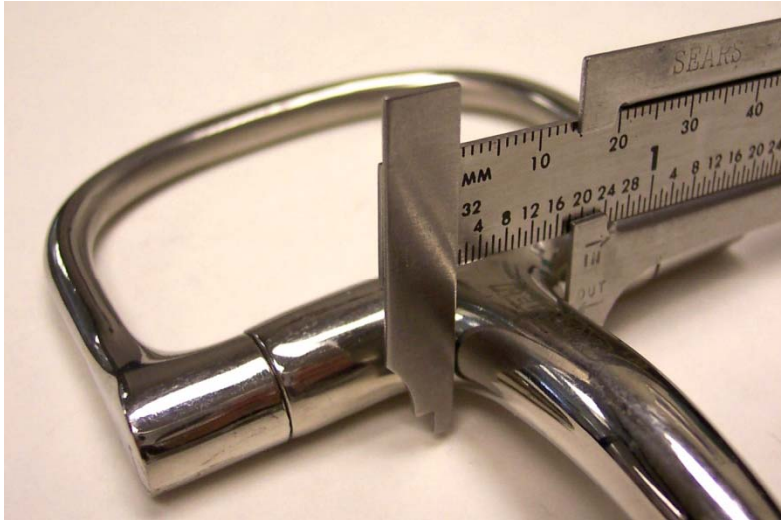
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This bridoon bit is NOT LEGAL as it does not meet the minimum thickness requirement and the mouthpiece is triangular in shape.



Bit Diameter



The diameter of the snaffle or bridle mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse classes must have a minimum diameter of 14 mm.



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All bits must be smooth. This bit is illegal due to the grooves cut into the mouthpiece.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



However, this copper inlaid snaffle is legal so long as the inlay is smooth and solid.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



Snaffle bit with rotating mouthpiece.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



Single-jointed snaffle mouthpiece.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



Snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece.



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



Double-jointed snaffle with copper roller and hinges.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal.



This variation of the Baucher bit is legal.



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



Snaffle mouthpiece with a port – ILLEGAL!



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



This wire-wrapped mouth piece is not legal to use in dressage.



Legal or Illegal?





Illegal!



Hinged mouthpieces are not legal.



Legal or Illegal?





Legal in certain cases.



Snaffle or bridoon with rotating disk or middle piece, as well as rotary bits with rotating middle piece: In USEF licensed competitions, this bit is **ONLY** permitted in USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes: and may be either as a snaffle (in warm-up) or bridoon (with a double bridle).



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Snaffle with adjustable mouthpiece.



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Illegal!



Baucher with low port – illegal.



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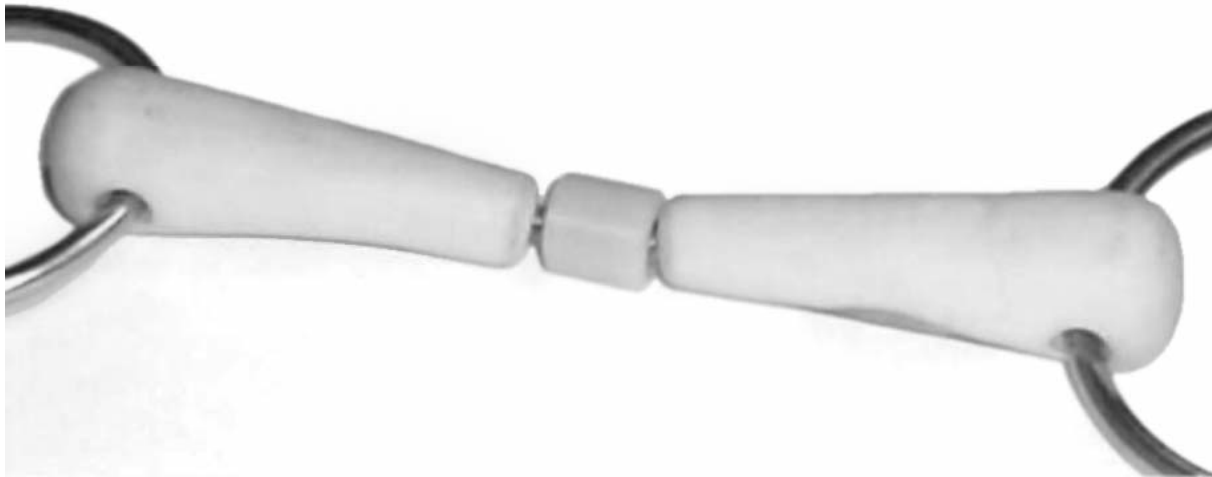
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Happy mouth loose ring revolver bit

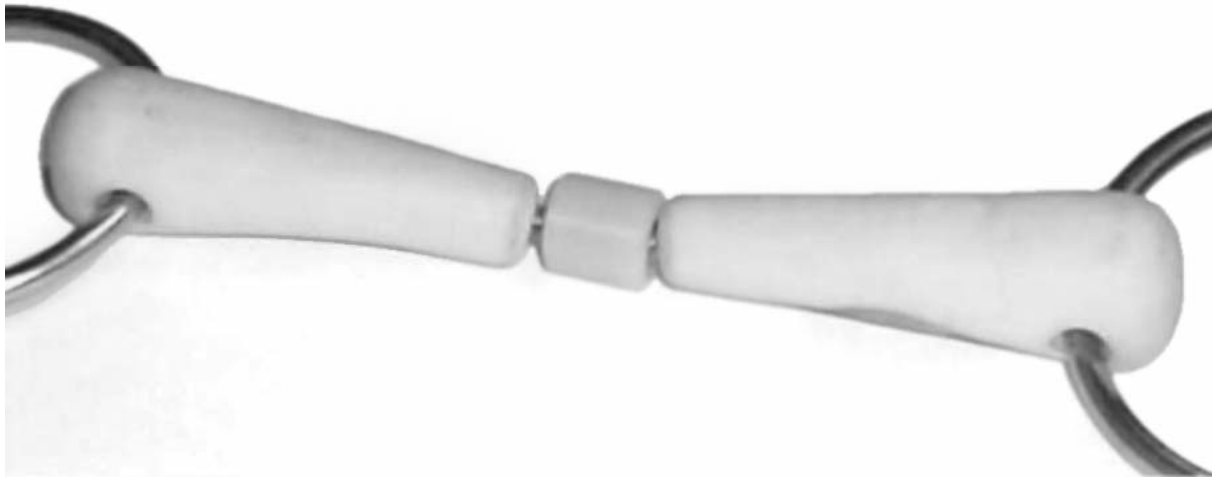


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This synthetic bit is illegal due to the roller covering the joint.