

**BOWDEN SADDLE  
TREE CO., INC.**

**BB**



**Since 1976**

#### **THE BOWDEN SADDLE TREE STORY**

Francis Bowden's career in saddletree building began in 1960 at Standard Saddle Tree Co. in Vernal, UT, where he learned every aspect of the craft. After a brief move to Oregon, he returned to Standard and, in 1976, partnered with its owners to purchase Ritter Saddle Trees in El Paso, Texas. The company, named for noted saddle tree maker P.Q. Ritter, was renamed Ritter Saddle Tree Co., Inc.

In 1977, Francis relocated the business to Anthony, TX. The first years were challenging and after a year of hand-making trees, Francis built the first cutting machines. In 1980, the shop tragically burned down. Francis seized this moment, purchased his partners' shares, and fully took over the company. He then impressively rebuilt the entire operation, patterns & improved, second-generation machinery—from memory within two to three months.

As the company's reputation for exceptional quality grew, Francis branded his unique bar designs as "BowdenBrand" (BB). His sons joined the business, leading to rapid expansion and the development of third-generation machines, firmly establishing the company's reputation for high standards. In 2000, the company was formally renamed Bowden Saddle Tree Co., Inc. Bowden Saddle Tree Co. began modernizing in 2005 with the purchase of their first CNC machine, which vastly improved the accuracy and consistency of parts. Though embracing new technology, they've retained the traditional hand-crafting skills and a core of long-time employees.

For the Bowden family, saddletree building is an honored tradition, combining new methods with old-fashioned ideals to ensure customer satisfaction.

#### **SUPERIOR MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION**

**RAWHIDE:** OUR PREMIUM QUALITY TREES (BB) ARE HAND-SEWN WITH THE BEST HIDES AND DRIED SLOWLY AND EVENLY IN THE HIGH DESERT SOUTHWEST AIR. THIS CRUCIAL PROCESS PREVENTS WARPING AND TWISTING THAT CAN OCCUR WITH ARTIFICIALLY DRIED TREES. THE RAWHIDE IS SECURELY HAND-LACED AROUND THE CANTLE AND SWELL WITH CLOSE STITCHES, THEN HAND-NAILED IN THE CANTLE AND GULLET.

**BARS:** BARS ARE CUT WITH MIRROR-LIKE DUPLICATION AND ACCURACY USING SPECIALLY DESIGNED MACHINES. WE PRIMARILY USE THE BOWDEN STYLE ARIZONA BARS ON ALL TREES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, WITH SCALED-DOWN VERSIONS FOR BARREL RACER AND YOUTH TREES, AND NARROW SEAT BARS FOR CUTTER AND PLEASURE TREES.

**SWELLS:** OUR BOWDEN SADDLE TREE SWELLS ARE BUILT FOR STRENGTH, LAMINATED WITH 3/4" PLYWOOD BETWEEN TWO LAYERS OF PINE.

**HORNS:** ROPING HORNS ARE MADE OF THE FINEST DUCTILE IRON, ENSURING EXCEPTIONAL DURABILITY AGAINST THE STRESSES OF ROPING.

**CANTLES:** WE OFFER VARIOUS CANTLE STYLES, INCLUDING OVAL KOMFORT, ROUND-TOP KOMFORT, ROUND, AND SHOVEL. THE DISH DEPTH IS TYPICALLY 1" TO 1-1/2".

#### **PRECISION ASSEMBLY & CUSTOMIZATION**

**ASSEMBLY:** FORKS, CANTLES, AND BARS ARE ASSEMBLED FOR HIGH ACCURACY IN JIGS, THEN GLUED AND STAPLED WITH 2" STAPLES.

**CUSTOMIZATION:** AS CUSTOM SADDLE TREE BUILDERS, WE ARE NOT LIMITED TO ANY PARTICULAR PATTERN. WE CAN HAND-MAKE A TREE OR MODIFY SWELL THICKNESS, ADD LEG CUTS, BACK SWEEPS, OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS YOU MAY HAVE FOR A YOUTH, BARREL RACER, OR SPECIALIZED TREE.

#### **GUARANTEE**

**WARRANTY:** OUR TREES ARE PROUDLY MADE IN THE USA AND WARRANTED FOR EIGHT YEARS (PRORATED).

#### **PRORATED WARRANTY SCALE:**

(YEAR 1-100%) (YEAR 2-90%) (YEAR 3-80%) (YEAR 4-65%)  
(YEAR 5-50%) (YEAR 6-35%) (YEAR 7-20%) (YEAR 8-10%)

ANY ALTERATION OF MERCHANDISE VOIDS THE WARRANTY.



**Full service custom  
tree builders.**

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## PRICE LIST JAN. 2026

PREMIUM RAWHIDE TREE.....	\$450.00
FIBERGLASS TREE.....	\$450.00
FIBERGLASS TREE W/ GROUND SEAT.....	\$550.00
STOCK TREES.....	\$450.00
DUPLICATE (PRICED BY DIFFICULTY).....	\$650.00
MINIATURE TREE 1/2 SCALE.....	\$400.00
COVER OR RECOVER OLD TREE.....	\$300.00
WOOD TREE.....	\$300.00
REPAIR HORN.....	\$75.00
PLAIN HORMS (MOSST STYLES).....	\$35.00
RETURNED CHECKS.....	\$30.00
BOWDEN PACK TREE.....	\$150.00
RITTER PACK TREE.....	\$450.00

CHECK WITH US FOR QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

## EXTRAS (ADD TO THE ABOVE)

FIBERGLASS REINFORCEMENT.....	\$75.00
DOUBLE COVER.....	\$300.00
TEMPLATES.....	\$300.00
SWELLS WITH BACKSWEET.....	\$75.00
SWELLS EXTRA THICK OR WITH LIP.....	\$75.00
REMOVE OLD RAWHIDE (FROM YOUR TREE).....	\$150.00
WOOD POST HORN.....	\$75.00
SLOTS (CANTLE OR BARS).....	\$75.00
CANTLES OVER 4" HIGH.....	\$40.00
CANTLES OVER 4-1/2" HIGH.....	\$50.00
CANTLES OVER 5" HIGH.....	\$80.00

**IF OVERSIZED ON THE FOLLOWING  
PLEASE CALL**

BARS 24+", SWELL WIDTH 14+", SWELL THICKNESS 3-1/2+",  
CANTLE HEIGHT 6+", CANTLE WIDTH 13+",  
GULLET HEIGHT 9+"

## SPECIALTY TREES

GRIMSLY - PONY EXPRESS - SQUAW - MCCLELLAN - HOPE	\$750.00
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OTHER SPECIALTY TREES WILL BE PRICED ACCORDING  
TO DIFFICULTY

CHECK OR CREDIT CARD



INSIST ON A **BOWDEN**

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

## FIBERGLASS IN STOCK

### ASSOCIATION W/ LEG CUTS

SIZE 14-1/2" — 15"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3-1/2" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #4  
GULLET 7-3/4" • 6-3/4"

W/ GROUND SEAT

## RAWHIDE IN STOCK

### ASSOCIATION

SIZE 16"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 4" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #4  
GULLET 8" • 6-1/2"



### BUSTER WELCH BARREL RACER

SIZE 14" — 14-1/2"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 4-1/2" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #5 (1-1/2" • 3-3/4")  
GULLET 8-1/4" • 6-3/4"

W/ GROUND SEAT



### BUSTER WELCH CUTTER

SIZE 16" — 16-1/2"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3" • 1" • 12-1/2"  
HORN OD4 (1-1/2" • 4")  
GULLET 8-1/2" • 6-1/2"

W/ GROUND SEAT



### BUSTER WELCH WORKING COW

SIZE 16"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3" • 1-1/2" • 12-1/2"  
HORN TD  
GULLET 8-1/2" • 6-1/2"

W/ GROUND SEAT



### DON LASON REINER

SIZE 16" — 16-1/2"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3" • 1" • 12-1/2"  
HORN #1  
GULLET 8-1/4" • 6-1/2"

W/ GROUND SEAT



### OLIN YOUNG W/ LEG CUTS

SIZE 14-1/2" — 15"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3-1/2" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #18  
GULLET 7-3/4" • 6-3/4"

W/ GROUND SEAT



While we honor the tradition of rawhide, Bowden Saddle Tree Company now offers a modern, high-durability alternative: wrapping the fork and the top of the bars with three layers of *eight oz. dual-weave fiber cloth*, then fusing them to a *12 oz. FG mat* located on the bottom of the bars.

This provides a sleek, uniform finish with a significant increase in structural integrity and moisture resistance.

### CLIFF WADE

SIZE 16"  
SWELL 9"  
CANTLE 4" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN WP (3-1/2" • 3-1/4")  
GULLET 8" • 6-1/2"

ADD \$50.00 FOR  
WOOD POST



### OLIN YOUNG

SIZE 16"  
SWELL 13"  
CANTLE 3-1/2" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #4  
GULLET 8" • 6-1/2"



### WILL JAMES

SIZE 16"  
SWELL 14"  
CANTLE 4-1/2" • 1-1/2" • 13"  
HORN #4  
GULLET 8-1/2" • 6-1/2"



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