Behind the greatest rider
a great saddle
a unique saddle collection, developed in conjunction with Carl Hester, designed to maximize horse and rider performance.

“for me, to find a brand whose saddle technology is coming to the fore, that I can move forward with and help train my horses to win more medals, is really fantastic.”

Carl Hester  MBE
All saddles in the Carl Hester Collection feature

- Perfect union between horse and rider. Rider and horse immediately feel as one.
- Carbon fiber polymer unbreakable tree.
- Specialty neoprene and flock panel for maximum comfort and weight distribution.
- Maximum adjustability on site through an adjustable tree and flocked panel design.
- Anatomically designed knee blocks to support riders, encouraging them to lengthen their thigh.
- Premium quality double stitched calf leather.
- All saddles feature identical girthing options without point straps, allowing maximum freedom of movement through the shoulder.

"my horses feel great in these saddles"

Carl Hester MBE
The PDS® Carl Hester Collection features an unbreakable carbon fiber polymer tree, X-Change® adjustable tree system and AMS® Panels.

The tree interacts with the movement of horse and rider enabling the horse to move freely and giving the rider comfort. The optimum level for the saddle is maintained using the X-Change® system and fine tuning by wool placement inside the AMS® panels.

**X-Change® System**
Most horse owners are faced with the problem that their horse changes shape from season to season or even throughout a season. This can often be inconvenient and expensive to resolve.

Looking after your horses back at any time is crucial to its performance and inevitable compromises are forced upon the horse owner by other brands that do not allow adjustment. This may result in permanent damage both physically and mentally to your horse.

All PDS® saddles can be adjusted easily, often on site, to ensure that your saddle always fits perfectly.

**Carbon Fiber Polymer Tree**
All PDS® saddle trees are made of carbon fiber polymer, making them very light and incredibly strong. The tree will improve your horse's comfort and performance through its anatomical design giving incredible contact between horse and rider. Carbon fiber offers strength and flexibility allowing the tree widths to be adjusted.

**AMS® Panels**
AMS® panels distribute load and reduce pressure on a horse's back.

Each saddle within the PDS® Carl Hester Collection is fitted with either Regular or Alto AMS® panels specifically designed for a certain horse type.

**Regular** panels are suited to most dressage horses.

**Alto** panels are built to fit horses with a prominent height difference from wither to back. The saddle has a slightly deeper AMS® panel at the front, to offer extra support and clearance over the wither and spine. It also has a slightly deeper rear gusset to ensure that after allowing for the height at the front of the horse, the saddle is still able to sit level.
Grande is the key saddle in the PDS® Carl Hester Collection and forms the basis of the range. Suited to a wide range of horses with medium withers.

**Sizes:** 17" / 17.5" / 18"  
**Fit supplied as standard:** Medium Wide  
**Color:** Black  
**PDS® X-Change® gullet widths:** Narrow – Extra Wide  
**Options:** Long and short flap available to special order.

Both Grande and Grande Alto feature a ‘gusset’ in the front of the panel, allowing additional wool to be inserted, so as to add extra lift at the front, if the fit on the horse requires it.
Grande Alto is suited to horses with higher withers and greater wither to back differential.


“it feels like your sitting on the horses back and that’s what I like”  Carl Hester MBE

“the saddle, even when new feels like an old fit, there’s no breaking in process to it”  Carl Hester MBE

Grande Alto 469616
“what I’ve gained from working with PDS® is a forward thinking saddle development team.”

Carl Hester MBE
The shapes and needs of the many other riders that Carl had sitting on these saddles is an important consideration. Although Carl is very comfortable in the Grande saddle we found a need for a saddle that sat him closer to some of his wider fitting horses, offering freedom of movement through the back and shoulder with reduced bulk in a mono flap design. The rider will naturally feel closer to the horse in this close contact design. Suited to horses with low to medium withers.

Sizes: 17” / 17.5” / 18”  Fit supplied as standard: Medium Wide  Color: Black  PDS® X-Change® gullet widths: Narrow – Extra Wide  Options: Long and short flap available to special order.
for a dressage horse to use its back to the optimum, it needs to have a comfortable saddle

Carl Hester  MBE
Some modern dressage horses have little or no wither and are more barrel shaped. Popular due to their compact shape and powerful movement, these horses need careful saddle-fitting consideration. The PDS® solution for this type of horse is the Integro saddle. It is built on a close contact tree and offers the ultimate close feel in a dressage saddle.

Sizes: 17” / 17.5” / 18”  Fit supplied as standard: Medium Wide  Color: Black  PESSOA® X-Change® gullet widths: Narrow – XX Wide  Options: Long and short flap available to special order.
“the knee block on the saddle is there to support the front of your leg, if for a moment, you lose some balance that knee block has to keep you in the right place.”

Carl Hester MBE
### Special Order Options

**Knee Block**
Each model is available with a shorter block (model ref “S”). This is for a rider who has a shorter hip to knee measurement or who prefers not to ride with such a straight leg position.

**Flap Options**
Short and long flap options are available to special order.

### The PDS® Carl Hester Collection features

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PDS® gullet plates are for specific use with Grande, Grande Alto and Grande Mono Flap saddles.

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Pessoa gullet plates are for specific use with Integro Mono Flap saddles.
“what I like most about the PDS® saddles is the comfort and support that they give me.”

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the best feeling that I got was the freedom in the movement, with a dressage horse we are trying to enhance natural paces and the saddle is very much part of that process