



*Leather Saddles  
Product Information & Guarantee*

THE BEST FOR RIDING  
SINCE 1866

## CONGRATULATIONS ON CHOOSING A BROOKS SADDLE. YOU HAVE CHOSEN A QUALITY PRODUCT WHICH WILL BRING YOU MANY YEARS OF CYCLING JOY.

### MAINTENANCE & CARE. MAKE YOUR SADDLE LAST.

Leather is a natural material, which will provide lasting comfort, coolness in hot weather, style and durability. If you read and follow these simple instructions your saddle will adapt itself to you and retain its support and comfort.

A new saddle should be treated with Brooks Proofide Leather Dressing to help to assist the 'breaking-in' process. Proofide helps to keep the leather supple as it is carefully formulated from special ingredients to condition, preserve and shower proof your saddle. Proofide needs to be applied to the underside of the saddle and in this case it should be left on. Apply very little Proofide to the finished top side of the leather. Allow the Proofide to permeate until dry and then polish off with a cloth to avoid getting any on your clothes. Proofide must not be applied to the upper side of the Aged Saddles. This Leather Dressing should be used several times during the 'breaking-in' and every few months thereafter. Brooks Proofide is the only substance that should be used to care for your saddle.

Leather is a natural material and its stiffness can vary within different parts of the same leather bend and between different bends. Small marks, minor scratches and differences in colour are not to be considered leather defects. The leather gets its colour during the tanning process and it is possible, therefore, that some colour residues will remain. Avoid riding your saddle with white or light coloured slacks. It is recommended to polish the saddle with a cotton cloth before first use. You should protect your leather saddle from moisture with a saddle cover. If a wet saddle is ridden the colour may stain your clothing. Allow your wet saddle to dry naturally.

Never tension a wet saddle, nor apply Proofide to it. Correct leather tension will ensure your saddle retains its shape and comfort. To tension the leather top, turn the nose bolt nut 90° at a time, check tension. You can use the tension spanner or an Allen key to do this, depending on the saddle model. Over-tensioning a saddle will stretch the leather fibres and may damage their structure. A little tension, not too often is the key. Remember, once the end of the nose bolt is reached, the saddle cannot be tensioned any further. Please note that Brooks Aged and Brooks Imperial Saddles should break-in faster and could need to be tensioned more often than other Brooks

Heritage Saddles, Brooks Aged and Brooks Imperial Saddles are delivered with a lace to allow the tensioning of the sides. The lace should always be tied to prevent premature sagging of the leather. Brooks produces a range of saddles varying from road racing saddles to heavy duty saddles in various colours with single, double and even triple wires. Whilst single rail saddles can be used with a micro-adjust seat post, remember that with double and triple rail saddles the clip provided should always be used, as this supports the saddle and rider correctly, preventing excessive stress on the rails.

### SADDLE ADJUSTMENT. COMFORT STARTS FROM HERE

The rider's comfort will depend, to a much greater extent than is generally imagined, upon the correct adjustment of the saddle on the bicycle. The great thing to bear in mind is that, to obtain comfort and avoid injurious pressure, the weight must be carried on the broad part of the saddle. The peak should carry as little weight as possible. The nose is mainly intended to ensure a steady and secure seat, which a peakless saddle would not do. By paying attention to the following hints the correct position should be readily attained.

The saddle should be placed:

1. just sufficiently behind the crank-axle to allow the rider to sit upon the broad part of the saddle while riding, without being pulled forward on to the peak by the onward thrust of the leg;
2. with the peak positioned just high enough to prevent the rider from slipping forward; this is normally attained when the saddle top is parallel to the ground;
3. low enough to enable the rider to reach the pedals comfortably with a bend of around 30° still in the knee.

### LIFETIME SERVICE. SPARE PARTS & REPAIR

Some breakages of Brooks Saddles can be repaired by your authorised bicycle mechanic, others need to be carried out by Brooks Craftsmen. Not every failure can be repaired, but if the leather top of your saddle is formed and in good condition, chance are we can save you the cost of buying a new saddle and breaking in a new top. On the Brooks Website you can find all Spare

Parts listed and available for purchase or you can talk to your local dealer. It is important to remember that for safety reasons, Brooks England Ltd. urges you to carry out any repairs with your authorised bicycle mechanic.

### 10 YEAR EXTENDED GUARANTEE. REGISTER AT [WWW.BROOKSENGLAND.COM/FOREVER](http://WWW.BROOKSENGLAND.COM/FOREVER)

Brooks Saddles are handmade in England and are guaranteed for 2 years from the date of purchase against defects in manufacture or materials. If you believe you have a claim under this guarantee, you should return the saddle to the place of purchase along with your receipt.

In case of lost receipts, we suggest you register at [www.brooksengland.com/forever](http://www.brooksengland.com/forever). This will allow us and your bicycle dealer to prove when your saddle has been purchased and you will also receive the Brooks Despatch, our newsletter, which will keep you updated on new products, services, events, etc.

A 10-year extended warranty will be awarded after you have registered, so do so without delay! In order to register you need to know the production lot of your saddle. It is a 3 digit code which is stamped on the bottom of the leather top. This code is a sequence of 'number, letter, number' (as shown in the illustration below). You also need to enter the date, the place of purchase and some additional information.



Brooks England Ltd. will not accept claims due to crashes, accidents or low saddle maintenance and care (as in the common case of cyclists who forget to tension their saddles and end up sitting on the metal structure).

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