

Elisa²



WEDGE



ACCESSORIES



A4



A17



P8

TECHNICAL FEATURES

The "Elisa 2" saddle has a medium deep seat, with round cantle. It comes with flocked panels; it is offered with a flaps' forward projection standard/ + 2cm or + 4cm, depending on the different pathologies. Elisa 2 is provided with a set of medium front and back blocks with Velcro attachments to help riders find the correct position that best suits their needs.

The "Elisa 2" hippotherapy saddle is manufactured by "Prestige Italia"

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Should you wish to place an order for this saddle, please refer direct to the Prestige Italia dealers based in Italy (see on the "Lapo" ONLUS Association and "Prestige Italia" saddlery websites)



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Associazione "Lapo" ONLUS HIPPOThERAPY SADDLE "ELISA 2"



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HIPPOTHERAPY SADDLE "ELISA 2"

It is an English riding saddle, expressly studied, designed and made for Therapeutic Riding and especially for Hippotherapy, capable of meeting the special requirements of safety and above all, the correct posture.

Seat, flap, cantle of the Hippotherapy Saddle "ELISA 2" are conformed in such a way as to promote a correct seat and to facilitate pelvic position, trunk straightening and balance.

A special **trapezoid-shaped extractable handle, with a particular inclination**, allows a secure grip and a correct position of trunk and shoulders.

The prototype of this saddle, "ELISA 1", was invented in 1995 by Francesca Gentile, a riding instructor and the director of a Therapeutic Riding Centre in Florence. The saddle was presented at the IXth International Therapeutic Riding Congress in Denver, Colorado, USA in 1997.

The patent for this saddle was then bought by the "Lapo" ONLUS Association, "L.R.E. Section"^{*} because of its scientific validity demonstrated over the years especially in subjects with neuromotor disorders. In fact, in these subjects, this saddle is an essential aid which cannot be renounced in a correct therapeutic rehabilitation setting.

The most important feature of the "Elisa 1" saddle is the application on the sides of the tree of a special handle which results easy to mount, safe to use and pertinent to neurorehabilitation targets. This handle, in fact, allows all subjects, even if seriously affected, to maintain their trunk straight with open shoulders and this represents the basic posture of every rehabilitation treatment.

ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE "ELISA 2" SADDLE

1 - Peculiarities of the Saddle

- balance of seat and cantle are carefully studied to favour pelvic stabilization in an adequate position, to facilitate trunk righting and alignment while providing a forward position to inhibit extensor pattern;
- the wide flap has a forward projection so as to hold the knee well, even in situations which require a short stirrup length (as in the severe spasticity) in order to maintain the triple flexion;
- the sweat flaps are partly covered in Velcro. The blocks are supplied along with the saddle and can be placed on the Velcro parts to best suit one's needs, thus helping riders in finding the correct position of their leg;
- "Elisa 2" is made of extremely soft and resistant natural leather which reduces to a minimum any risk of impact and guarantees absolute safety for the disabled rider.

2 - The Handle

- **this is a high trapezoidal handle with a wide grip:** designed and built with special emphasis on safety and function, it allows a wide bilateral grasp, almost at breast level; it favours opening of the shoulder girdle and prevents kyphotic posture;
- **the slight forward inclination** of the handle inhibits the extensor pattern and retropulsion and facilitates trunk straightening;
- **the possibility to remove the handle** permits the saddle to be used in any situation: one simple operation transforms "ELISA 2" into a regular saddle suitable for riding lessons, and for the execution of gymnastic riding exercises normally carried out in Therapeutic Riding lessons without any difficulty. It also facilitates a more simple mount and dismount;
- **the new safety device of the "ELISA 2" handle**, patented by the "Lapo" Association and adapted by Prestige Italia is designed in such a way as to prevent accidental extraction of the handle while allowing its rapid release on the part of the staff;
- **it comes with 2 stock size handles** small and large, so that it can be used by riders with different heights and disabilities.



^{*} "Lapo" ONLUS Association: Italian Association of Families, Bodies and Professions against Neurological and Psychiatric Diseases in Childhood and Adolescence; "L.R.E. Section": "Lapo T.R. Section": Section for Study, Updating, Research in Therapeutic Riding and Sport Riding for the Disabled.