

Holt's Bit Stop



Ring Snaffle

- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£16.85**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£16.45**
- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth **£18.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth, black steel **£13.65**
- Stainless steel, waterford, full copper mouth **£18.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, black steel mouth **£16.45**



Half Cheek Snaffle

- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth (above) **£16.85**
- Stainless steel, waterford, full copper mouth **£19.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£16.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£19.35**



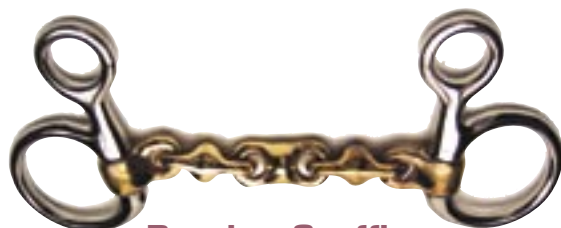
Eggbutt Snaffle

- Stainless steel, hollow, normal jointed (above) **£17.65**
- Stainless steel, french link mouth, copper centre **£17.85**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£14.85**
- Stainless steel, waterford mouth, copper centre **£19.35**
- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth **£19.35**



Full Cheek Snaffle

- Stainless steel, waterford full copper mouth (above) **£21.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£18.65**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£19.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth **£21.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£17.85**



Baucher Snaffle

- Stainless steel, waterford full copper mouth (above) **£19.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£17.65**

Argentinian Snaffle

- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£29.65**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£29.65**
- Stainless steel, waterford, copper centre **£29.65**



Four Ring Dutch Gag

- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth (above) **£22.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£20.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£19.85**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£18.85**
- Stainless steel, waterford full copper mouth **£22.85**



Small Three Ring Dutch Gag

- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth (above) **£21.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£19.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£18.85**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£17.85**
- Stainless steel, waterford full copper mouth **£21.85**

Three Ring Dutch Gag

- Stainless steel, french link, full copper mouth **£21.85**
- Stainless steel, french link, copper centre **£19.35**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed mouth **£18.65**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed full copper mouth **£21.35**
- Stainless steel, waterford copper mouth **£21.85**
- Stainless steel, normal jointed black steel mouth **£17.85**

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The bosal and Spanish hackamore also differ from the others by having their reins attached centrally behind the head, and require a different riding technique.

These bitless bridles are often used as a training aid for movement before a bit is placed in the horse's

mouth and help ensure a soft-mouthed horse.

A combination bridle then attaches some form of bit as well, sometimes using two sets of reins, sometimes one.

The earliest form we know of is the side-pull half breed, which while using a snaffle bit, also has a rope nose band attached to the snaffle rings, and therefore uses one set of reins. With this form of set-up, the pressure applied relies on the rider's physical strength.

A mix of mechanical hackamore and some form of gag bit, while effective, requires not only correct fitting but also sensitive hands, making it necessary to school the rider as much as the horse.

But always remember that nothing can replace the good schooling of a horse.

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