



Gaston Mercier

CONCEPTEUR FABRICANT SELLIER

1987

now that we have been moving forward at our pace in the equestrian landscape.

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LA JUSTE MESURE



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**G**aston Mercier, a native of Aveyron, has been moving forward a step at a time for more than 50 years. He began as a horse breeder, went on to become a professional rider, a certified trail riding guide and an elite athlete. He is the only rider to date to have won the European Endurance Championship two years running with the same horse. He was also French Champion and won several best condition prizes, so excelling both in foundation and fitness !

With a keen interest in tack at a time when civilian horse riding was born again of the ashes of the warhorse, he collected and dissected old saddles and ancient tack. His inspiration comes from the some of the master horsemen of the 19th century but also from traditional horse peoples inclined towards more natural horsemanship. Gaston Mercier developed his first prototypes at the beginning of the 1980's, pioneering the use of composite materials to make his own saddletrees, a major development that altered the DNA of saddle making.

Today his name has become an internationally recognized brand in the equestrian and business worlds.

Since childhood, I have followed, loved and supported my father on this long march. For some 20 years now, I have been committed to meeting this challenge and honouring this heritage for the years to come with the support of a team of skilled enthusiasts, eager to maintain local design and manufacture on a manageable scale, my way of setting the **Gaston Mercier «Right Pace»** !

**Manuel Mercier** *Manager saddlery Gaston Mercier*

# LA JUSTE MESURE

## THE SADDLE THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING

Our exclusive concept for saddles fosters balance and comfort for the rider, freedom of movement and muscle relaxation for the horse.



**Our saddles position the rider over the horse's 13th dorsal vertebra, well behind the withers.**

It was in 1987 that Gaston Mercier reinvented and marketed a ground-breaking saddle design, drawing inspiration from a French school of academic equestrianism but also returning to the approach of traditional horse peoples and their herding horsemanship. This was visionary at the time and more and more experts today recognize the value of his approach.

**One foot in the stirrup of modernity, the other in tradition.**

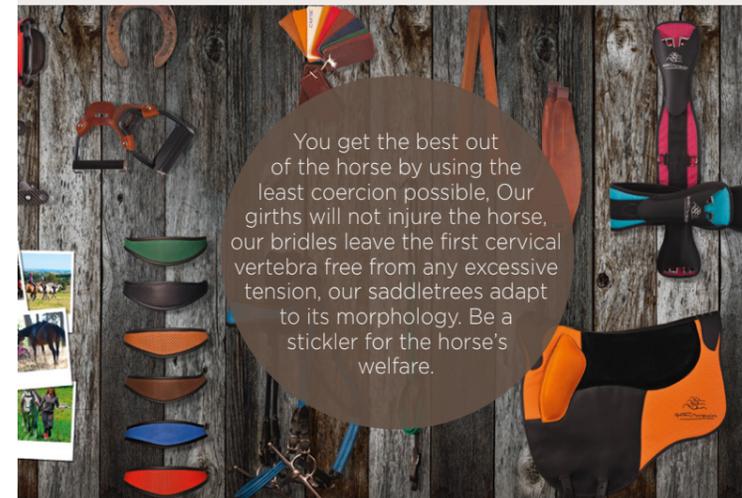
Our saddlery is attracting more and more horsemen and horsewomen: experienced riders, lovers of beautiful treks, beginners, supporters of more natural horsemanship, professional trainers,

professional riders, former riders returning to leisurely riding. Whether in competition or for leisure riding, we put the emphasis on rider self-assurance and the wellbeing of the horse.

**Our products are 100% crafted in France.** Saddles, stirrups, bridles, stirrup leathers, girths, saddle pads, socks and bags : discover all our products at our online store.

**A saddle that eases you into the right position, a saddle made to suit your needs, a saddle for all types of riders, a saddle that caters for your expectations : that is what the Gaston Mercier Right Pace stands for !**

## WHAT THE HORSE WHISPERS IN OUR EAR



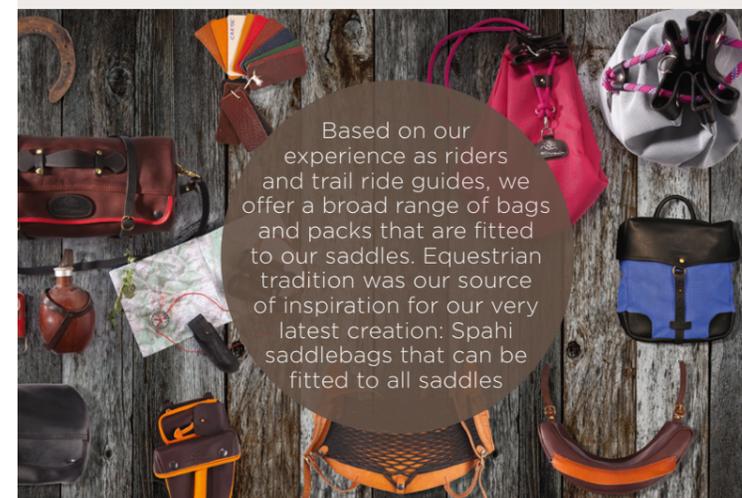
You get the best out of the horse by using the least coercion possible. Our girths will not injure the horse, our bridles leave the first cervical vertebra free from any excessive tension, our saddletrees adapt to its morphology. Be a stickler for the horse's welfare.

## RIDER'S PERSPECTIVE



The rider's balance goes hand in hand with his/her well-being. Stirrups affording optimal comfort, protective socks, sheepskin seat saver : we give our tack a free rein when it comes to ensuring your safety and comfort on horseback.

## EXPERIENCE & TRADITION : AN ABUNDANCE OF BAGS AND PACKS



Based on our experience as riders and trail ride guides, we offer a broad range of bags and packs that are fitted to our saddles. Equestrian tradition was our source of inspiration for our very latest creation: Spahi saddlebags that can be fitted to all saddles

# MARGERIDE

OUTDOOR  
ENDURANCE  
ALL-PURPOSE



**Thierry Lhermitte**  
A MARGERIDE FAN

In our range of all-purpose saddles, the **Margeride** is one of the more streamlined outdoor saddles.



Short flaps, special fenders, composite tree and close-fitting leg rolls that position you ideally so as to further spare the horse/rider pair's efforts. Whether seated or standing in the stirrups, you will be surprised by the versatility and the feeling of safety this saddle produces.

Bare saddle - Composite tree **2 650€**

### AUBRAC VERSION



A saddle for the great outdoors, ideal for "French-style" Western riding combining safety, comfort, lightness and stunning design.

Bare saddle  
Composite tree

**3 250€**

The **Séverac** saddle asserts its resolutely sporting character.



It was developed in conjunction with Olivier Gradwohl, 5-time world champion of competitive mounted orienteering. It was also the saddle chosen by the winner of the 2005 World Endurance Championship in Dubai. The right choice for competitive outdoor horse-riding.

Bare saddle - Composite tree **2 650€**

### SAUVETERRE VERSION



On the Sauveterre, with the double-flap option with stirrup leathers hung beneath the saddle flap makes for a steadier leg position and less wear and tear on flaps. A saddle that fully meets the needs of trail riding.

Composite tree

**2 800€**

# SÉVERAC

OUTDOOR  
SPORT



**Olivier Gradwohl**  
A SEVERAC FAN

# DOLINE II

## DRESSAGE OUTDOOR



**Constance Ménard**  
A DOLINE II FAN

The **Doline II** is more specifically suited to dressage.



The design with its long padded flaps, its close-fitting leg rolls and deep seat aims at positioning you without hindering movement. Freedom of movement and steadiness, contact and comfort, this is the perfect combination for dressage enthusiasts who take into consideration the locomotion of the horse.

Bare saddle - Carbon fibre tree **3 750€**

### DOLINE I VERSION



The original version of the Doline suitable for riders who want to apply dressage techniques but for outdoor riding. The leather is sturdy; the leg rolls allow more movement. This saddle can also be equipped with bags and packs to turn it into a very secure trail riding version.

Bare saddle  
Composite tree

**2 950€**

The **Compiègne** saddle, in the forest or on the flat, whether for leisure-riding or competing !



This is THE all-purpose sports saddle for the "great outdoors" that makes you feel secure. Its design, with oblique flaps and leg rolls allows rider to ride sitting in the saddle with leg lengthened or else with leg shorter but standing balanced over the saddle, and so combine flatwork and outdoor riding.

With its double flaps and rear blocks and the option of hanging the stirrup leathers beneath or on the saddle flap, leg comfort and steadiness are enhanced. The saddle is fitted with ten attachment rings and fastening points and so is also the ideal saddle for the long distance rider.

Bare saddle - Composite tree **3 050€**

### SPORT VERSION



Monoflap with a lighter, compact tree, the sport version of the Compiègne caters for the greater contact and precision needed for high-level competitive mounted orienteering and endurance.

Bare saddle  
Carbon fibre tree

**3 370€**

# COMPIÈGNE

## ALL-PURPOSE SPORT



**Fans of  
the great outdoors**  
TRY THE COMPIÈGNE



**D13**  
SPORT  
JUMPING  
EVENTING

**Fans of sports**  
TRY THE D13

The **D13** sport model is particularly well-suited to the needs of show-jumping and eventing.



Its composite tree and leather upholstery are designed to make this a combination sports saddle. Ideal for jumping, this saddle also places you in the right position for flatwork. Bringing you even closer to your horse, this saddle will produce excellent sensations. With the D13 you get the very best from your horse.

Monoflap - Composite tree **2 850€**

**SPRING UP VERSION**



Built for competing in show-jumping, and based on our concept of placing the rider behind the withers so as to give complete freedom of movement to the horse's shoulders and allow it to engage its hindquarters while affording full muscle relaxation (three elements that determine proper way of going).

Double flap  
Carbon fibre tree

**3 895€**

**Florac 2.0**, the sportiest and lightest (2 kg) in our range.



It is the outcome of the quest for the right balance between horse and rider. The rider can effortlessly alternate between the sitting position and standing in the stirrups balanced over the horse, thereby distributing the bearing points over the horse's back without excessively loading the forehead. Efforts are exerted in synergy, postponing fatigue all the way to the end of a 160-km race. The exclusive carbon fibre tree makes for a lightweight, fine, and precisely contoured saddle so as to be as close as possible to the horse and minimize the rider's impact on the horse's natural mechanics.

Bare saddle - Carbon fibre tree **2 750€**

**FLORAC 2011 VERSION**



Conceived in 2011 to celebrate the European endurance championship over the legendary course of the Florac race, the Florac 2011 affords a steadier leg without preventing mobility. The sturdy flap is designed for sport and fitted with pliable front leg rolls for performance, lightness and comfort.

Monoflap  
Carbon fibre tree

**3 200€**

**FLORAC 2.0**  
ENDURANCE  
OUTDOOR



**Brandon Guedj**  
FAN OF THE FLORAC 2.0

# MARATHIPPO

## ALL-PURPOSE



Fans of leisure-riding  
TRY THE MARATHIPPO

All-purpose and sturdy, the **Marathippo** is the affordable embodiment of Gaston Mercier knowhow and quality !



The original saddle on which our range is founded. Now, the tenth upgrade of the Marathippo incorporates all the latest developments. Flatwork, jumping, trekking, endurance - this is cross-cutting learning saddle that will help you to make progress in all disciplines. Its standardized, streamlined design will provide young enthusiasts and professional instructors to enter our universe without foregoing quality or any of the warranties on our products.

Composite tree **1 995€**

### LÉVÉZOU VERSION



This model was built for distance riding, but is also an excellent instruction saddle that helps improve the rider's seat and suppleness. It is equipped with special fenders with front leg rolls so that even a rider wearing everyday clothes has a close contact with the horse.

Bare saddle  
Composite tree

**2 150€**

## THE D'BRIDE LINE

The special shape of our headpiece distributes the contact surface and bearing points thereby preventing any excessive tension or strain on the first cervical vertebra. Lined with Jacquard 3D fabric, for a light, soft contact on the horse. The coloured, wide browband made of perforated leather and the cheek pieces lined with Biothane combine stylishness and durability.

### HALTER BRIDLE



The halter bridle version, ideal for outdoor riding enabling the bit to be taken off using the two snap clasps on the cheek pieces without having to switch to another piece of tack.

Two sizes available M and L or custom made. Choice of 7 colours **220€**

### PLAIN BRIDLE



Plain bridle version with noseband and throatlatch ; lightweight, sturdy and easy to clean.

Two sizes available M and L or custom made. Choice of 7 colours **200€**

### REINS FOR THE HALTER BRIDLE AND THE PLAIN BRIDLE



The reins in the D'Bride range are available either with stainless steel snap clasps or buckles.

Materials used :

- ▶ Perforated leather : smart, supple, breathable, non-slip surface, coloured.
- ▶ Biothane : strong (tensile strength 500 kg) - easy to clean, lightweight, grainy texture.

Length : 3 m **80€**

# GIRTHS

## ANATOMICAL



Short, anatomically shaped girth, wider under the horse's chest so there is less pressure, narrower at the elbow to avoid pinching. Protective sheath for girth straps. Sizes from 45 to 85 cm by 5 cm increments. Elasticated on end with logo. 3 materials to choose from on side in contact with horse.

Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **110€**

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- **FOR ENDURANCE**, anatomically shaped girth with pocket for up to 1kg of lead weight (starting at size 55 cm). 3 materials to choose from on side in contact with horse. **175€**
- **FOR JUMPING**, belly guard girth with leather plate protecting chest and plexus with Noene shock absorber, protected snap clasp for breast plate. 3 materials to choose from on side in contact with horse. **210€**

# GIRTHS SADDLE PADS & NUMNAHS

Based on 25 years of experience of long distance rides and top level endurance races, Gaston Mercier designs his saddle pads, numnahs and girths using a number of basic principles :

- Shapes that accommodate the horse's anatomical features (set back from withers) and protect the tack.
- A parting line along the spine to avoid any unnecessary friction or strain on the backbone.
- Lightweight, breathable and sturdy materials on the side in contact with the saddle: fabric that is breathable, tear-proof, UV-ray resistant, withstands extreme temperatures - Synthetic leather insets that are abrasion-resistant and waterproof - sleeves

- and pockets for additional lead weight - adapters or weights to suit the horse's particular sensitivity or morphology and the equestrian activity involved. Available in a broad range of colours !
- A selection of soft, comfortable, fine materials on the side in contact with the horse for a cushioned effect, quick drying and easy cleaning enabling intensive use without chafing while protecting your tack.

## GM SHAPED SADDLE PAD



Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **170€**

## UNIVERSSELLE SADDLE PAD



Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **175€**

## TARTAR SADDLE PAD FOR BAREBACK RIDING



Wide choice of colours for the various leather, batyline parts **560€**

## GM NUMNAH



Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **180€**

## CHABRAQUE UNIVERSELLE



Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **175€**

## NUMNAH WITH POCKETS



Sympamousse - Ligne confort or Sheep's wool **270€**



# STIRRUPS

## OPEN



With a deep, wide, shock-absorbing tread that enhances the stability and flexibility of the ankle. Protective leather parts in 5 colours.

One size

**140€**

## HOODED

These stirrups' long, wide, shock-absorbing and non-slip tread fosters proper weight bearing, reverse blood flow and support of the arch of the foot. The leather hoods are available in 12 colours.



Sizes : M-L-XL

**180€**

## BI-RELAX ALU



These stirrups are the outcome of five years of research and consultations with riders as well as foot specialists, orthopaedists and orthotists. The patented Bi-relax stirrup solves all the physiological issues. The distribution of weight across two bearing points avoids foot numbness, cramp and leg muscle soreness.

Stirrups without hood  
Adjustable size

**205€**

Hooded stirrups  
Adjustable size

**255€**



## BI-RELAX CARBON



This new carbon stirrup, derived from Bi-Relax Alu is even lighter (600 g per pair) and specially designed for competing.

Stirrups alone  
Adjustable size

**495€**

Stirrups with cage  
Adjustable size

**545€**



# STIRRUP LEATHERS

## STRAIGHT COMFORT



Sizes : XS - S - M - L - XL

**170€**

## CONTOURED



Sizes : XS - S - M - L - XL

**215€**

Using our original principle of an adjustable bottom attachment, our stirrup leathers do not need a buckle at the top and can be very rapidly fitted to any saddle with safety stirrup bars. In this way, added layers, deformation of the skirt causing discomfort on the rider's inner thigh is avoided. Their unique structure also prevents leg pinching and will provide outstanding comfort and precision in all disciplines.

(Dressage, jumping, endurance, trail riding, mounted orienteering, etc.).

Choice of 5 colours

Adjustment straps (45€) included in price.

# FENDERS

Studied and use to answer outside rider's exigencies, our fenders protect from frictions and horse's sweat, allowing an intensive utilization, even with jeans. Some of these are dedicated to a certain model of saddle.

Adjustment flanges (45€) are included in the price.

## AUBRAC & MARGERIDE

## CONFORT

## LÉVÉZOU & FLORAC



Sizes : XS-S-M-L-XL **290€**



Sizes : XS-S-M-L-XL **260€**



Sizes : XS-S-M-L-XL **390€**

# LEG PROTECTION

## CHAP'7



Chap'7 is an exclusive Gaston Mercier creation: a lightweight mini-chap that has no zip and fits the lower leg like a sock, a real second skin. On the outside, they are made of perforated, washable leather lined with the 3D ligne confort textile used for our saddle pads, girths and bridles. They are adjustable at the top of the calf by means of an elastic strap with Velcro, and by the footstrap that slips into the shoe. Available in 7 colours.

9 sizes available

**110€**

## CHAP'SOFT



These mini-chaps are the ultimate in the range of protective leg wear. They afford protection while being as soft as a sock. The 3D fabric adjusts perfectly to your calf. The protective cuff at the front and back protects the heel and the top of the foot. The Biothane adjustable footstrap prevents wear and tear. Multiple colour combinations.

Sizes : S - M - L - XL

**205€**

## EKI'SOCKS



The knitted reinforcement on Eki'Socks provides better support, reduces vibrations and movements, and delays fatigue. Perspiration is wicked away by the mesh knit on the sole of the foot and the shin.

4 sizes  
From 36 to 47

**19€**

## TONIC'SOCKS



The graduated compression of Tonic'Socks accelerates blood flow, leading to a reduction in oxygen consumption and greater resistance to fatigue. The compression massages the leg and drains the toxins produced during athletic activity.

4 sizes  
From 36 to 47

**25€**

## CHAP'SOCKS



This is a hi-tech sock for rider that has a protective cuff kept in place by an elastic strap, preventing pebbles, wood shavings, straw and sawdust from getting into shoes. 3 colours.

4 sizes  
From 37 to 44

**30€**

# ACCESSORIES & LEATHER CARE

## SHEEPSKIN SEAT-SAVER



The ultimate in comfort **185€**

## SADDLE CARRIER



Can carry 2 saddles **230€**

## SADDLE DUST COVER



Water-repellent protection **30€**

## HORSEMAN'S LAGUIOLE



Pocket knife  
Exclusive design **190€**

## LEATHER BELT



7 colours  
Stainless steel buckle **65€**

## GROOMING BAG



For all your gear **154€**

## COMPLETE KIT



Bag plus  
leather care supplies **120€**

## LEATHER BALM



All natural  
Nourishes, softens **55€**

## NOURISHING SOAP



All natural  
For cleaning leather **25€**

# BAGS AND PACKS

## CHIC CANTLE BAG



A cattle bag is positioned at the rear of the saddle and is traditionally called a «Porte-manteau» due to its considerable volume. Our cattle bags are secured to the saddle on the rear rack or the bag holder with two straps, without weighing on the horse's back. Cattle bags are made of water-repellent, oiled leather and can also be used as travelling bags thanks to the shoulder strap. Broad range of colours available.

14 L	15 L	27 L
<b>475€</b>	<b>490€</b>	<b>520€</b>

## CLASSIC CANTLE BAG



14 L	15 L	27 L
<b>310€</b>	<b>330€</b>	<b>370€</b>

## REMOVABLE BAGS AND BAG HOLDER



Our removable leather saddlebags are very easily slipped on and off the bag holder straps and can quickly be removed. The bag holder is very practical and is simple to fasten on to the saddle. Colours to match your saddle.

Two 9 L saddle bags	<b>600€</b>	Bag holder sold separately	<b>250€</b>
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## CHIC BACK POUCH



A back pouch is positioned at the rear of the saddle to carry a few belongings or gear during exercise, workouts and day rides. It has a stiff base and so can be fastened in a perfectly stable position. The Chic version of the back pouch has 2 side pockets and a shoulder strap.

5 L	<b>420€</b>
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## CLASSIC BACK POUCH



5 L	<b>290€</b>
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## SPAHI SADDLEBAGS



The Spahi saddlebags are kept perfectly steady thanks to the "Mercier" fastener (a registered V-shaped fastening systems that attaches to the girth). Spahi saddlebags can be attached or removed with a matter of seconds. **Can be fitted to any saddle !**

Capacity 6 L	<b>380€</b>
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## HOLSTER POCKET



Yet another innovation by Gaston Mercier, this leather pouch is inspired from holsters and is far more practical than a banana pouch. It can be attached on to a belt or on your leg with a strap.

<b>160€</b>
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## PAIRED POMMEL BAGS



Paired pommel bags are secured to the pommel of the saddle but do not touch the horse's shoulder. Their position at the front of the saddle makes them readily accessible. They are made of water-repellent oiled leather.

2 L	<b>470€</b>	3 L	<b>490€</b>
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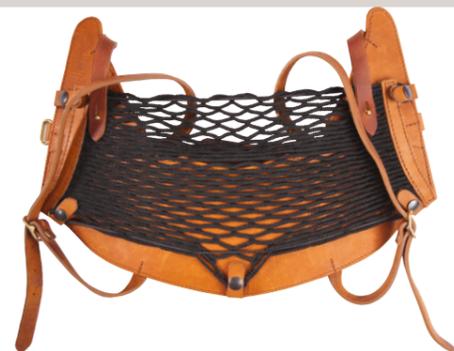
## BANANA CANTLE BAG



Small cattle pouch, ideal for taking basic necessities with you.

3 L	<b>160€</b>
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## REAR RACK



The rear rack can carry essentials and keep them perfectly steady.

<b>240€</b>
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1000 KM ON HORSEBACK, BROADCAST ON EQUIDIA with Julie Raynaud Bourguine and the **MARGERIDE saddle**



THE RAID D'ARTAGNAN with Brandon Guedj, Tonik and the **FLORAC 2.0 saddle**



FROM VALLEYS TO PEAKS with Cyril Robert, Kame and the **MARGERIDE saddle**



RIDING THROUGH THE CEVENNES with Thierry Lhermitte and the **MARGERIDE saddle**

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## GASTON MERCIER TEST RIDE CENTRE

We are the only saddlemakers who offer you an outstanding facility to **TEST** our equipment in real conditions. A schooling arena, a lunging ring, a 1300 m training track and, for your horses, our loose boxes and meadows we have for our breeding activity.

**Come and share this place with the Gaston Mercier Team where we live in synchrony with horses, in keeping with an unwavering family passion.**

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