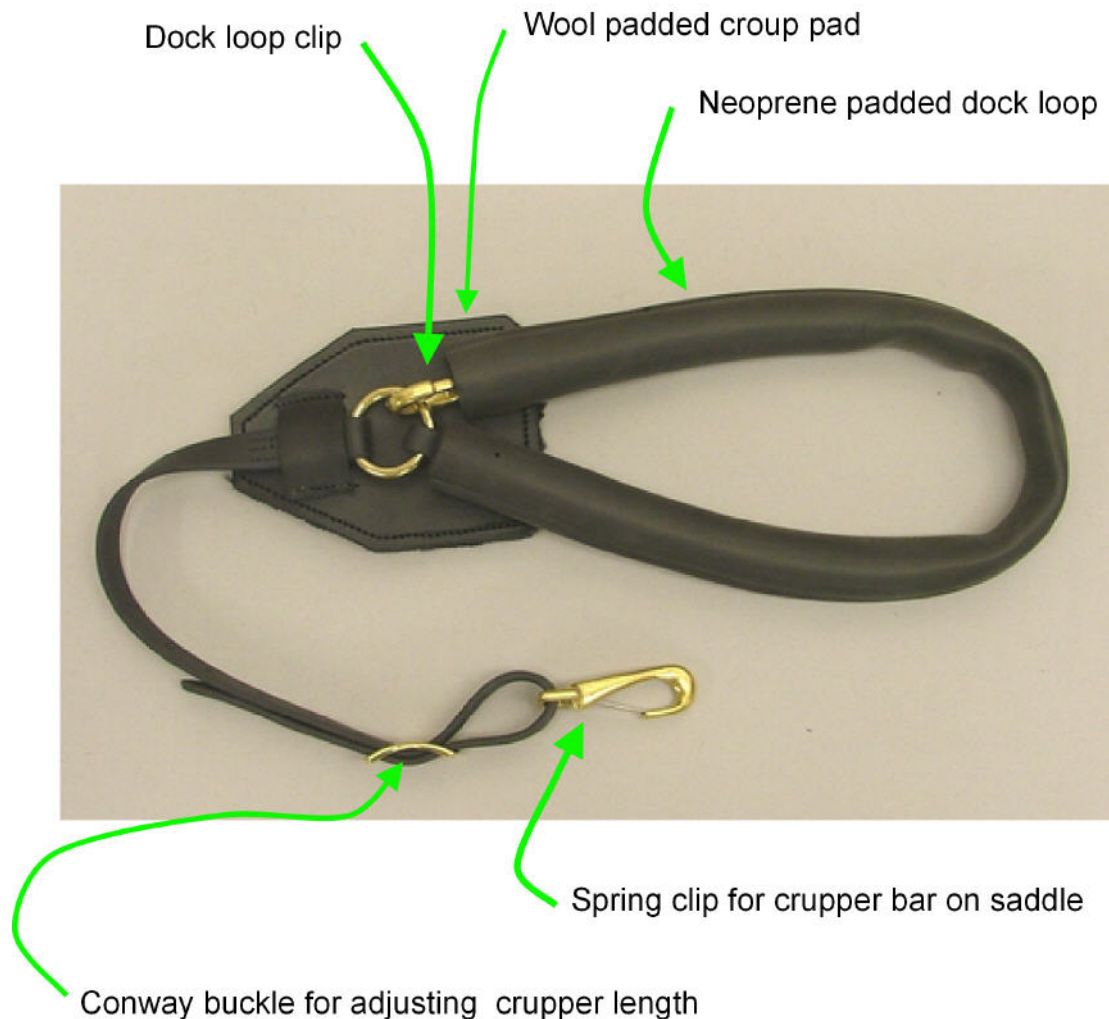


Fitting the Crupper



It is essential to remember that the horse should be slowly acclimatised to any new item of tack. Some horses accept the crupper very easily indeed, others will need some time to get used to it. Confirmation of acceptance must be done on the lunge at the canter until all bucking stops.

Start fitting the crupper by making sure your horse will accept it over the croup and dangling down towards the hocks. When doing this stand to the side and in front of the hind leg.

Put the saddle on the horse loosely girthed, correctly positioned for the type of saddle being used, eg. for a FnE saddle the panel should be 1" over the back of the shoulder blade; a flocked panel saddle should be behind the shoulder blade. Attach the crupper to the saddle with the spring clip and adjust the conway buckle until the neoprene loop can be fitted under the dock and attached to the ring. The conway buckle should then be adjusted until the crupper strap is tight but not have pulled the saddle back.

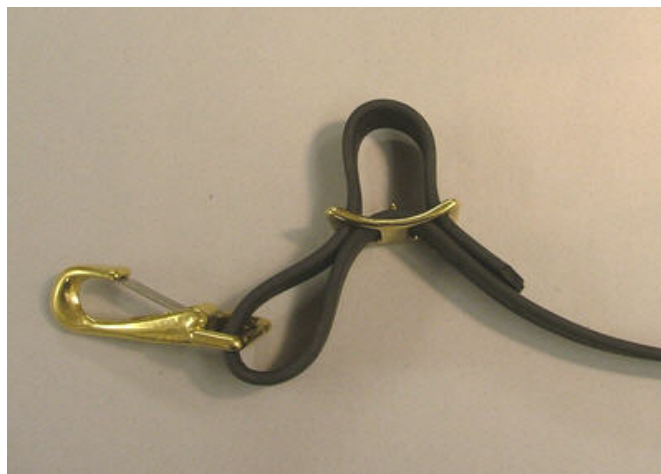
Observation as to the position of the saddle on the horse's back both on the lunge and when being ridden will help decide whether the strap should be shortened to bring the saddle further back or loosened to allow it further forward.

It is important **NOT** to have a very tight girth as the tight girth acting on the horse's conformation is partly responsible for the saddle moving forward. See <http://www.fnesaddles.com/uploads/PDFs/SaddleFitting2.pdf> for more information.

The conway buckle can be moved up and down the strap and its central pin located in the holes. Moving the buckle towards the saddle has a shortening effect on the strap.



Passing the end of the strap through the buckle provides additional adjustment.



The completed buckle

