

Models covered: John Whitaker, JR8.

PLEASE READ THESE FITTING INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY OF THIS HELMET

1. Make sure that the helmet is the correct size with a firm but comfortable fit.
2. Adjust the fit of the harness whilst wearing the hat. Insert the three-pronged clip on the end of the chin-strap into the plastic clip on the harness. To tighten the chin-strap, pull the slack downwards through the three-pronged clip and then adjust the rear straps, until the hat is firmly positioned on the head. To undo the chin-strap squeeze the two prongs on the plastic clip in towards each other to trigger the release mechanism.

To fasten helmets with a leather harness, clip the free end over the hook. Slacken and tighten by means of the metal buckle and position one of the "O" rings up to the buckle, press stud the leather above the hook if fitted. Adjust the draw cord at the back and knot securely.

3. The helmet should not rock forwards or backwards excessively.

This Hat is manufactured to BS EN1384: 1997 ASTM F1163. For adequate protection ensure that it is the correct size and fits snugly. This helmet may be partially destroyed or damaged by a severe blow, even though such damage may not be readily apparent. Any helmet subjected to a severe impact, should be replaced by a new one, as a subsequent impact may not give the wearer such adequate protection.

No headgear can protect the wearer against all foreseeable impacts and under certain conditions riding accidents can lead to death or serious injury.

Storage, use, cleaning, maintenance, servicing and disinfection

Helmets should be stored at ambient temperature out of direct sunlight.

This helmet is designed to absorb some of the energy of a blow by partial destruction of the shell or protective padding material, or both. This damage may not be visible and therefore any helmet which suffers an impact should be discarded and replaced by a new one.

This helmet should not be dry cleaned or exposed to solvents.

When to replace the hat

Modern hats do not deteriorate in a bag on the shelf. The hat has a stored amount of protection which is used up when the head hits the ground. The damage will not be obvious in the majority of blows. A hat should always be replaced if the rider has lost consciousness or suffered a severe headache after the blow. All other blows may have reduced the protection which may be required in the next fall. Remember the damage to the helmet is caused by the primary impact site and any contact with the horse.

If a hat has had no blows then other factors should be considered: fit of the hat, condition of the hat and out of date designs.

Care instructions

A helmet is designed to be weaker than your head. Don't do things to the hat that you wouldn't do to your head.

Helmets are sensitive to extreme heat (70°C+) and solvents (Dry cleaning fluids).

Cleaning of the interior should be done using Charles Owen hat cleaning products, foamed detergents or shampoo and water followed by vacuum drying the lining. It is important to use the minimum amount of water as helmets are difficult to dry and easily become mouldy. With any cleaning agent, it is important to try a small section to establish any allergic reaction.

After riding, leave the helmet in a warm, dry place overnight. **Do not dry in front of a fire or on a radiator.** Do not store it in a plastic bag before dry. This will reduce the risk of rusting the metal components.

Mud on velvet is best left to dry and then brushed off. The pile of the fabric can be revived by holding the hat in steam from a boiling kettle.

Suitable accessories and spare parts

There are none available for this helmet.

Limit of use of PPE

This helmet is designed to be used whilst riding horses or ponies.

Obsolescence deadline

See "When to replace the hat". Under normal usage a helmet will last between 3 and 5 years. If you use the product more frequently, then the helmet may need replacing more often.

Type of packaging suitable for transport

The packaging should avoid the helmet being crushed and becoming wet.

Significant markings

The kitemark signifies that this helmet has been manufactured under the control of BSI(0086), HP2 4SQ, UK. The SEI logo signifies that this helmet has been manufactured under the control of the Safety Equipment Institute (USA).

This helmet has been manufactured by: Charles Owen & Co. (Bow) Ltd., Royal Works, Croesfoel Industrial Park, Wrexham LL14 4BJ UK www.charlesowen.co.uk

Net weight 550 ± 70g

The helmet fit should be level on the head and the harness correctly fastened. The helmet should not easily "roll" forwards or backwards.



Correct Fitting