



Blanket Guide
Summer edition

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HORSE & RIDER SUPERSTORES

Summer Blankets

If you thought you were done with the blanket shuffle at the end of winter, well, you were wrong! Summer is just around the corner, with a whole range of options to protect your horse from the season's minor inconveniences.

But don't worry because Epple-jeck has it all covered to shed some light on the matter, especially with this summer edition of its blanket guide!

You will discover when to use a specific blanket, what size to order, and which accessories are best to have on hand for the most comfortable summer possible.

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Summer Sheets

With the return of sunny days, there's no need to bundle up your equine friend. However, it can be practical for the owners to equip them with a summer sheet in the stable during dry summer days or nights. It's a handy choice to keep your horse or pony clean and dust-free, especially the day before a competition, and these lightweight covers are also suitable for transportation.

Most of these sheets are made of cotton or polyester/cotton (the kind that keeps its colours popping), featuring a nylon underside. The nylon lining around the chest area prevents any irritation and keeps your horse looking sleek and shiny. These summer sheets are designed to be airy and breathable, ensuring that your mare, gelding, or stallion stays comfortably cool.

Fly Sheets and Eczema Sheets

Our collection boasts a splendid variety of fly sheets and eczema sheets from renowned brands like Horseware, Bucas, Weatherbeeta, Shires, and Epplejeck, available in sizes starting from EUR 60 cm. Moreover, you can pick from various colours, stylish patterns, and options with or without neck covers.



What is the difference between a fly sheet and an eczema sheet?

The difference between a fly sheet and an eczema sheet is quite simple. Eczema sheets are designed for horses suffering from summer dermatitis, an allergic reaction triggered by bites from culicid midges (commonly known as "no-see-ums"). This condition leads to severe irritation and itching, causing affected horses to rub against objects, potentially pulling out their mane or hair and even injuring themselves.

Eczema sheets have an extra-fine mesh that prevents even the tiniest midges from passing through or biting the horse. These sheets are completely airtight, ensuring insects cannot reach sensitive areas such as the mane, shoulder folds, hock, and belly. The extended neck cover provides protection even while the horse is grazing.

In addition, most eczema sheets offer UV protection and are breathable to prevent the horse from becoming too hot under the cover. Culicid midges become active at temperatures as low as 10 degrees, depending on weather conditions, particularly in humid and windless environments, often found in wooded and wetland areas. Therefore, it is advisable to start covering your horse in early spring, around March.

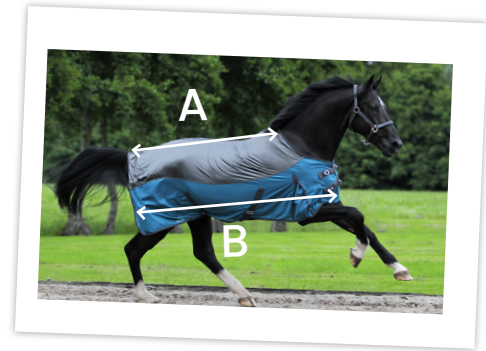
Fly sheets, on the other hand, are made of a slightly less fine polyester mesh. They also protect against most flying parasites, such as flat flies, horseflies, mosquitoes, etc.

What Size for My Horse?

Now it's time to determine the right size for the blanket! This is an essential step because if it's too small, it can cause irritation and won't cover all parts of your horse's body. On the other hand, if it's too large, the blanket may slip and drag. The most effective way to choose the right size is to measure your horse's topline or the total length of their body.

European sizes (size A), used in France and Germany, correspond to the length of the topline, which is the distance between the withers and the tail. This is the system we use on epplejeck.fr.

Dutch and Anglo-Saxon horse owners measure the total length of the horse's body for their size system. The Dutch express this in centimetres (size B), while the Anglo-Saxons use hands. To find the size for your horse, measure from the chest hollow to the point of the buttock. These are the sizes you will find on the labels of blankets sold by Epplejeck.



Also, consider your horse's build when determining the size. A stocky horse may sometimes need to go up a size, while a slender horse might swim in their theoretical size.

A back measurement

75 cm 80 cm 90 cm 95 cm 110 cm 115 cm 125 cm 135 cm 145 cm 155 cm 165 cm

height

< 90 cm 90-100 cm 101-110 cm 111-120 cm 121-130 cm 131-140 cm 141-150 cm 151-160 cm 161-167 cm 168-174 cm 175 > cm

B bottom measurement

115 cm 125 cm 135 cm 145 cm 155 cm 165 cm 175 cm 185 cm 195 cm 205 cm 215 cm

XL Horse Blankets

Is your horse more on the draft horse side than the Anglo-Arab, making it challenging to find the perfect fit for them?

For those hefty horse breeds such as Friesians, Gypsy Vanners, Iberians, and other cold-blooded breeds, as well as stallions, we have a range of extra-wide lightweight blankets. These blankets are specially designed to accommodate broader shoulders and rounder bellies, offering a more open neckline and longer sides.

The Horsegear's Aquero blanket, for instance, comes with a V-shaped front opening for extra grazing freedom and is perfect for horses with wider necks.



For the Little Ones



Are you the proud owner or rider of a trendy Shetland or mini pony?

We also offer models tailored for the little ones, starting from EUR 50 cm!



Epplejeck Junior Full Neck Fly Sheet
From 70 cm



Combo First XS Fly Sheet
From 70 cm



Bucas Sweet Itch Zebra Junior Fly Sheet
From 85 cm



Rambo Sweet Itch Hoody Pony Fly Sheet
From 100 cm



Harry's Horse STOUT! Teal Fly Sheet
From 80 cm

Always Good to Have On Hand

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1. HFS Summer Fragrance Concentrate
This concentrate can be easily mixed with water to create a refreshing spray, perfect for eliminating odours from your horse, especially on those hot days when they're sweating profusely in the pasture.

2. Epplejeck Fly Mask

This mask works wonders in preventing irritations around your horse's eyes caused by pesky flies, mosquitoes, and horseflies. It's designed with a soft fleece border to ensure no chafing.



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3. Epplejeck Shoulder Guard

Offering top-notch protection, this shoulder guard shields your horse's chest, neck, and withers from any rubbing caused by blankets. It also comes with an elastic belly strap and convenient Velcro closure.

4. Epplejeck Coated Plastic Tail Cord

This coated plastic tail cord allows you to handle your horse's tail without getting your hands dirty. Thanks to its shape and plastic coating, it's easier to keep clean, making your horse care routines a breeze.



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5. Epplejeck Elastic Leg Straps

These detachable elastic leg straps are sold in a set of two. A clever solution to keep in stock, whether as a spare or for those unexpected moments!

Our Top 5 Blankets

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1. Voor de zomerse buien

Epplejeck Rindal Ogr Blanket

Versatile and suitable for all seasons, this blanket can double as a rain sheet. Its rugged 600 denier ripstop nylon outer fabric can take on anything. Available in 5 trendy colours.

2. A Practical Choice

Epplejeck Summertime Full Neck Fly Sheet

A lightweight summer blanket with a fixed neck and a large shoulder gusset for greater freedom of movement. The smooth lining at the chest and mane area ensures maximum comfort.



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3. Stylish and Effective

Horsegear Catus Fly Sheet

A lightweight fly sheet with airy mesh material on the top and fine mesh fabric on the bottom for better breathability.

4. Extremely Durable

Horsegear Sweet Itch Full Neck Fly Sheet

This blanket offers total protection from head to tail with its finely meshed 600D ripstop polyester fabric. It also provides UV protection and stands up to the elements.



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5. UV Protection

Epplejeck Athletic Fly Sheet

The Epplejeck Athletic Fly Sheet is crafted from soft yet sturdy polyester. This blanket boasts UV-blocking properties, and its ultra-fine mesh guarantees superb breathability.



Fly Sheet Epplejeck Zebra Full Neck

Why Zebra Print?

Swedish and Hungarian biologists have stumbled upon a fascinating revelation about why zebras flaunt their iconic stripes. It appears that these striped creatures are far less alluring to horseflies compared to their solid-coloured counterparts, whether they are black, brown, grey, or white. The secret behind this lies in the way light reflects off their fur, especially in a polarised fashion.

A uniformly brown or black fur reflects sunlight horizontally, signalling to horseflies that it might originate from a delectable equine. Conversely, solid white fur is less conspicuous and hence less enticing. This is due to the polarisation effect of pigments, with white colour containing fewer pigments. The fine black stripes on white fur generate perplexing mixed signals, confounding horseflies, agitating them, and deterring them from approaching.

Equipping your horse with a zebra-patterned fly sheet ensures they will encounter fewer hassles caused by these troublesome horseflies!