

HorseChannel's Online Bit Guide: French Link Snaffle

French link: Like the Dr. Bristol snaffle, the French link features a three-piece mouthpiece. But the French link is the milder of the two bits. That's because the centerpiece of the French link is shaped, smooth, and oval or kidney bean shaped. French link snaffles are available in several styles, including eggbutts and full cheeks. Because the center "bean" lies comfortably flat on the horse's tongue, it's considered a rather mild bit and is ideal for horses with a low palate. Many green or nervous horses enjoy a French link because its shape allows them to mouth or play with the bit.

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