

## HorseChannel's Online Bit Guide: Low Port Correction Bit

Low port correction bit: Though a wide range of western bit designs are referred to as correction bits, they all share a port (the arch in the center of the mouthpiece that allows room for the tongue), loose shanks and a hinged mouthpiece. In fact, the entire bit is generally quite flexible. A correction bit with a low port and mild mouthpiece is often used to transition a young horse from a snaffle to a curb bit, or from direct rein aids to neck reining. Low port correction bits allow a skilled rider with educated hands to fine-tune the western performance horse's gaits, collection and headset. A correction bit should not be thought of as an everyday bit but as a temporary schooling aid for experienced riders.

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