

HorseChannel's Online Bit Guide: Mullen Mouth Snaffle

Mullen mouth: Despite the non-jointed mouthpiece, a Mullen mouth snaffle is just that: a snaffle. When designed with a pair of simple bit rings, it utilizes direct rein pressure and not leverage, so in this configuration it is not a curb bit. With its Plain Jane look, it's a mild bit. The Mullen design can include some slight variations such as copper rollers. Many English pelhams and curb bits feature Mullen mouthpieces. The Mullen design exerts pressure on the horse's tongue as well as the corners of its mouth and the bars, so that bit contact is dispersed fairly evenly.

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