



HC-L1-P03 - CLEANING TACK

Assessment Criteria covered:

114 1.1, 2.1

Task Overview

Learners will clean and maintain tack safely and effectively to ensure equipment remains clean, hygienic, and in good working condition. This practical task focuses on safe working practices, correct use of cleaning products and tools, PPE, organisation of equipment, and maintaining a safe and tidy working area.

No horse handling is included within this task.

Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Identify different items of tack
- Dismantle tack where appropriate
- Clean tack using suitable methods and products
- Remove dirt, grease, hair, and sweat from tack
- Reassemble tack correctly
- Check tack for signs of wear or damage
- Store tack safely and neatly after cleaning
- Clean and tidy the working area after use
- Use tools and equipment correctly and safely
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

Use of Tools and Equipment

Learners must demonstrate safe and correct use of tack cleaning equipment, including:

- Sponges
- Brushes
- Cloths
- Tack cleaning products
- Buckets

Learners should:

- Use products for their intended purpose
- Follow instructions when using cleaning products
- Keep equipment organised during use
- Avoid spillages and contamination
- Clean and store equipment correctly after use

PPE Requirements

Learners must select and wear suitable PPE, including:

- Sturdy footwear or yard boots
- Gloves where appropriate
- Suitable yard clothing or overalls

Learners should explain why PPE is important during tack cleaning activities.

Manual Handling Requirements

Learners must demonstrate safe handling techniques when:

- Carrying saddles
- Moving tack boxes or equipment
- Transporting cleaning materials



Learners should show:

- Correct posture
- Safe lifting techniques
- Awareness of heavy or awkward equipment
- Safe movement within the working area

Health and Safety Requirements

Learners must:

- Work safely at all times
- Keep the work area clean and organised
- Store cleaning products safely
- Prevent slips, trips, and spillages
- Check tack for damage before and after cleaning
- Follow instructions from staff

Examples of hazards may include:

- Wet floors
- Cleaning product spillages
- Damaged tack
- Untidy equipment
- Incorrect storage of products or tack