

1984 40TH ANNIVERSARY 2024



TOM BALDING
Bits and Spurs

MEET THE STAFF



Tom Balding | *40 years experience*

After years of honing his metallurgical skills in the aerospace and sailing parts industries in Southern California, Tom Balding chose the quieter life in Sheridan. Now, 30+ years later, Tom ranks among the most revered and imitated bit-and-spur makers in the country. Tom fully enjoys his home and likes to backpack and explore the mountains, plus spend time with his three children Christal, Eva Marie and Chester.



Justin Massar | *Bit Technician, 25 years experience*

A former ranch cowboy and farrier, Justin enjoys working with his hands. He is instrumental in creating bits, overseeing the process start-to-finish. He's also a skilled engraver, adding his artistic touch. "For those who appreciate craftsmanship, hand engraving is something they really cherish." said Justin. Justin and his wife, Kathleen, have a son, Jake. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, hunting and backpacking in the mountains.



Sam Davidson | *Spur Technician, 33 years experience*

Sam specializes in spur making, from assembling the basic parts to final finish. He learned machining and welding at Sheridan College and on the job with Tom Balding. A native of Sheridan, Sam credits his dad and granddad for his career direction. "They were home mechanics, building things just came naturally to me," he said. He enjoys outdoor pursuits, hockey, playing bluegrass guitar and mandolin.



Ray Frigo | *Component Production, 5 years experience*

You will usually find Ray with a big smile on his face as he loves the work he does with all intricate parts and manufacturing that goes into the bits and spurs. He retired from Powder River Energy and after a tour of the shop, came to work part time as a machinist. Outside of work Ray loves to be in his shop working on various projects with his street rods. He and his wife Cyd love to take spontaneous adventures with their fur babies.



Hayden Burgess | *Technician, 3 year experience*

Hayden is a Sheridan Wyoming native. He graduated from Sheridan College with his welding degree and is getting lots of time polishing and welding. He is still learning the ropes and how much really goes into our bits and spurs here in the TBBS shop. In his time off, he is an outdoor enthusiast, enjoying anything outdoors from camping, hunting and dirt bikes.



Kelli Anderson | *Office Manager, 26 years experience*

Often the first point of contact for new customers, Kelli manages the business office: answering phones, taking orders, responding to emails, shipping, helping with customer service, and managing the books. A native of tiny Lodge Grass, Mont., Kelli grew up on a cattle ranch and remains a cowgirl at heart. She and her husband enjoy spending their free time hiking and traveling.



Kati Evers | *Photography & Marketing, 9 years experience*

Kati is an integral part of our team; from customer service, orders, shipping, and photography, to gift shop displays. She's a Wyoming native and proud to call Big Horn, Wyoming home. She loves learning new skills and is always up for a challenge. In her time off she enjoys outdoor activities with her family including: spending time in the mountains, horseback riding, gardening, fishing, and hunting.

GIFT SHOP



VISIT US ONLINE

WHAT SETS US APART

Leading the Industry:

We craft state of the art bit and spur designs backed by industry leading technology and innovation for riders seeking a balanced product that offers ease of use, quick response, better movement, and longer product life. We work directly with world class professional riders and trainers to ensure all your needs are met. We are the best, and though often copied we are never duplicated.

Our Spirit & Core Values:

Passion to do what is best for the business and everyone impacted by the business – our customers, employees, and community.

- Quality & pride in everything we do
- Care & respect for one another and the community
- Elite product that sets the standard in our industry
- Attention to craftsmanship, design, and materials
- Entirely made in the United States of America

BIT SAMPLES

Combine various brands, initials, names, logos, designs, and finishes. Visit our online [bit-creator](#) to build your own combinations!



ROW A



ROW B



ROW C



BIT CREATOR

Customize your experience through our trial bit service (try bits for up to two weeks) and online bit creator.

BIT PRICING

STANDARD MOUTHPIECES

\$220 **BASELINE SHANKS** (medium s, long, and short tube hinge shanks satin finish no dots or copper inlay)

\$270 **PLAIN ADVANTAGE SHANKS** (satin finish no dots or copper inlay)

\$290 **STANDARD SHANKS** (no dots)

\$340 **WITH DOTS**

\$410 **SANTA MARIA / COBRA / SIDEWINDER / RAPTOR / PREDATOR**

SHORTHORN / LONGHORN / BIGHORN/ ADVANTAGE / BALLHINGE (includes dots)

FLAT SHANKS: MUSTANG / POWDER RIVER / TETON / CODY / SHERIDAN / SHERIDAN 7 / AVILA / K2 / EVA MARIE / SWITCHBACK / RIVIERA / STEAMBOAT / JD / MAVERICK / TAHOE / SANTA BARBARA ADD \$50

\$505 Plain

\$560 Dots

\$660 Silver & Dots

\$720 Floral

\$790 **K2 LEGEND**

PLATINUM MOUTHPIECES

\$510 **BALLHINGE / SHORTHORN / LONGHORN / BIGHORN/ ADVANTAGE**

RAPTOR / PREDATOR (dots included)

FLAT SHANKS: MUSTANG / POWDER RIVER / TETON / CODY / SHERIDAN / SHERIDAN 7 / AVILA / K2 / EVA MARIE / SWITCHBACK / RIVIERA / STEAMBOAT / JD / MAVERICK / TAHOE / SANTA BARBARA ADD \$50

\$605 Plain

\$660 Dots

\$760 Silver & Dots

\$820 Floral

\$890 **K2 LEGEND**

RING SNAFFLES

D-RING

\$220 Baseline (satin finish no dots)

\$265 Standard (no ballhinge or dots)

\$315 Dots (no ballhinge)

\$405 Ballhinge (includes dots)

\$220 **LOOSE RING**

\$255 **WEST COAST SNAFFLE** (heavy loose ring)

\$405 **EGG BUTT / BALLHINGE RING / DIVIT & DOTS** (includes dots)

\$405 **FULL CHEEK** (includes dots)

\$430 **TED ROBINSON D-RING** (heavy ring, 5 1/2" mouthpiece)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

\$50 **CUSTOM WIDTH MOUTHPIECE**

\$35 **COPPER ROLLER**

\$14 **3/16 LETTERS** (price per each letter)

\$295 **CONCHO** (includes initials or brand)

\$30 **CHAIN HOBBLE**

\$75 **TUXEDO OVERLAY** (Sheridan and Teton shanks only)

BIT ORDER FORM

Please use this order form as a guide. We welcome you to contact us with questions (307-672-8459, sales@tombalding.com).

Order Date: _____

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Finish (Circle one): Brown Black Satin Steel Stainless
|----- will rust -----| |----- will not rust -----|

Shank: _____

Mouthpiece: _____

Overlay (circle one): Silver Brass

Overlay (circle all that apply): Dots Floral Engraved Plate Brand Initials Name

Initials or name or brand: _____

Inscription (stamped inside shank): _____

Special Instructions: _____

SHIPPING & BILLING INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

Shipping Preference: UPS ___ USPS ___

Mouthpiece widths are 5 1/8" and made of sweet iron. Special order custom widths. Don't forget to visit our online bit creator!

STANDARD MOUTHPIECES

- 1 Snaffle
- 2 House Snaffle
- 3 Balanced Snaffle
- 4 Chain
- 5 Life Saver
- 6 Dr. Tom
- 7 Slick 50
- 8 3-in-1
- 9 Renegade
- 10 Half and Half
- 11 Twisted witch 1/4" Hex
- 12 Twisted Witch 1/4" Square
- 13 Small Twisted Wire 1/4"
- 14 Medium Twisted Wire 3/8"
- 15 Large Twisted Wire 7/16"
- 16 Flat Bar Snaffle
- 17 Untwisted Square 1/4"
- 18 Untwisted Square 3/8"
- 19 Iron Worker Small 3/8"
- 20 Iron Worker Medium 1/2"
- 21 Iron Worker Large 5/8"
- 22 Double Cross 1-7/8"
- 23 4 Runner 1-1/2"
- 24 Billy Allen
- 25 Tall Billy Allen 1"
- 26 Low Hinge Port 1", 7/16 bars
- 27 Hinge Port 1-3/4", 7/16" bars
- 28 Low Port 3/4"
- 29 Sweet Water 1-3/8"
- 30 Medium Low Port 1-1/8"
- 31 Medium Port 1-1/2"
- 32 High Port 2"
- 33 Square Port 2"
- 34 Clearwater 2" *with roller
- 35 Malibu 2-3/4" *with roller
- 36 Correction 1-7/8"
- 37 Mullened Correction 1-7/8"
- 38 Correction 1-7/8" *with one ball
- 39 Correction 1-7/8" *with two balls



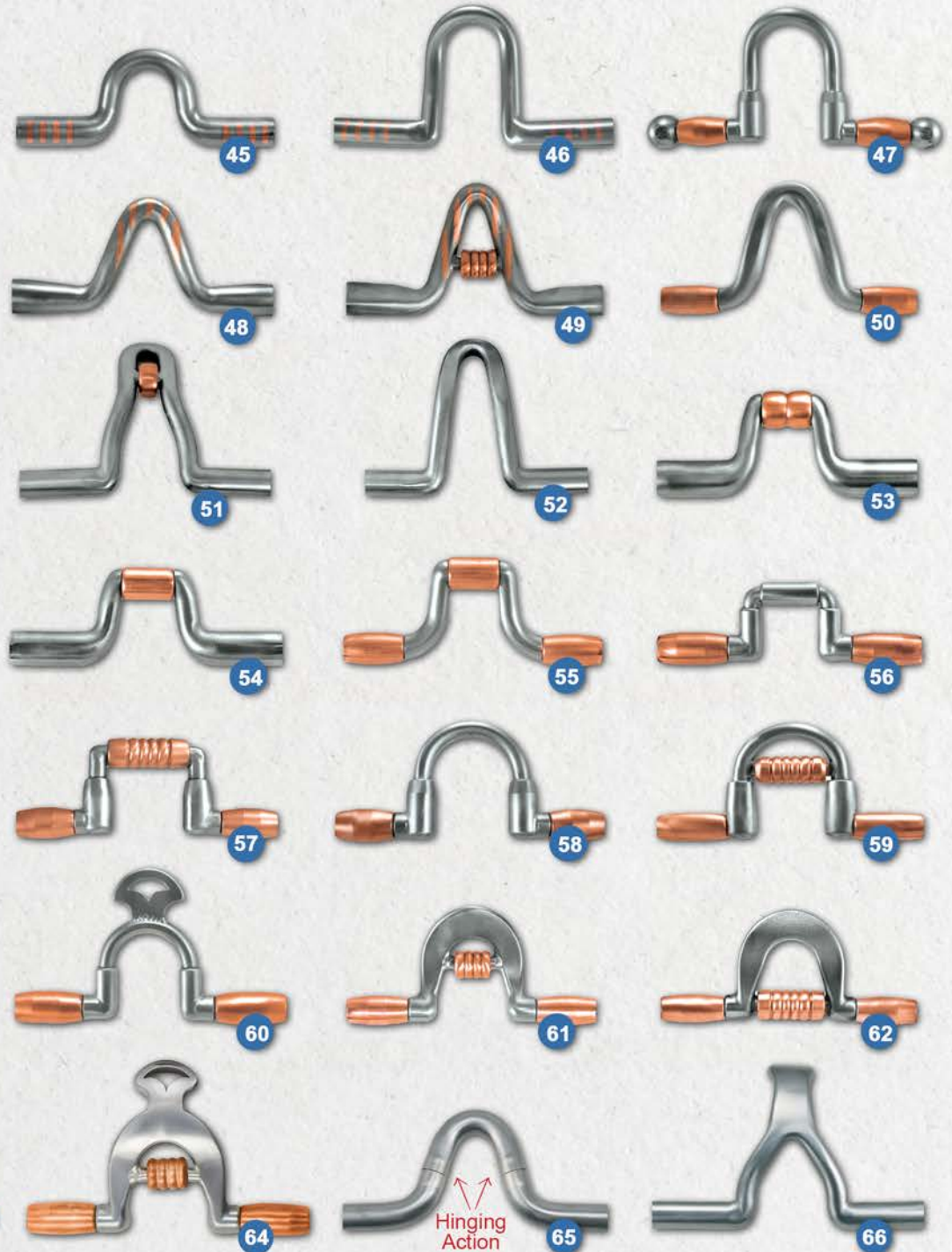
- 40 Low Rider 1-3/8"
- 41 Muleded Low Rider 1-3/8"
- 42 Verona 2 3/4" *with roller
- 43 Ported Chain 1-3/4"
- 44 Silverado 2-1/4"



PLATINUM MOUTHPIECES

Platinum mouthpieces stand apart in the time invested to handcraft them as well as the extensive use of copper.

- 45 Klapper 2"
- 46 SR Reiner 3"
- 47 SR2 3"
- 48 Victory 2"
- 49 Catalina 2-3/4" *with roller
- 50 Catalina Royal 2-3/4"
- 51 Cathedral A 3" *with roller
- 52 Cathedral B 3"
- 53 EZ Rider 1-3/4", 5/8" bars
- 54 Hinge Port Pro 1-3/4", 5/8" bars
- 55 Crown Royal 1-3/4"
- 56 Liberator 1-3/8"
- 57 Southern Comfort 1-7/8"
- 58 Pro Roller 2-1/4"
- 59 Roller Derby 2-1/4" *with roller
- 60 Pro Roller Correction Spade 2-3/4"
- 61 Equalizer 2-1/4" *with roller
- 62 Half-Breed 2-1/4" *with roller
- 63 Summit 2-5/8"
- 64 Ace of Spades 3" *with roller
- 65 Pivot Port 2-1/4"
- 66 Loomis High Port 3-3/8"



Copper rollers can be added to most of our ported mouthpieces.

Bits with copper rollers in the bars cannot be finished in black.

SNAFFLE RINGS & BIT SHANKS

FINISH OPTIONS

Stainless
*Will not rust



MATERIAL

Mild Steel
Satin, brown, & black
*Will rust over time



OVERLAYS

Silver & dots, floral, dots, and plain
Overlays are offered in silver or brass



SA



SB



SC

- SA** Full Cheek
- SB** Ballhinge Ring
- SC** Ballhinge D-Ring
- SD** Ted Robinson Ballhinge D-Ring
Heavier 3/8" Material
5-1/2" Straight Mouthpiece
- SE** Egg Butt
- SF** Loose Ring
- SG** D-Ring
- SH** West Coast
Heavier 3/8" Material
- SI** West Coast Divots & Dots
Heavier 3/8" Material
- SJ** Baseline D-Ring
- SK** Silver Star Concho
Fits on any fixed snaffle rings



SD



SE



SF



SG



SH



SK



SI



SJ

Snaffle ring diameter is 5/16" unless otherwise stated above

"The Ballhinge Ring Snaffle is the only piece of equipment you really need." Buck Brannaman

- A** Short 6-3/4"
Tube or Ballhinge
- B** Long 8"
Tube or Ballhinge
- C** Short S 7-1/4"
Tube or Ballhinge
- D** Medium S 7-3/4"
Tube or Ballhinge
- E** Long S 8-1/4"
Tube or Ballhinge
- F** Shorty 6-1/2"
Tube or Ballhinge
- G** Santa Maria 6"
- H** Sidewinder 6"
- I** Cobra 6"
- J** Sierra 7"
- K** Shorthorn 6-3/4"
- L** Longhorn 8"
- M** Bighorn 7-3/4"
- N** Eldonia 9"
- O** Raptor 8"
- P** Predator 8"
- Q** Long Boatright Gag 9"
- R** Short Boatright Gag 6-1/2"
- S** Cody 6-1/4"
- T** Eva Marie 6-1/4"
- U** Maverick 4-3/4"

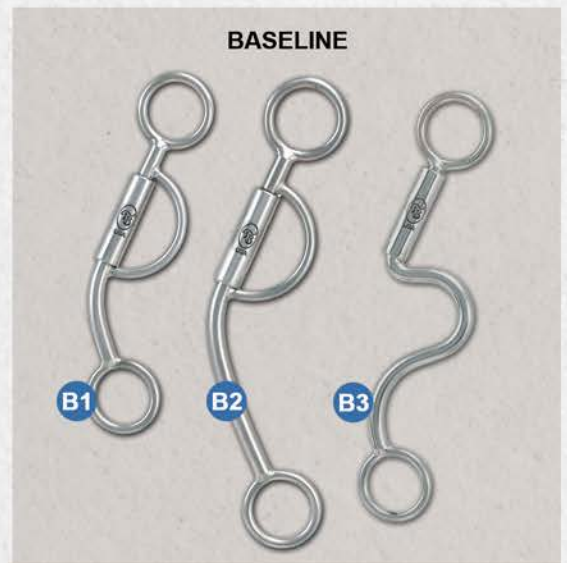
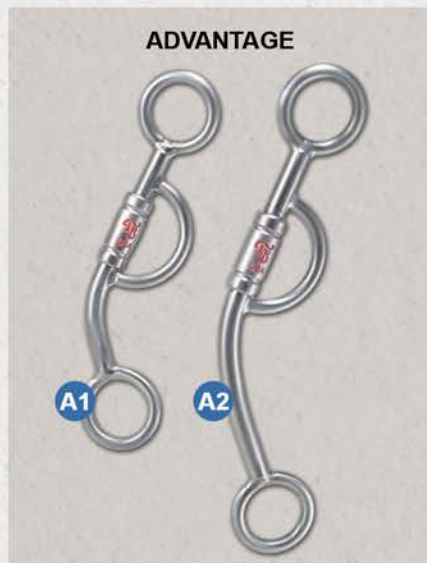


ADVANTAGE

- A1** Short Advantage 7"
Heavier 3/8" shank Material
- A2** Long Advantage 8-1/4"
Heavier 3/8" shank Material

BASELINE

- B1** Short 6-3/4"
- B2** Long 8"
- B3** Medium S 7-3/4"





- X** Sheridan 8"
- Y** Sheridan-7 8-1/4"
- Z** Switchback 8-1/4"
- AA** Avila 8-1/2"
- BB** K2 8-1/4"
- CC** K2 Legend 8-1/4"
- DD** Steamboat 7-1/2"
- EE** Mustang 7-3/8"
- FF** Powder River 7"
- GG** Teton 7-1/2"
- HH** Riviera 7-3/4"
- II** JD 8-3/4"
- JJ** Patriot 8-1/4"
- KK** Tahoe 8"
- LL** Santa Barbara 8"
- MM** Short Santa Barbara 6"



SHOP BITS NOW

"The Mustang shank with Ace of Spades mouthpiece is my choice for my older finished horses"
Shawn Florida

"The craftsmanship and quality Tom Balding™ puts into his bits and spurs is tremendous! I, with great pleasure, use and endorse them."
Bob Loomis

"Tom Balding is an incredible artist and master craftsman. I have enjoyed using my Tom Balding™ bits and spurs. I am honored to have my favorite spurs in his private collection... and just for the record they've never been bucked off."
Larry Mahan

SPUR SAMPLES

Here are a few samples of finishes, brands, initials, names, and silverwork. Build your own using the online [spur-creator!](#)





SPUR CREATOR

Customize your experience through our online **spur creator**. Learn how to measure your spurs for a perfect fit please visit our online blog at www.tombalding.com/blog.

SPUR PRICING

BASE SPUR

- \$385 STANDARD SPUR
- \$480 With stainless shank
- \$480 ALL STAINLESS
- \$420 TEXAS STYLE (heavier 3/16" material)
- \$500 STAINLESS TEXAS STYLE (heavier 3/16" material)
- \$1055 TUXEDO

OVERLAYS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS *SILVER OR BRASS*

- \$135 FLORAL SHANK
- \$135 FLORAL SWINGARM
- \$125 SILVER ENGRAVED SHANK
- \$125 SILVER ENGRAVED SWINGARM
- \$35 ENGRAVED BARS ON SHANK (price per each)
- \$35 BEADING ON SHANK (price per each)
- \$40 ENGRAVED BARS WITH BEADING
- \$145 BEADED HEELBAND
- \$40 DOTS AROUND SHANK
- \$40 DOTS AROUND HEELBAND
- \$145 BRAND
- \$145 2 LARGE INITIALS
- \$165 3 LARGE INITIALS
- \$230 NAME
 - \$12 3/16" Letters (priced per pair)
- \$50 INSCRIPTION (stamped inside heelband)
- \$75 STONE IN SWING ARM BUTTON
- REPLACEMENT ROWEL KIT
 - \$30 Satin finish
 - \$35 Brown, black, or stainless
- \$40 OFFSET SHANK (5, 10, & 15 degrees)

SPUR ORDER FORM

Please use this order form as a guide. We welcome you to contact us with questions (307-672-8459, sales@tombalding.com).

Order Date: _____

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Band Size (Circle one): Mens Ladies Youth

Boot Size & Width: _____

Finish (Circle one): Brown Black Satin Steel Stainless
|----- will rust -----| |----- will not rust -----|

Heelband: _____

Shank Style: _____

Rowel: _____

Overlay (circle one): Silver Brass

Overlay (circle all that apply): Dots Floral Engraved Plate Brand Initials Name Bars

Location of overlays: _____

Initials or name (please attach image of brand): _____

Inscription (stamped inside of heelband): _____

Special Instructions: _____

SHIPPING & BILLING INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

Shipping Preference: UPS ___ USPS ___

HEELBANDS

P 3/4" Polo band

D 3/4" band

E 3/4" cut down band

B 1" band

F 1" Texas band
Heavier 3/16" material

FF 1" Texas band (vertical)
Heavier 3/16" material

C 1" cut down band

H 1 1/8" Texas band
Heavier 3/16" material

HH 1 1/8" Texas band (vertical)
Heavier 3/16" material

A 1 1/4" band

G 1 1/4" Texas band
Heavier 3/16" material

GG 1 1/4" Texas band (vertical)
Heavier 3/16" material

J 1 1/4" cut down band

I 1 1/2" band

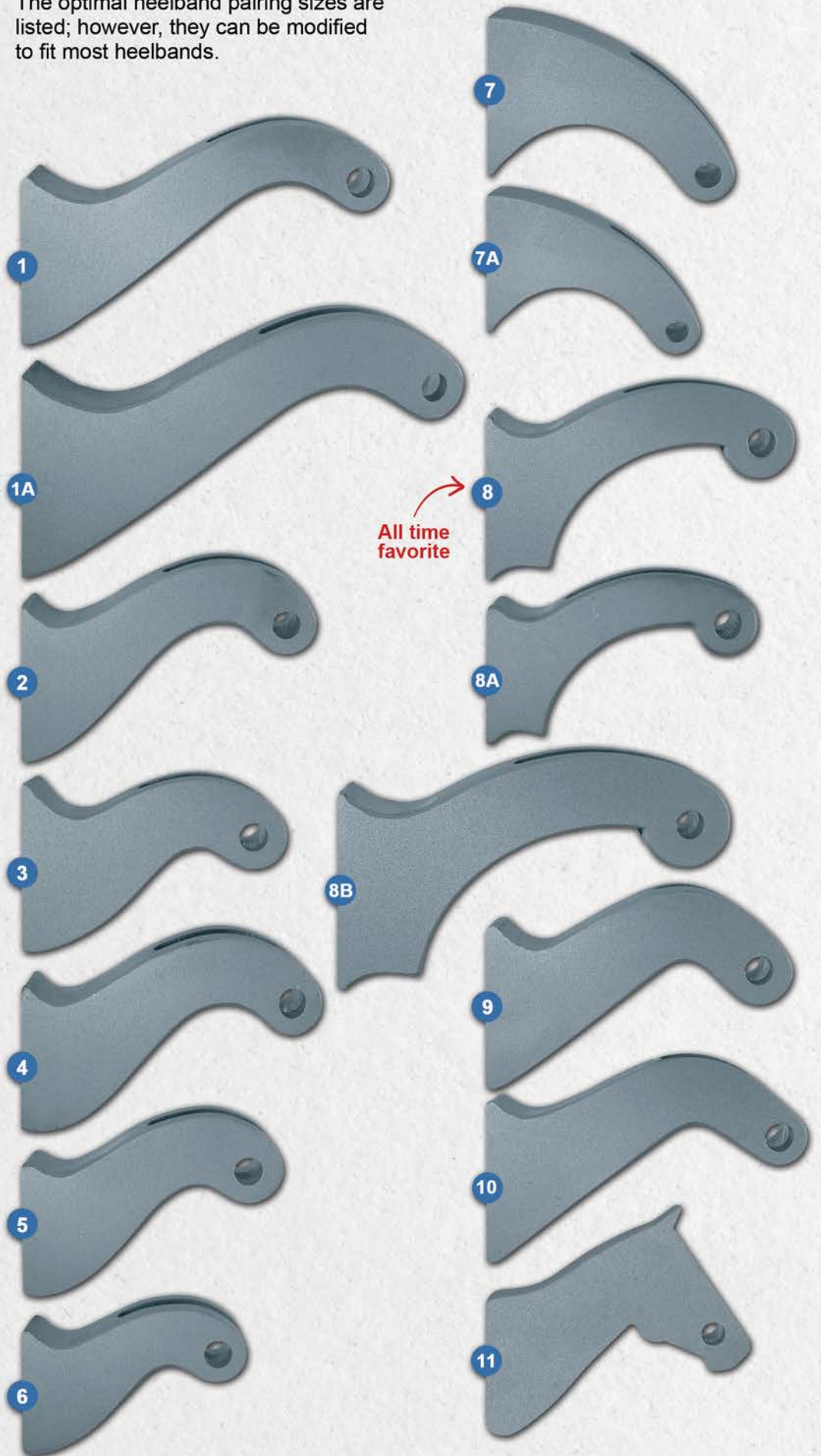
K 1" Bronc band

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SPUR SHANKS

The optimal heelband pairing sizes are listed; however, they can be modified to fit most heelbands.

- 1** 2-1/2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 1A** 3" Shank Length
fits 1-1/4" or 1-1/2" Heelbands
- 2** 2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 3** 1-3/4" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 4** 2" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 5** 1-3/4" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 6** 1-1/2" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 7** 1-11/16" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 7A** 1-3/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 8** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
*Available in a side kick
- 8A** 1-13/16" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 8B** 2-3/4" Shank Length
fits 1-1/4" or 1-1/2" Heelbands
- 9** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelband
- 10** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 11** 1-5/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands



"I use Tom Balding bits and spurs every day for my training. They have the best feel and quality. With a great look, they always stand out in the show pen."

Andrea Fappani



12



17A



12A



17B



13



18



14



18A



15



18B



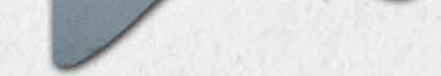
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19A

- 12** 2-1/2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 12A** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 13** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 14** 2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 15** 2-3/4" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 16** 2-3/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 17** 2-1/4" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 17A** 2-1/2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 17B** 1-7/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 18** 2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 18A** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 18B** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 19** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 19A** 2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands

"The beauty of my Tom Balding spurs is not their only attribute. The weight, the way they fit, and the angle and shape of the shanks are a perfect combination for the precision that my work demands.."

Dick Pieper



- 22** 1-1/2" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1-1/4" Heelbands
- 24** 1-1/4" Shank Length
fits 3/4" Heelbands
- 25** 2-1/8" Shank Length
fits 1" or 1 1/4" Heelbands
- 26** 1-1/8" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 27** 1-7/8" Shank Length
fits 1 1/4" or 1 1/2" Heelbands
- 28** 1-1/2" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 102** 2-1/4" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands
- 546** 2" Shank Length
fits 3/4" or 1" Heelbands

"Definitely my favorite pair of spurs; distinct and eye-catching"

Todd Bergen

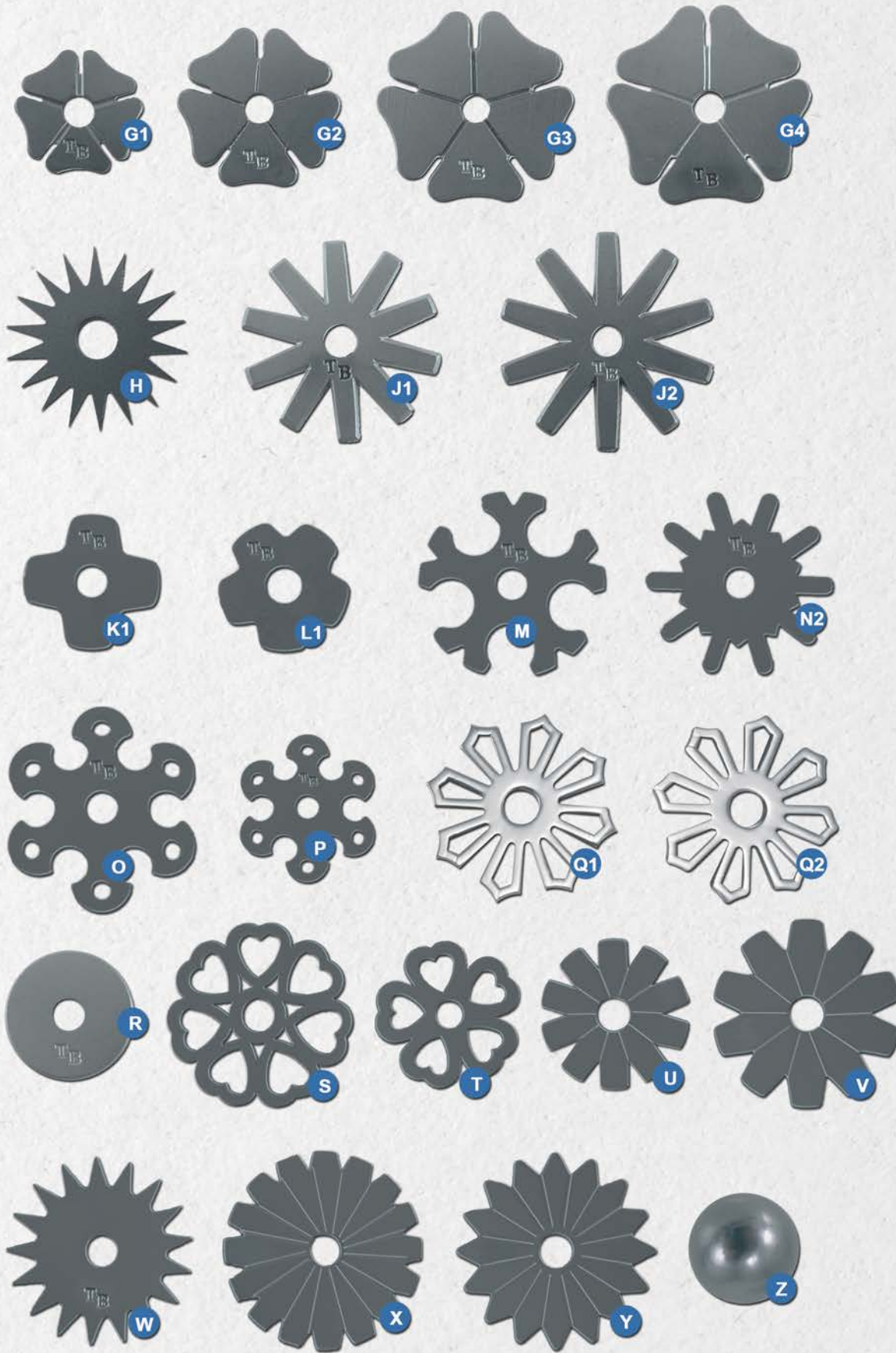
ROWELS

Most of our rowels are available in brown, black, stainless, and satin, however, S, T, and Z are only available in stainless steel.



- A1** 1" 8 Points
- A2** 1-1/4" 8 Points
- B1** 1" 6 Points
- B2** 1-1/4" 6 Points
- C** 2" 14 Points
- D** 7/8" 9 Points
- E1** 1-1/8" 12 Points
- E2** 1-1/4" 12 Points
- E3** 1-1/2" 12 Points
- E4** 1-5/8" 12 Points
- F1** 1-1/4" 4 Points
- F2** 1-1/2" 4 Points

All time favorite



- G1** 7/8" Cloverleaf
- G2** 1" Cloverleaf
- G3** 1-1/4" Cloverleaf
- G4** 1-3/8" Cloverleaf
- H** 1-1/4" 18 Points
- J1** 1-3/8" 10 Points
- J2** 1-1/2" 10 Points
- K1** 7/8" 4 Points
- L1** 7/8" 5 Points
- M** 1-1/4" 5 Points
- N2** 1-1/4" 10 Points
- O** 1-3/8" 6 Points
- P** 1" 6 Points
- Q1** 1-1/4" 8 Points
Pointed tips
*shown in stainless
- Q2** 1-1/4" 8 Points
Rounded tips
*shown in stainless
- R** 7/8" Round
- S** 1-1/4" 7 Points
- T** 1" 5 Points
- U** 1" 10 Points
- V** 1-1/4" 10 Points
- W** 1-1/4" 17 Points
- X** 1-3/8" 16 Points
- Y** 1-3/8" 16 Points
- Z** 3/4" Ball

We offer three pin rowel pin styles: standard (welded in place), cotter pin, and threaded.



Tom Balding has a long history of combining welding and metal work with art and function. He grew up in Southern California and at a young age spent a lot of time in his father's welding shop. At 18 he started working at Hooker Headers as a production line welder and fabricator. Within a few months, management appreciated his skills and moved him to the custom department where he was building beautiful exhaust systems for exotic cars. Near the end of the 60's he was also involved in the development of sailboat hardware for his cousin Hobart Alter, better known as Hobie.

In 1973 Tom was certified to weld government aircraft parts and he started his own precision TIG welding business. Business boomed. However, welding thousands of parts and the growth and crowding of Southern California finally took its toll and in 1980 Tom decided to make the big change. His love of the outdoors and an interest in horses steered him to the small (very small!) town of Ucross, Wyoming, population twenty-five.

He bought a 2-year-old colt and a book on breaking and training. A few months later he was riding everyday doing assorted ranch work and volunteering for anything as long as he could ride his horse. Making a living in the cowboy state was a challenge; odd jobs, ranch work, carpentry. Nothing really panned out. However, one afternoon a knock on the door would mark a dramatic turn in his life. Standing there was the neighbor lady holding a broken bit; asking if he could weld it back together. Tom instantly knew what he was going to do. The next day he drove thirty miles to town to order business cards and Tom Balding Bits and Spurs was born. As they say: "The rest is history."

Today, although the business has expanded, Tom Balding and his small devoted team strive to maintain the highest standard in craftsmanship, design and materials. He works directly with world class professional trainers and riders to ensure precision, tradition and passion come together to produce the finest products. Proudly made in Sheridan, Wyoming USA.

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