

COMMON ENGLISH CURB BITS

A curb bit is any indirect pressure bit. Curb bits come in a variety of shapes and materials and can feature a mullen mouth, broken mouth, linked mouth, or port. Curb bits may also be twisted wire or have a more mild slow twist or a corkscrew twist. The following curb bits are designed for English disciplines. Notice that all curb bits have one location to attach the cheek piece and another location for the rein thus creating leverage. Curb bits should be worn with a curb chain or curb strap under the chin. Bit severity depends upon the mouthpiece, port height (if present), and shank length.



Pelham: This bit is designed to be used with two reins: one attached to the “snaffle” (upper) ring and one attached to the “curb” (lower) ring. A bit converter can be used which is usually a small section of leather attached to both rings and allows the rider to use one rein.



Kimberwick: This style of Kimberwick is an Uxeter as the rein can be attached to either the upper or lower slot depending upon how much leverage is needed. This bit is also available with a plain rein ring (smooth, no slots).



Weymouth: The Weymouth is designed to be used on a full bridle (with two sets of cheek pieces) in conjunction with a bridoon (small snaffle). One rein attaches to the Weymouth and one attaches to the bridoon. The Weymouth is used in Saddleseat and upper level dressage.