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If you follow SmartPak on social media, you may have noticed the huge release they made a few days ago, that of the new SmartTherapy line, a full collection of ceramic-infused products. I was thrilled when they asked us to review two products from this new line, the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps and the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad because I've seen the positive impact ceramic therapy has made in my horse, dog, and family member's lives. According to SmartPak's website, ceramic far infrared radiation has many benefits including increasing bloodflow to increase healing, improve recovery, protection from oxidative stress, and more. Now, let's take a look at the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps and the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle individually to see what makes them unique.

When I first unwrapped the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps I immediately noticed how sturdy they were. The wraps are one complete product, but can be separated into two different pieces, for ease when cleaning. The interior padding looked very similar to that of a standing wrap pad and is light and cushioned. According to the SmartPak website, this padding is ThermoBalance™ material which has ceramic particles that reflect body heat back as far infrared rays. The exterior of the wrap features four hook and loop closure straps, including one latch to cup under the fetlock and secure on the inside of the wrap. It is made of what feels similar to a breathable canvas material. The wraps come in pairs and sizes range from 10 inches to 18 inches. The first time I put the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps on Maddie was the day after of a strenuous workout as I wanted to see if they helped her remain comfortable and not feel sore after a hard day of work. I immediately noticed how easy it was to put the wraps on Maddie. The four hook and loop closures allow for a custom and comfortable fit, but also allow for speedy application. I ordered the 14" size for Maddie and the padding came just below the knee, with the straps laying smoothly over her cannon bone. With the bottom most strap fastened, the SmartTherapy Quick Wrap stayed securely out of the way of Maddie's heels and came to an end just under her fetlock. This fit is incredibly important because if the wrap hung too low it could be easily caught on a shoe and rip the wrap or worse, injure your horse. I was very appreciative that the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps fit Maddie's leg so securely. The SmartTherapy Quick Wraps looked really clean on Maddie, with their black base and light grey

pipings accents. SmartPak recommends that you gradually get your horse used to wearing SmartTherapy Quick Wraps and to at first only use them for 1 to 3 hours for the first few days. This first day, I put the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps on Maddie for a little over an hour. She happily grazed while wearing them, seeming to not even notice that they were there. When I went to take the wraps off, I was pleasantly surprised to feel that her legs were cool and not sweaty, as it was in the 80s and sunny outside. After this initial session, she happily walked with me back to her pasture, not showing even a glimpse of soreness.

A few days after trying the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps, I decided it was time to review the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad. SmartPak has created SmartTherapy saddle pads in western, dressage and all purpose options. I decided to go with the allpurpose option because I usually ride in a close contact saddle. The SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle pad is also composed of thermoBalance fabric on the underside of the pad in order to directly influence back muscles while riding. According to the SmartPak website, this design helps increase circulation to quicken warm up and recovery periods and is especially ideal for cold backed or stiff horses. When I was tacking Maddie up I noticed that even with these additional features this pad didn't lose the classic style or usability features that I've come to expect from English saddle pads. It features sturdy hook and loop closure billet straps as well as girth straps and had clean grey piping across the mesh black exterior of the pad. Overall, the pad fit extremely well and comfortably under my saddle on Maddie's back. It also looked really slick against Maddie's seal bay coat and my light saddle. After tacking Maddie up, I excitedly walked to the arena and began our warmup. Instantly upon getting on, I could feel Maddie was ready to go. She was right where I wanted her and transitioned enthusiastically between movements in our warmup. Her lengthens were floaty and effortless and she was ready and waiting for whatever I asked. After our ride upon untacking, I noticed that her sweat marks were even across her back signalling even contact throughout. I also noticed that her back wasn't drenched in sweat, as it sometimes is in the Colorado heat, but instead had a light amount of moisture due to the ventilation features of the mesh along the exterior of the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad.

I brushed Maddie off and together we walked back to the pasture, extremely pleased with the workout we had. One last feature that I learned about the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad and the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps is that both of these products are machine washable which we all know is a must, especially when using products on the lower legs and in sweaty workouts.

Overall, I was really impressed with the results, style and practical use of the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad and the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps provided. Their sturdy, yet stylish composition and ThermoBalance fabric featuring ceramic particles allowed Maddie to not only look tasteful but also feel good. For more information on the SmartTherapy All Purpose Saddle Pad and the SmartTherapy Quick Wraps please visit [smartpak.com](http://smartpak.com) that's -> [smartpak.com](http://smartpak.com) <- for more information.

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