

The Solution

In 1996 my 13 year-old son, David, and I rode the complete Tour de Tucson on a Gilmour tandem borrowed from our friends, Ed and Mary Irwin. After the ride I was determined that there had to be a better-designed bike seat. I thought about when I was a young child of 6 or 7, I would sit not straddle on the corral top rail as cattle would be driven into the enclosure. I was instructed to remain as still as a statue so as not to frighten the cattle being driven into the corral. I remember the most comfortable position on that top rail was to sit not straddle. From that experience I designed a bike seat that was a 90 degree change to conventional seats. I asked my neighbor, Wayne Steele, to weld my newly designed prototype. I tested it out on my mountain bike. During those years, I would ride from my house to the Yetman Trail. The prototype seat, I called it a "butt bar", would work out fine except eventually would break. One time, it failed in the Tucson Mountains and I had to ride home standing up the whole time. Shortly after that experience my friend Ed saw an advertisement in a Bike magazine for a bike seat called "the solution". The principle was the same as my "butt bar". I ordered one seat, tried it, liked it and ordered 2 more. I have been riding with solutions ever since.

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