

# ANATOMY OF THE WHIPS

Poppers on new whips are about six inches long and made of soft, woven fibers that contain foam. The longer, padded popper helps the whip, not the horse, absorb the strike.

About two inches long and made of solid leather, the popper on old whips can cause welts on a horse if misused.

Some traditional crops have feathers that cushion the blow of the popper.

**NEW**

**OLD**

The rod on both whips is made of fiberglass and typically is wound with duct tape.

The diameter of the new shaft must be at least one-half inch. The wider shaft cuts down on the recoil.

\*The length of both whips is similar, about 30 inches.

The handle on both whips is made of rubber.

