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## **Barding**

All barding encumbrances listed in UA are reduced to 40% of their listed value when equipped. If not being worn by the mount, encumbrance is as listed. Ex1) Here is the reasoning:

Rules for barding were introduced in 1983<sup>2)</sup> and reprinted in UA in 1985. They are basically broken – mainly, the barding is far too heavy. Encumbrance was dramatically increased from the OD&D numbers, to the point where medium and heavy horses may not even be able to move at all.<sup>3)</sup> This was brought up in Dragon #118, but via a forum submission which was apparently not replied to by TSR.

Barding	AC mod	Eq. cn.	Uneq. cn.	Base MV and Mi./day L/M/H Warhorse
Leather	-1	640	1600	21"/17"/15"
Scale	-2	1000	2500	15"/15"/14"
Chain	-3	1400	3500	<b>—/12"/13"</b>
Plane	-4	2000	5000	_/_/12 <b>"</b>

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Inspired by Dragon #118 Forum.

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Dragon #74.

3)

https://deltasdnd.blogspot.com/2023/07/how-much-weight-can-horse-carry-in-d.html

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