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Show Jumps and Jumping Poles: a Buying Guide by [Julia Roger](#)

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Equestrian events include series of jumps, leaps, and stride combinations. The complexities grow as the level rises. There are several types of fences which are used for this purpose. The show jumps for sale come in different structures, colours, patterns, wings, poles, fillers, and planks. Each of these is designed to train and test the horse at several competitions and horse shows. Jumping poles are generally long wooden poles and lend height and width to the jumps.

There are a vast number of companies that specialize in selling show jumps and jump poles along with accessories. Vertical, Spread, Wall, Gate, Fan, and Oxer are some of the most popular show jumps sold and purchased. These are made out of plastic or wood. Metallic jumps are also available. However, these are rare. Synthetic jumps are the most preferred ones since these do not rust, rot, break or weather easily. Poles are available in similar synthetic and natural materials. They are often coloured blue, black, red, purple and most commonly come as a combination of these tints. They are placed on top of one another, crossed, or adjusted according to require height.

Before buying the available show jumps for sale, check out the craftsmanship and closely scrutinize the color. The best companies use quality rank paint and polish. Look at the finish. Also, check whether the material is perfect. If it's wood, ask whether it's weather resistant. Sometimes, only the highest quality wood is able to withstand decay for long. Check if the screws and fasteners used are rust proof. Show jumps often come with flower baskets, artificial brick walls or wells. Prices vary accordingly. Jumping poles also differ in shape, length and width starting from standard three meters and growing taller.

These are differently priced. Poles come at as much as USD 50. Simple wings are tagged at USD 100. Entire jumps can be purchased at over USD 700 to 800 and higher.

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