**IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS READ PRIOR TO USING GALCO PRODUCTS**

**DANGER**

Firearms users must understand and obey the Rules of Firearms Safety:

1. All firearms are always loaded.
2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you’re not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target.
4. Be sure of your target and what’s beyond.

**WARNING**

Failure to heed these warnings or follow the operating instructions may result in negligent discharge of a firearm, causing serious injury or death.

Read and understand all owner’s manuals, instructions, and guides prepared by the manufacturer of your firearm prior to use.

Galco holsters are designed to carry specific firearms.

**WARNING**

Before use, be sure the holster selected is designed and intended to carry your particular firearm.

If you have any questions about correct fit, contact Galco Customer Service at 800-874-2526 or customerservice@galcogunleather.com. You may also visit GalcoGunleather.com and use our online fitting guide.

**WARNING**

Carrying a firearm in an ill-fitting or improper holster can result in serious injury or death. The purchase and use of a Galco holster is at the sole and exclusive risk of the user.

**READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE GUIDE PRIOR TO USING THIS PRODUCT**

Firearms are inherently dangerous. Improper or careless use of a firearm or firearm and holster may result in serious injury or death. It is the user’s responsibility to possess a thorough knowledge of, and be properly trained in, all aspects of firearm use, including holster use and safety.

**WARNING**

Do not place a loaded firearm in a holster without first testing – with a firearm double-checked and verified to be unloaded – for a proper firearm fit.

**CAUTION**

Tension units are not pre-set at the factory. If a holster has tension units, it is the user’s responsibility to ensure they are appropriately adjusted to appropriately retain the firearm.

Carry the firearm in the safe condition recommended by its manufacturer. This information will be contained in the product information manual provided by the firearm manufacturer. If you do not have the manual applicable to the firearm, contact the firearm’s manufacturer.

Always ensure the firearm is fully seated in the holster, and that it is activated all automatic or manual retention devices (when provided). Retention devices must be used when provided.

**WARNING**

If the firearm is not properly secured by means of friction or the retention device(s), it could become dislodged, causing injury and possibly death to the user and others.

**WARNING**

Never holster a firearm in the single-action mode, unless it is a semi-automatic pistol and holster designed and intended for “cocked and locked” or “Condition One” carry.

**WARNING**

Always ensure that a single-action pistol carried in “Condition One” has the manual safety engaged when carrying in a holster.

**WARNING**

Do not attempt to cock a holstered firearm as this may damage the firearm, the holster, or both, and may contribute to a negligent discharge.

**CAUTION**

Always protect an exposed magazine release from accidental activation.

**WARNING**

When drawing a firearm or replacing it in the holster, DO NOT place your finger on the trigger, in the trigger guard, or near the trigger. Position your finger along the frame of the firearm above the trigger guard. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target.

**WARNING**

When placing the firearm into the holster, always ensure clothing, jacket drawstrings, or other foreign objects have not fallen into the holster or become trapped while holstering the firearm. Foreign objects entering the trigger guard may depress the trigger, causing the firearm to discharge.

**WARNING**

When placing the firearm into the holster, always place your thumb over the hammer or behind the slide. This will enable you to feel if the hammer starts to move rearward, or the slide begins to come out of battery.

**WARNING**

If a firearm falls out of its holster, it may fire, causing death or serious injury.

Always place your hand on the firearm and holster when running or performing other physically vigorous activities.

It is the user’s responsibility to maintain the holster by regularly checking component parts for excessive wear and proper function. This includes, but is not limited to, tension units, snap closures and retention devices.

Checking tension units each time the holster is used is required as part of your regular safety inspection.

Applying a small amount of clear nail polish to the threads of the tension units, after proper adjustment, will help minimize screw loosening.

**WARNING**

Do not use customized, modified, worn, or broken firearms, or those otherwise outside the original manufacturer’s specifications, in a Galco holster.

Do not in any way modify, disassemble, or remove any part from this holster, except as approved and recommended in Galco’s Product Information Guide.

Do not rely on any holster being “snatch proof” regardless of the number of retention devices it may feature. Rely only on proper training and situational awareness.

**NOTE**

Do not expose your holster to extreme heat, such as the interior of a car in summer, or leave it otherwise exposed to the elements.

**CARRY CONDITION OF THE FIREARM**

**WARNING**

Some single-action revolvers and some semi-automatic pistols must be carried with the hammer or firing pin resting on an empty chamber.

Carrying any firearm with a live cartridge in the chamber immediately in front of the firing pin may cause a negligent discharge. Information regarding the safe carry condition of your firearm will be contained in the product information manual provided by the firearm’s manufacturer. If you are unsure of the safe carry condition(s) of your firearm, contact the firearm’s manufacturer.

**WARNING**

A small number of Galco holsters are approved for use with multiple firearms. Care must always be taken to ensure your holster is an appropriate and approved fit for your firearm. Never carry a firearm in any holster not specifically recommended by Galco for that firearm.

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**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

Galco products are generally identified with a two-part code stamped into the holster body or label affixed to the item.

An alphabetical or alphanumeric prefix identifies the holster model. For example, the FLETCH model’s prefix is FL while the Royal Guard’s prefix is RG.

The numerical suffix identifies the particular firearm the holster is intended to fit. For example, the 212 suffix indicates a 5” 1911 while the 224 suffix indicates a Glock 17. The letter “B” or “H” at the end of the code indicates color. B is for black, H for brown, while no letter generally indicates tan.

Thus, an FL212 (FL + 212 + no letter) will be a tan FLETCH to fit a 5” 1911, while an RG224B (RG + 224 + B) will be a black Royal Guard for a Glock 17.

Holsters intended for Galco’s modular shoulder systems display letters and numbers that correspond to guns. A Miami Classic holster intended for a SIG P120, for example, will simply read 820. A VHS holster intended for a Beretta 92FS’s will read V202.

The numerical suffix of holsters intended for right-hand or ambidextrous use will end in an even number. The suffix of holsters intended for left-hand use will end in an odd number.

You may use the search field found at our website, GalcoGunleather.com, to locate a holster fit. Simply enter the model number on the item (FL224B, for example) in the field. Should you have questions regarding the identification of the firearm intended for your Galco product, you may also contact Galco’s customer service department at 800-874-2526 (during business hours) or by email at customerservice@galcogunleather.com.

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**SAFETY SYMBOL DEFINITIONS**

**DANGER**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

**NOTE**

Used to address practices unrelated to potential personal injury.
POCKET HOLSTERS
While limiting the carrier to a relatively small handgum, pocket carry offers some unique advantages. Not only is the handgum completely covered and concealed, but the gun carrier can casually place a hand on the holster/pocketed pistol if a nonspecific threat materializes – and the fastest draw is to have the gun already in hand.
Galco’s pocket holsters keeps the firearm or spare magazine in the same general position so you can quickly locate the grip when you need to draw. It also conceals the shape of the gun so that its outline is not printed through the garment.

DON’T

**WARNING**
Do not place a loaded firearm in a holster without first testing – with a firearm double-checked and verified to be unloaded – for proper firearm fit.

**NOTICE**
Do not store your firearm in a holster if the holster is damp from perspiration or in otherwise moist condition.
Do not use Loctite® or threadlock. Out-gassing from these adhesive compounds will adversely affect plastic, nylon and rubber holster parts.
Do not submerge or saturate your leather product in water or any other liquid or dry your leather product with heat from a dryer, oven, radiator, direct sunlight, etc.
Do not use products such as Neats Foot or Mink oil, as they will damage the leather. Additionally, do not use Galco Leather Lotion or other leather conditioners on Premium Center Cut Steerhide.
Do not leave your Galco product on the dashboard of your car in summer, or leave it otherwise exposed to the elements.

FRONT POCKET HORSEHIDE HOLSTER
Galco’s Front Pocket™ horsehide holster is constructed from premium horsehide and is designed for front pocket carry in pants or a jacket.
The holster allows one-handed release of the gun from both the pocket and the holster. The holster accomplishes this by hooking and catching on one of two leather hooks on the holster into your top or bottom pocket corner when you draw your firearm. With practice (using an unloaded firearm) you can draw the firearm while the holster remains in your pocket or falls away.

NOTICE
The above care and maintenance instructions cannot substitute for your good common sense. Following our recommended care and maintenance tips, along with common sense, will allow you to get the maximum service life from your Galco products.

POCKET PROTECTOR HOLSTER
Galco’s Pocket Protector™ is constructed of Premium Center Cut Steerhide™. Reinforcements at the holster mouth and beneath the trigger guard keep the holster stiff enough to allow a smooth draw, while also maintaining enough rigidity to prevent “printing” and shifting of the handgum.
The holsters hooked shape – at the base of the handgum’s trigger guard – is designed to catch on the pocket so that, with practice (using an unloaded firearm) and while using the proper pants of jacket, you can draw the firearm while the holster remains in your pocket or falls away.

POCKET MAGAZINE CARRIER
The Pocket Magazine Carrier (PMC™) is constructed from Premium Center Cut Steerhide and carries a single spare magazine in the off-side pocket. The PMC features an adjustable tension unit for a customizable draw. The hooked shape is designed to catch on the corner of your pocket and retain the carrier in pocket on the draw.

DO

**WARNING**
Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target!!

**NOTICE**
Ensure that all screws are tightened snugly. Applying a small amount of clear nail polish to the threads will minimize screw back out.

Galco leather holsters that come in contact with bodily perspiration, the elements, or become soiled on a regular basis may need to be treated periodically to slow the natural breakdown of the leather fibers. Dry the leather naturally, without any type of artificial heat. Use Galco Leather Lotion, which will replace the natural oils in the leather.

HOlSTER FIT / BREAK-IN

It is common for the inside of a leather holster to scratch from a single holstering (called etching). A smooth leather lined holster will be even more subject to this normal occurrence. After this initial etching, the holster will custom fit your firearm.
Some modern pistols have very sharp edges, particularly surrounding the ejection port. This may cause an initial feeling of “dragging” on the draw, but will normally resolve quickly with just a few draw-and-holster repetitions.
Try our Draw-EZ™ applied to the inside of your leather holster to shorten the break-in period and provide a slicker draw. Draw-Ez only treats the interior surface of the leather and will not be absorbed by the leather or harm the finish. Do not use Draw-EZ on Premium Center Cut Steerhide.

FRONT POCKET HORSEHIDE DRAW

Technique I
Hooking the trigger guard hook on the bottom of the pocket while drawing.

Technique II
Hooking the reinforced top tail hook on the top of the pocket while drawing.

POCKET PROTECTOR DRAW

Hook the trigger guard hook on the bottom of the pocket while drawing.

POCKET MAGAZINE CARRIER DRAW

Technique I
Hooking the bottom pocket hook on the bottom of the pocket while drawing.

Technique II
Hooking the top pocket hook on the top of the pocket while drawing.

TERMS OF SALE
Because we have no control over the use of our products, all Galco products are sold as is and “with all faults”. The entire risk as to the quality and performance of the product is with the buyer. Should the product prove defective following its purchase, the buyer and not the manufacturer, distributor, or retailer assumes the entire risk of all the necessary servicing or repairs. Under no circumstances shall Galco be liable for incidental or consequential damages, such as loss of use of property, commercial loss and loss of earnings or profits. The implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and all other warranties, expressed or implied, are excluded from this transaction and shall not apply to the product sold. The determination of the fitness or the suitability of any product for a specific use is the responsibility of the buyer. The illustrations shown herein are typical as to the finish and application. Due to uncontrollable variations in color saturation, the actual product may differ slightly from that shown on our web site. Galco reserves the right to make changes in product built and/or sold by them at any time without incurring any obligation to make same or similar changes on products previously manufactured and/or sold by them. All Galco products are made in the U.S.A. and produced according to rigid specifications. Prices and models are subject to change without notice. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of implied warranties or liability for incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you. Galco designs, features, and model names are the exclusive property of Galco International. Any and all persons including, but not limited to, individuals, firms and/or corporations are forbidden from imitating, copying or reproducing them in any way.