PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE

SKYOPS

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Satisfaction Guarantee
Customer satisfaction is as important to Galco today as it was over 40 years ago when we first began making holsters. We pride ourselves on the technical assistance offered by our knowledgeable Customer Service staff, who are happy to help you through the holster selection process. Or we also offer a detailed guide to holster selection in our website FAQ. However, since we are shooters ourselves, we also recognize that not all gunleather works perfectly for all gun owners, and that “fit doesn’t guarantee retention.”

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Holster Fit/Break-In
Galco leather holsters are made of the finest materials and are precision molded to specific firearms. It may appear the holster fit is too tight at first, but this is by design. We engineer our holsters to fit tightly knowing the leather fibers will relax to the proper fit with use.

Unload Your Hangon (Screnham, magazine, cylinder) before testing holster fit.

If the holster has tension screws: Since the tension units are not one-set-at-the factory, you may need to adjust them in order to holster your firearm the first time. We recommend that you check your tension screw adjustment before each use. There is no reason to completely remove tension units. Do not Loctite on tension units. However, a single drop of clear nail polish applied to your tension screw threads may reduce its unwanted loosening.

If the fit is too tight when stripping holsters from your firearm: If you force the firearm into the holster, it may be very difficult to remove. Instead, follow these simple steps to break-in your new holster using a process called blocking:
1. Place the unloaded firearm in a plastic freezer bag, or cover it in 2-3 layers of plastic kitchen wrap. Do not cover the grip.
2. Insert the brass捕捉ed/snap cap slowly into the holster, gently twisting it side-to-side to minimize breaking of the bag/ wrap.
3. Once the firearm is completely seated in the holster, twist it about 1/4 turn in both directions 6-12 times.
4. Allow the bagged/wrapped firearm to sit in the holster for about 15 minutes.
5. Remove the firearm from the holster and remove the bag/wrap from the firearm.
6. Insert the unloaded firearm into the holster, which should now be snug but not loose. If it is still too tight, repeat the above steps until the holster is broken in to your satisfaction.

If your holster has a retention step: You may need to stretch the retention snap before you get it to snap. With your fingers only (no clips, no water, no chemicals, etc.)
1. Place your unloaded firearm in the holster.
2. Hold the firearm grip in your right hand and the retention snap in your left.
3. Prepare the snap for stretching by grasping the snap and pulling the strap tab (remove the slack).
4. Grasp the inside edges of the dial and turn it clockwise 10-12 times while keeping it tight.
5. Firmly pull the firearm away from you while pulling on the strap and continuing rotating the step.
6. Release the tension for a moment and repeat two or three times.
7. Pull the strap over the back of the firearm without releasing tension.
8. While maintaining the strong tension attempt to snap the retention snap closed.
9. Repeat step five and six as needed.

Following and repeating the above instructions is the only way to an ideal break-in and long service life with proper fit that will last many years.

It is common for the inside of a leather holster to scratch from a single holstering (called etching). A smooth leathered holster will be even more subject to this normal occurrence. After this initial etching, the holster will custom fit your firearm.

Try our Draw-EZ™ (Fig. A): 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 face of your firearm.

Important Firearms Safety Information: Please Read Prior to Using Galco Holsters

These warnings should be read prior to the use of Galco products. All firearms are potentially dangerous weapons. Firearms should be kept out of the reach of children. Use of a handgun under any conditions may be dangerous. Serious personal injury or even death may result from improper or accidental handling of firearms by an accredited firearms safety course. No person should handle any firearm unless such person has successfully passed an accredited firearms safety program. Great care should be employed when handling, storing, transporting firearms or when placing or removing a handgun from your Galco holster.

Testing a New Holster for Proper Holster and Handgun Fit
Never place a loaded handgun in a holster without first testing, in an unloaded condition (double-check to make sure the chamber is empty), for proper fit with the handgun. Galco holsters are designed to fit factory equipped handguns. The use of trigger shoes or grip adapters on any model handgun may prevent proper fit and/or accidental discharge. All Galco holsters are designed to function safely and are made for specific handguns. DO NOT ALTER YOUR GALCO HOLSTER IN ANY WAY, INCLUDING THE USE OF SAFETY DEVICE GEAR OR TRANSPORTING A PRODUCT THAT ACCOMMODATE HANDGUNS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH THE GALCO PRODUCT WAS NOT DESIGNED OR INTENDED. We have tried to clearly label which holsters offer proper fit for specific handguns. However, continual changes will occur due to the number of handgung makes and models available on the market. Galco will not be responsible for typographical and other human errors that can and do occur. It is the user’s responsibility to personally check for holster handgun compatibility using actual products. It is also the user’s responsibility to regularly check the holster and its hardware (including, but not limited to, snaps and tension screws) for proper fit and function. Although Galco attempts to fit the most current model handguns, manufacturers of handguns constantly update their product specifications. Slight manufacturing changes in a handgun model can affect the proper and safe fit of your handgun and Galco holster. Galco will not be responsible for such changes or for typographical or other human errors which make the product as stated and do occur despite diligent efforts. Should any Galco product become worn, loose, broken, defective or ill-fitting, or if in your opinion is unsafe, cease use immediately.

Carry “Condition” of Firearm
Carrying any handgun with a live wire in the chamber immediately in front of the firearm should cause an accidental discharge. Single action revolvers and some semi-automatic pistols should be carried with the hammer or firing pin resting on an empty chamber. All Galco holsters for the 1911 model style firearm with safety and thumb safeties are designed to carry the 1911 in the hammer down, chamber empty condition. Galco 1911 holsters that are “open top” (no safety strap and no thumbbreak) are designed to carry 1911’s in all safe “conditions of carry” as specified by the firearm manufacturer.

Care and Maintenance of Leather
Our saddle leather products are made from natural steer hides that are range bred and grown. Therefore there may be natural range markings in the grain of the saddle leather. This is normal for top grain steer hide, and adds to the beauty and character of your Galco leather products. These same natural range markings will appear in our genuine horsehide.

Do not allow the screws to tighten upon your leather product in water or any other liquid or dry your leather product with heat from a hair dryer, oven, radiator, direct sunlight, etc.

Do not use products such as Nutsol Foot or Mink oil as they will damage the leather.

Do not remove your leather product on the dashboard of your car or summer leave it otherwise exposed to the elements.

The above care and maintenance instructions cannot be substituted 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 leather products.

It is the user’s responsibility to exercise extreme caution when handling or carrying any handgun and to assume at all times that the gun is loaded. Do not attempt to cook a handful while it is in the holster. Cocking the handgun while holstered can cause damage to the holster, gun, or both and may cause an accidental discharge. For information on how to carry your particular handgun, please refer to your handgun manufacturer’s safety and instruction manual.

Holstering Your Firearm
You must be certain that your gun is securely seated in the holster each time you holster your firearm before removing your hand from the grip. Firearms must snugly fit in holsters to guard against accidental loss of the handgun. However, a snug fit may cause the slide to go out of battery when holstered. Therefore, you should always place your thumb on the back of the slide to insure that the slide does not go out of battery while holstered. Keep fingers off the trigger and out of the trigger guard when drawing or replacing the handgun in the holster.

Firearm Retention
Always make sure your gun is fully seated in the holster, activating all auto-and/or manual retention devices (when provided). Retention devices must be used when provided. During vigorous physical activity, including running, you should not rely on your holster’s retention capabilities; the gun should be held in place with your hand to prevent the gun from falling out of the holster. We strongly recommend a regular practice routine be utilized to assure the continued capabilities of both product and user.

If your holster has tension screws: the tension units are not pre-set at the factory. You will need to adjust them to the appropriate tension to help retain your firearm. Checking your tension screws each time you use your holster is required as part of a regular safety inspection of your equipment. Applying a small amount of clear nail polish to the tension screws units after they have been properly adjusted will minimize screw back-out.

Firearm Security
Carrying a firearm is a serious responsibility that requires constant awareness. It is your responsibility to exercise extreme caution during any situation where another individual may attempt to take away your handgun. Law enforcement officers, military personnel, and other authorized users of weapons are specifically trained in tactical and procedural guidelines regarding the use and carrying of firearms in close proximity to potentially dangerous individuals.
You need to carry a full-sized pistol behind your hip, you don’t want to wear a jacket or your shirt tail out, you want stationary holster placement, and you want total concealment.

That’s a lot to ask.

But one Federal LE agency and many CCW customers asked—and Galco delivered, with our SkyOps™ tuckable concealment holster.

The challenge was to design a belt attachment that provides secure carry at the desired angle, and remain inconspicuous. With a J-Hook or C-Hook, the holster can tilt and dive; and while a pair of loops on either side or a single wide loop around the belt can provide stability, they can also advertise “Gun!” to observers across the room. The solution is the patented Galco Y-Hook™ pioneered on our SkyOps holster. The Y-Hook grips as securely as a full loop, yet disappears to all but the most trained eye when worn on a black belt.

The SkyOps will not win the competition for easy on-and-off nor for quick draw and reholstering. But when it’s all about stealth, and wearing a jacket is not an option, the SkyOps sets the standard against which all others will be measured.

The standard Y-Hook was designed to fit belts up to 1 1/4” wide. An optional Y-Hook may be purchased that will fit 1 1/2” belts.

We strongly recommend you follow these instructions before using this holster.

1. **Unload your handgun** (Magazine & Chamber). Confirm that the product code on the back of the holster is the same as the package label code and that it is the correct fit for your handgun. Put the handgun in the holster a few times and confirm that you have the proper holster fit for your handgun. See holster fit/break-in page.

2. The SkyOps leaves the factory set for a right hand shooter. If you are a left hand shooter remove the screw and post that attaches the Y-Hook arm from the holster and re-attach it on the other side of the holster.

3. **Determine the optimum carry position on your belt:** With the handgun in the holster, slide the holster onto your belt (Figure C) in the regular Inside-the-Pants mode, shirt tucked in as you normally would, see Figure A (not Figure B). Get the feel of the holster and find the best spot on your belt line to wear it and to draw from. Do not practice drawing or holstering with a loaded handgun.

4. **Putting on the SkyOps in Stealth Mode for the first time** (Figure B): Check to make sure your handgun is still unloaded (Magazine & Chamber).

5. Put the handgun in the holster and the holster on as if you were just going to wear it in the inside the pants mode as you did in step 3, NOT IN STEALTH MODE. But don’t do the final step of buckling your belt. Your shirt should be fully tucked in normally. Now unfasten and un-zip your pants.

6. Pull up your shirt in the holster area and re-tuck that small portion of your shirt tail between the holster and the Y-Hook arm. Read the next step before you try this.

7. Some people do step 6 sitting down on the edge of a chair or bed, others have found that standing next to a table or counter with the bottom of the holster (through your pants) supported on the edge of the table/counter top is easier. If you can do this in front of a mirror the first few times it will be much easier.

8. Fasten your pants, adjust your shirt as needed and lastly buckle your belt. Adjust shirt by “blousing” (pulling out slightly) to help conceal firearm.

9. To draw from the SkyOps holster, pull up your shirt with one or preferably with both hands. Next, the weak hand holds the shirt while the strong hand draws the handgun. Figure D.

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A 1 1/2” BELT WIDTH Y-HOOK IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AS AN ACCESSORY