IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS READ PRIOR TO USING GALCO PRODUCTS

A 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.
5. Always safe the firearm when it is not in use.

A 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 guidelines prepared by the manufacturer of your firearm prior to use.

GALCO holsters are designed to carry specific firearms.

A 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@galcointernational.com.
You may also visit GalcoGunleather.com and use our online fitting guide.

PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE VERTICAL SHOULDER HOLSTER SYSTEM VHS 3.0

SAFETY SYMBOL DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

A NOTICE
Used to address practices unrelated to potential personal injury.

Visit GalcoGunleather.com/videos to view related safety videos.

DO

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

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

DO NOT

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.

Do not store your firearm in a holster if the holster is damp with perspiration or in other moist conditions.

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, on an radiator, or other similar apparatus.

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.

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.

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IF ANY DOUBT EXISTS AS TO THE SERVICEABILITY OR SAFETY OF A GALCO PRODUCT, IMMEDIATELY CEASE USING IT

If you have questions, contact:
Galco Customer Service at 800-874-2526 or customerservice@galcointernational.com.
Galco has made every effort to properly label all holsters for the specific firearms they fit. However, firearms manufacturers often make changes to their firearms that affect holster fit.

Galco will not be responsible for such changes, nor for typographical or other human errors that may occur. It is the user’s responsibility to ensure proper holster fit with actual firearms.

It is important to understand that all products, including firearms and holsters, may eventually “wear out” or become unsuitable for the function for which they were designed and replaced. Galco does not warrant that suggested usage times will vary according to frequency and conditions of use, and therefore it is difficult to indicate a recommended replacement time for this product.

INSPECTIONS / MAINTENANCE, ADDITIONAL USER RESPONSIBILITIES

A WARNING
It is the user’s responsibility to inspect the holster before and after each use for signs of excessive wear or loss of retention capability, and appropriate tightness of all hardware.

A WARNING
It is the user’s responsibility to ensure that the item remains serviceable and safe, and able to continue service within its design intent.

A WARNING
It is the responsibility of the holster holder to inspect the holster fit in time after each use for signs of excessive wear or loss of retention capability, and appropriate tightness of all hardware.

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 letters “B” or “B” at the end of the code indicates color. B is for black, H for Havana brown, while no letter generally indicates a tan color.

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 have standard numbers that correspond to guns. A Miami Classic holster intended for a SIG P320, for example, will simply read 820. A VHS holster intended for a Beretta 92FS will read 2002.

A common suffix of the firearm 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@galcointernational.com.

A 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 approved fit for your firearm. Never carry a firearm in any holster not specifically recommended by Galco for that firearm.

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

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A WARNING
Always 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.

A WARNING
Always protect an exposed magazine release from accidental activation.

A 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.

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

A WARNING
When placing the firearm into the holster, always place your thumbs on the hammer 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.

A 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, 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.

Do not use custom, modified, worn or broken holsters, 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.

Do not expose your holster to extreme heat, such as leaving in a vehicle during summer, or leave it otherwise exposed to the elements.

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

Carry any firearm with a live cartridge in the chamber immediately in front of the trigger guard 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 of your firearm, contact the firearm’s manufacturer.

Galco holsters with retention straps intended for single-action pistols (such as the 1911) are designed for “hammer down, empty chamber” carry, unless otherwise specified. Galco holsters without retention straps (top open) are designed to carry single-action pistols in all safe conditions of carry as specified by the firearm manufacturer.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE OF A GALCO PRODUCT! WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

The VHS™ Vertical Shoulder System 3.0 is constructed from fine fabrics, Premium Steerhide™. A key component of this shoulder system is its spider harness. All four points of the spider harness can pivot independently and are connected by our trademarked Flexoloc™ swivel back plate. This, along with our patented swivel connectors, results in a perfect fit and lasting comfort for virtually all body sizes and shapes.

The VHS is ambidextrous and available in tan or black finish. The systems for semi-automatic pistols come complete with non-removable ammo carrier, and the systems for double-action revolvers come complete with deep pouch for loose cartridges or speed strip. Both systems include tie-downs for holster and ammo side.

HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN

Galco's full grain 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 FIREARM

(chamber, magazine, cylinder) before testing holster fit.

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

If the fit is too tight when holstering your firearm the first time don’t force it. Instead, follow these simple steps to break in your new holster using a process called blocking.

1. Place the unloaded firearm in a plastic firearm bag, or cover it in 2-3 layers of plastic kitchen wrap. Do not cover the grip.
2. Insert the bagged/wrapped firearm slowly into the holster, gently twisting it side-to-side to minimize taring of the bag/wrap.
3. Once the firearm is completely seated in the holster, twist it approximately 1/16” in both directions 6-12 times.
4. Allow the bagged/wrapped firearm to sit in the holster for approximately 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 tight. If it is still too tight, repeat the above steps until the holster is broken in to your satisfaction.

NOTICE

If your holster has a retention strap:

You may need to stretch the retention strap using your fingers only (no water, no chemicals etc.), before you get it to snap.

1. Place the unloaded firearm in the holster.
2. Hold the firearm grip in your strong hand and the retention strap in your support hand.
3. Prepare the strap for stretching by gripping the strap and pulling and pulling the strap unit (remove slack).
4. Twist the strap 90 degrees back and forth in clockwise and counterclockwise rotation 10-12 times while keeping it taut.
5. Firmly push the firearm away from you while pulling on the strap and continue rotating the strap.
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 between the strap unit and the firearm.
8. While maintaining the strong tension, attempt to snap the retention strap closed.
9. Repeat step 3 as needed.

WARNING

Insert the unloaded handgun and magazines/cartridges in their respective components.

HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN (continued)

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 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 "drawing" 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.

ADJUSTING FIT OF SHOULDER HOLSTER

1. Lay the harness out in front of you so that the Galco logo reads left to right, with the rivet side down.
2. The side of the Flexalon swivel plate with the four rivet dimples will be against your body when product is worn. See Illustration A.

WARNING

2 See Illustration B. Connect the holster to the harness: a right-handed shooter wears the holster under the left arm. Pay special attention to how the harness layers through the keeper. PRO TIP – to make adjustment easier, only thread the harness through the top and center loops of the swivel keeper temporarily – (see Illustration C). Do not install harness fasteners yet.

3. See Illustration B. Connect the ammo carrier to the harness: a right-handed shooter wears the ammo carrier under the right arm. Pay special attention to how the harness layers through the keeper. PRO TIP – to make adjustment easier, only thread the harness through the top and center loops of the swivel keeper temporarily – (see Illustration C). Do not install harness fasteners yet.

CORRECT PERMANENT HARNESS ADJUSTMENT

Make note of holes used, the same holes will be used when the tie-down is removed and reinstalled in the correct position in order for the snap cap to attach to the snap on opposite side of holster.

The small rubber washer between tie-down leather straps must be used in order to tighten screws in the male snap stud. See Illustration N.

HOLSTER TIE-DOWN FOR RIGHT HAND USE

- The holster side belt tie-down comes up set for right hand use. Unsnap the tie-down from the holster and reinsert under your belt with the strap against your body. See Illustration M.

HOLSTER TIE-DOWN FOR LEFT HAND USE

- Remove the screw from the tie-down hole.
- Make note of holes used, the same holes will be used when the tie-down is removed and reinstalled in the correct position in order for the snap cap to attach to the snap on opposite side of holster.

The small rubber washer between tie-down leather straps must be used in order to tighten screws in the male snap stud. See Illustration N.

PRO TIP!

TEMPORARY HARNESS ADJUSTMENT

- Verify that your handgun is completely unloaded.
- Insert the unloaded handgun and magazines/cartridges in their respective components.
- Place the unloaded firearm in a plastic firearm bag, or cover it in 2-3 layers of plastic kitchen wrap. Do not cover the grip.
- Insert the bagged/wrapped firearm slowly into the holster, gently twisting it side-to-side to minimize tearing of the bag/wrap.
- Once the firearm is completely seated in the holster, twist it approximately 1/16” in both directions 6-12 times.
- Allow the bagged/wrapped firearm to sit in the holster for approximately 15 minutes.
- Remove the firearm from the holster and remove the bag/wrap from the firearm.
- Insert the unloaded firearm into the holster, which should now be snug but not tight. If it is still too tight, repeat the above steps until the holster is broken in to your satisfaction.

WARNING

- If your handgun is not completely unloaded you may be injured.
- The holster side belt tie-down strap may be configured as a loop under the left arm to accommodate longer torsos and shorter firearms, by reversing the male snap assembly.

MODULAR SYSTEM

The included tie-down connects the magazine ammo carrier to the belt to provide enhanced stability. (Fig. 1)

The cartridge carrier and tie-down is included with systems for revolvers. (Fig. 2)

An optional SST Off Side tie-down is available to connect with the holster when ammo carrier is not used. (Fig. 3)

SC7/C9 HANDUFF CASE

The SC7/C9 Handuff Case can be attached to the ammo carrier and if the wearer chooses to pass their belt through the back of the cuff case while it is attached to the ammo carrier, it will function as a tie-down for the cuff case. The cuff case can also be worn on the belt, without the shoulder system. (Fig. 4)

QUAD MAGAZINE CARRIER

The Quad Magazine Carrier was designed in response to requests from users in high threat areas who use four magazines in horizontal orientation. Tension units and removable/reversible straps secure the magazines. (Fig. 5)

SHUKA

The SHUKA (Shoulder Holster Universal Knife Accessory) allows the user to carry a full-sized fighting knife on the side opposite the firearm. (Fig. 6)

REPAIRS

Great care was taken to select the finest materials available to craft your Galco product. It was designed in accordance with the highest engineering standards and hand made using traditional leather craft practices that have become Galco hallmarks over five decades. In the unlikely event a repair is necessary an unaltered Galco product can be returned to the Customer Service department at 800-874-2526 or customerservice@galcogunleather.com. We will issue you a Return Authorization (RA) number to print on the outside of your shipping container and provide you with detailed shipping instructions.