

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION (continued)

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@galcoholsters.com**.

⚠ WARNING 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.

⚠ WARNING Holsters designed and specified for a firearm with a rail-mounted light, trigger-guard mounted laser or light, or any other device mounted on its rail, trigger guard or other location on the firearm fully or partially enclosed by the holster (when holstered) should not be used with a firearm without the light, laser or other device attached to the firearm. Using the holster with the firearm only, without the attached accessory device may reduce the holster’s retention properties, resulting in firearm loss and/or subsequent discharge.

The contents of this Product Information Guide are applicable, but not limited, to the following Galco products:

1880s Avenger APO Big Iron Combat Master Concealable Concealable 2.0 Cop 3 Slot DAO Fletch Halo Hawkeye Hornet Phoenix	Royal Guard 2.0 SAO Silhouette Speed Master 2.0 Stinger Stow-N-Go Stow-N-Go Elite Summer Comfort Thunderclap Waistband Wrangler Yaqui Slide
	Belt-mounted leather ammo carriers

Our saddle leather products are made from natural full grain steerhide that are range bred and grown. Therefore, there may be natural range markings in the grain of the saddle leather. This is normal for full-grain steerhide and adds to the beauty and character of your Galco leather product. These same natural range markings may also appear in our genuine horsehide.

Premium Center Cut Steerhide™ is steerhide with the outer and inner layers removed. It has been treated at the tannery in such a way as to retain its natural lateral strength and, at the same time, provide a soft inner layer to protect the firearm’s finish. It also has an outer layer finish that is ideal for inside the waistband and pocket holsters due to its natural “grabbing” ability. Center Cut Steerhide works equally well for general holster designs because its exterior does not show scuffing or scratches.

INSPECTIONS + MAINTENANCE, ADDITIONAL USER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

NOTICE 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.

DO

NOTICE Ensure that all screws are tightened snugly. Applying a small amount of clear nail polish to the threads will minimize screw back out. Ensure that the holster provides secure gun retention in all circumstances.

Clean as needed progressively by wiping with a soft cloth, soft bristle brush, soft damp cloth, soft damp cloth with mild soap to remove stubborn grime. Do not saturate with water and do not run under the tap.

DON’T

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

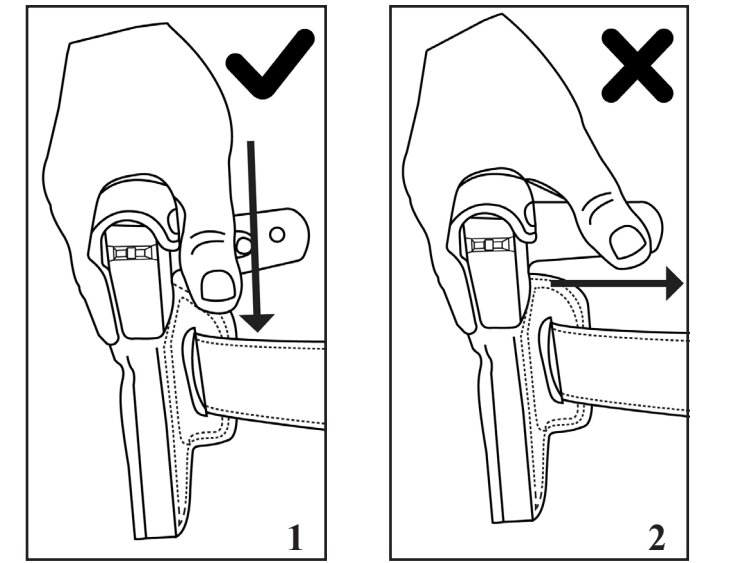
NOTICE Do not put Galco synthetic or leather products in the washing machine. Do not use any solvents or corrosive chemicals on this product.

Do not use artificial heat to speed up the drying process, i.e. from a hair-dryer, oven, radiator, direct sunlight, etc. Do not leave Galco products on the dashboard of your car in the summertime. Do not leave Galco products exposed to direct sunlight or excessive heat for long periods of time.

Do not use LocTite® or threadlock. Outgassing from these adhesive compounds will adversely affect plastic, nylon and rubber parts.

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

RELEASING A THUMB BREAK STRAP



Proper technique for releasing a thumb break retention strap is to drive the thumb briskly straight down through the snap (fig. 1). This fast, single motion will wedge the strap apart and place the thumb in the correct position to achieve a full firing grip prior to the draw.

Do not attempt to release the thumb break by pushing the strap apart with a sideways motion of the thumb (fig. 2). This is not only more difficult, it is slower and clumsier.

ONE WAY SNAP

Galco uses secure Pull-The-DOT and Lift The Spot snaps, commonly known as one-way snaps, on many products. The purpose of one-way snaps is to prevent opening/unsnapping from one side. Galco typically uses these snaps on some belt loops, in order to prevent unintentional unsnapping of holster/ammo carrier from belt. Once you know the simple trick to operating a one-way snap, it’s very easy.

One-way snaps are fastened by using a downward rolling motion and must be started at their flat spot.

Step 1: Socket and Stud Identification

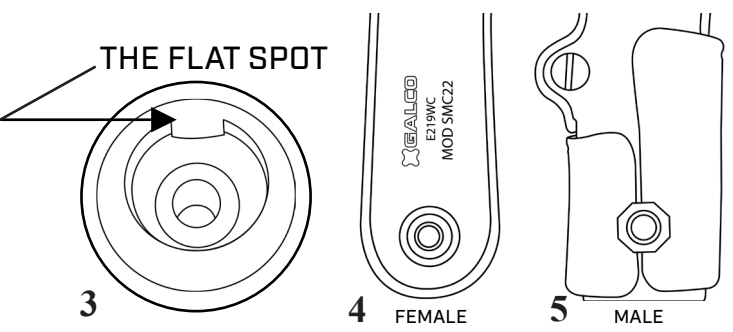
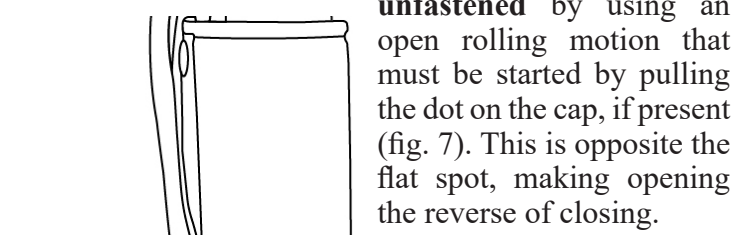


Fig. 3, (female) socket flat spot close-up
Fig. 4, socket shown on typical product
Fig. 5, (male) stud

Step 2: Snapping Closed

Insert by hooking the edge of the stud under the socket’s flat spot and rolling the remainder of the socket downward until fully snapped (fig. 6).

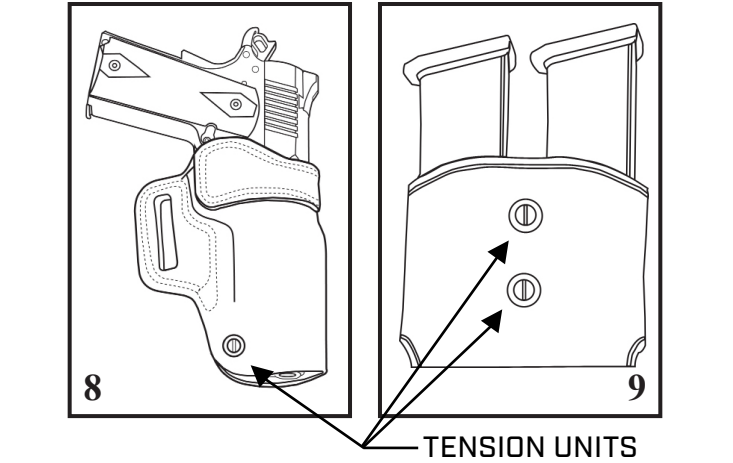


HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN

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.

⚠ WARNING UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM (magazine, chamber, cylinder) before testing holster fit.

Tension units (see figs. 8 & 9 for example tension units). are not pre-set at the factory. You may need to adjust them in order to holster your handgun or magazine for the first time. We recommend that you check your tension screw adjustments before each use. 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 loosening. It’s unnecessary to remove your tension units for adjustment or during use.



If the fit is too tight when holstering your firearm the first time don’t force it. If you do 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 heavy duty Ziploc® type 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 tearing of the bag/wrap.
3. Once the firearm is completely seated in the holster, twist 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.

HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN (continued)

6. Insert the unloaded firearm into the holster, which should now be snug but not loose. If it still too tight, repeat the above steps until the holster is broken in to your satisfaction.
7. If necessary, repeat steps 1-6 with an additional heavy duty Ziploc type bag or additional 2-3 layers of plastic kitchen wrap.

NOTICE If your holster has a retention strap: You may need to stretch the retention strap using your fingers only (no tools, 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 grasping the snap and pulling the strap taut (removing the slack).
4. Twist the strap 90 degrees back and forth in a 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.
8. While maintaining the strong tension, attempt to snap the retention strap closed.
9. Repeat step 5 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 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 Centercut Steerhide.

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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 to an unaltered Galco product, simply contact our Customer Service department at **800-874-2526** or **customerservice@galcoholsters.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.