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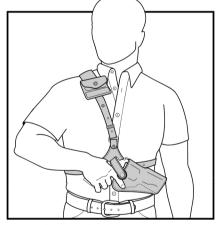




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PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE **KODIAK / KODIAK HUNTER / GREAT ALASKAN SHOULDER SYSTEMS**



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SAFETY SYMBOL DEFINITIONS

▲ 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.

▲ CAUTION

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

NOTICE

Used to address practices unrelated to potential personal injury.



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

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.

AWARNING 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.

AWARNING 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.

AWARNING 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

AWARNING 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.

A 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 is activates all automatic or manual retention devices (when provided). Retention devices must be used when provided.

AWARNING 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.

AWARNING 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.

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

AWARNING 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.

ACAUTION Always protect an exposed magazine release from accidental activation.

MARNING 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.

AWARNING When placing the firearm into the holster, always insure 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.

NOTICE 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.

AWARNING 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.

AWARNING 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.

NOTICE 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

AWARNING 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.

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@galcogunleather.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. Stress and strain placed on a product will vary according to frequency and conditions of use, and therefore it is difficult to indicate a recommended replacement date for this product.

INSPECTIONS / MAINTENANCE, ADDITIONAL USER RESPONSIBILITIES

AWARNING It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the item 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.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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

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 havana 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 P320, for example, will simply read 820. A VHS holster intended for a Beretta 92FS 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.

AWARNING 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE OF A GALCO PRODUCT! WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

Galco's KodiakTM, Kodiak HunterTM, and Great AlaskaTM Shoulder Holsters include holster, shoulder strap and torso strap. All three holsters are constructed from full grain Premium SteerhideTM. These shoulder systems come per-assembled and need only be adjusted for gun position and comfort. There is no need to unsnap the shoulder straps while making adjustments. All fit adjustments can be made at the buckles with the snaps secured. Ammo Carriers may be purchased separately.

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.

Full grain 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.

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.

Do not leave your Galco product on the dashboard of your car in summer, or leave it otherwise exposed to the elements.

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.

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.

AWARNING UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM

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

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:

HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN (continued)

- 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 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.
- 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 loose. 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 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 (remove the 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.
- 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.

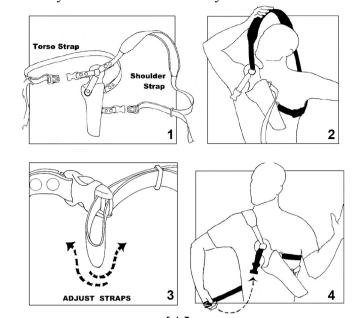
Try our Draw-EzTM applied to the inside of your leather holster to shorten the break-in period and provide a slicker draw. Draw-Ez only treats the interior surface of the leather and will not be absorbed by the leather or harm the finish.

KODIAK ADJUSTMENT

- 1 To adjust the **Kodiak** and **Kodiak Hunter** begin by unbuckling the torso strap. **See illustration 1.** Then grasp the system by the shoulder pad and slip the weak arm through the shoulder strap. Pass the shoulder strap over your head. Position the shoulder pad comfortably on your strong shoulder. **See illustration 2.**
- 2 Adjustments to ride height are accomplished at the Fastex buckle on the shoulder strap, found near the holster. **See illustration 3.** You may need to remove the system to adjust the ride height of the holster. Many users find it easier to have another person adjust the shoulder system for them while they remain stationary.

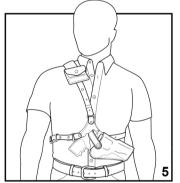
KODIAK ADJUSTMENT (continued)

3 Grasp the torso strap and wrap it around your body, from weak to strong side. Be sure the strap is not twisted or tangled. Connect the Fastex buckle at the front of your body. **See illustration 4.** Adjustments may be made once the torso strap is attached. As the torso strap is tightened, the weight is shifted off the shoulder strap, allowing for a full day of comfortable field carry.



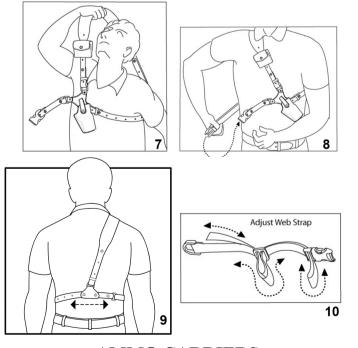
GREAT ALASKAN ADJUSTMENT

1 The **Great Alaskan Shoulder Holster** can be worn two ways: Cross-shoulder Carry positions the shoulder strap diagonally across the chest, over the strong side shoulder. **See illustration 5**. Vertical Shoulder Carry positions the shoulder strap over the support side shoulder, orienting the handgun's muzzle more toward the ground. **See illustration 6**.

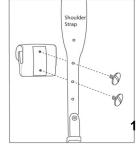




- 2 Once adjusted, donning the Great Alaskan is very easy. Place the shoulder strap in either the cross-shoulder or vertical carry positions **See illustration 7**. Wrap the torso strap around the abdomen, connecting the buckle to secure the strap. **See illustration 8**.
- 3 The connection point of the shoulder strap to the torso strap is fully adjustable. Users may elect to move it left or right depending on how the shoulder strap is positioned. See illustration 9 and 10.



AMMO CARRIERS



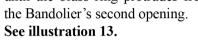
The optional **Great Alaskan Ammo Carrier** is sold separately. It quickly attaches to the holster system with two screws that go through the harness's adjustment holes. **See illustration 11.**

AMMO CARRIERS (continued)

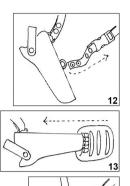
The optional **Kodiak Holster Bandolier** may be purchased separately, and will not work for Kodiak Hunter or the Great Alaskan. The Bandolier is caliber-specific and holds five or six cartridges. It slides pn and off the holster easily. To attach the Bandolier to the Kodiak holster:

2 Unsnap the shoulder strap at the brass holster connection ring. **See** illustration 12.

Starting at the bottom of the holster, slide the Bandolier onto the holster, cartridge loops first and on the side of the holster opposite the brass ring. Slide the Bandolier onto the holster 3 until the brass ring protrudes from



Reattach the shoulder strap to the holster's brass ring and secure the snaps. **See illustration 14.**



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@galcogunleather.com. We will issue you a Return Authorization (RA) number to print on the outside of your shipping container and provide you with

NOTICE

Dirt and grit trapped in your holster may harm your firearm's finish. To clean your holster, especially after use in dusty conditions, simply wipe out the interior of the holster using a clean, damp cloth.

TERMS OF SALE

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