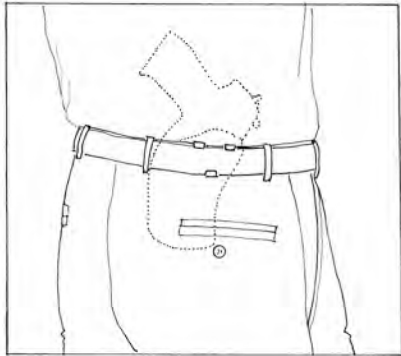




PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE

SKYOPS



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

If the holster has tension screws: Since the 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 loosening.

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 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.
- 3 Once the firearm is completely seated in the holster, twist it about 1/16" 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 strap: You may need to stretch the retention strap before you get it to snap. With your fingers only (no tools, 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 strap in your left.
- 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 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 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 leather lined holster will be even more subject to this normal occurrence. After this initial etching, the holster will custom fit your handgun.

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 finish of your firearm.

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 guide you through the holster selection process. 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 carriers, and that "it doesn't work for me" is a valid reason to return or exchange an item. Because of this, we offer an easy and hassle-free return process for end-users who have purchased directly from Galco.

To return a product purchased directly from Galco Gunleather, follow these simple steps:

- Contact Galco Customer Service at **800-874-2526** or **customerservice@galcoGUNLEATHER.COM** within ten business days of receipt of the item.
- Obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number and shipping instructions from a Galco Customer Service Representative.
- Return the item to Galco in new, unused condition for a full refund (less shipping and handling fees) or an exchange.

Galco's goal is to satisfy the gun-carrying needs of all our valued customers. If the product you purchased from us doesn't meet your needs, please let us help find the right product for you!

REPAIRS

Galco uses only the highest quality materials. We do not manufacture all of the component parts used in our products, however, and there may be occasions when a repair is necessary. If you have an unaltered Galco product that needs repair, 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 detailed shipping instructions. We will make every effort to complete the necessary repair quickly and return your item to you promptly. If there is a charge for your repair, we will notify you before the work is performed.

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 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 finish and application. Due to uncontrollable variances in color saturation, the actual product may differ slightly from that shown in this catalog/web site. Galco reserves the right to make changes in products 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.

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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 could occur without proper training in the safe 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 used when handling, storing or 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 or any modifications to the handgun may cause improper holster fit and 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 ANY SAFETY DEVICE INCORPORATED IN ANY GALCO PRODUCT TO 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 handgun 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 holster. Galco will not be responsible for such changes or for typographical or other human errors, which can 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 cartridge in the chamber immediately in front of the firing pin may 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 straps and thumblocks 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 thumblock) 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 product. These same natural range markings will appear in our genuine horsehide.

By following the instructions below, you will add to the service life of your Galco product.

DO

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** (Fig. B), which will replace the natural oils in the leather.

DON'T

Do not use LocTite® or threadlock. Outgassing 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 hair 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 leather 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 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 cock a handgun 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 safely 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 holstering. 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 holstering. 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 threads of the tensions 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 in particular should be familiar with the departmental 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™ premiered 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.

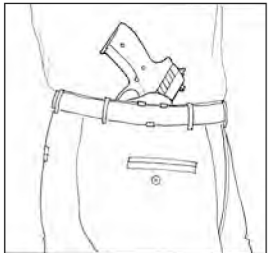
We strongly recommend you follow these instructions before using this holster.

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.

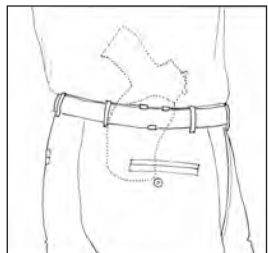
The SkyOps holster was designed to be worn in the kidney position as an inside-the-pants holster.

Figure A
Normal Inside-the-Pants mode



In the Ultimate Stealth Mode your shirt is to be tucked in, over the holster and between the Patent Pending Y-hook arm.

Figure B
Ultimate Stealth Mode



The Y-hook was not designed to allow a belt to snap in and out of the hooks. The belt is to slide through the hooks as it would slide through a full loop, see Figure C.

Figure C
Inserting Belt through Hooks

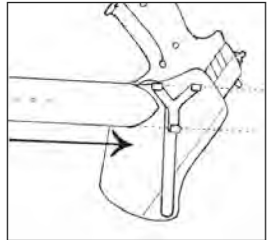
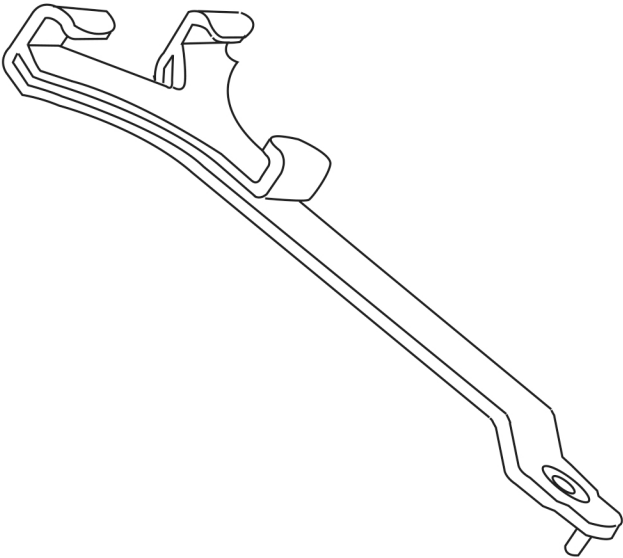


Figure D
Drawing from the SkyOps



NOW AVAILABLE



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



A



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