

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.

▲ 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 guides prepared by the manufacturer of your firearm prior to use.

Galco holsters are designed to carry specific firearms.

▲ 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@galcofirearm.com.

You may also visit GalcoUSA.com and use our online "shop by gun" feature.

▲ WARNING 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 safety.

▲ WARNING 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.

▲ 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 adjusted to 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 it activates all automatic or manual retention devices (when provided). Retention devices must be used when provided.

▲ WARNING 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.

▲ WARNING 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.

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

▲ WARNING 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.

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

▲ WARNING When drawing a firearm from 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.

▲ WARNING A significant number of negligent discharges - some resulting in injury or death - occur while holstering a firearm. Most are caused by the user's index finger pressing the trigger. Some are caused because a foreign object becomes entangled or trapped in the trigger guard/holster and presses the trigger. The safest practice is to "look the firearm into the holster." This should be done methodically and without rushing. While holstering, be fully cognizant that:

1. All safeties are engaged.
2. Your index finger is straight along the firearm's frame. DO NOT place your finger on the trigger, in the trigger guard, or near the trigger. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target.
3. No articles of clothing (shirt tails, jacket drawstrings, etc.) become trapped in the trigger guard, holster, or between the firearm and holster.
4. Your shooting-hand thumb is placed over the hammer or the rear of the slide. This will enable you to feel if the hammer starts to move rearward or the slide begins to come out of battery.
5. You strictly observe Rule of Firearms Safety #2: never let the muzzle cover anything you're not willing to destroy. If you do not know how to holster your firearm without breaking this rule, you should seek training before holstering your firearm while the holster is worn.
6. If for any reason you are unable to "look the firearm into the holster" and not muzzle yourself or others, you should remove the holster from your body, then "look the firearm into the holster" (without breaking Rule #2). After the firearm is securely seated in the holster, attach the holster to your body/clothing in the manner in which it was designed.
7. If you holster your firearm while the holster is off and in your hand, insure you do NOT point the firearm at your support hand. Do not place your support hand (or other body parts) at the bottom of the holster. The holster material is not bullet proof. Neither your support hand, other body parts, nor other people should be muzzled/flagged while holstering.

▲ 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 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.

▲ WARNING 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.

CARRY CONDITION OF THE FIREARM

▲ WARNING 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. Holsters are NOT designed to prevent firearms discharge if dropped. 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.

▲ WARNING 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 (open top) are designed to carry single-action pistols in all safe conditions of carry as specified by the firearm 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@galcofirearm.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

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

▲ 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.

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 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 3.0 holster intended for a Beretta 92FS will read V3-202.

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 "shop by gun" feature found at our website, GalcoUSA.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@galcofirearm.com.

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

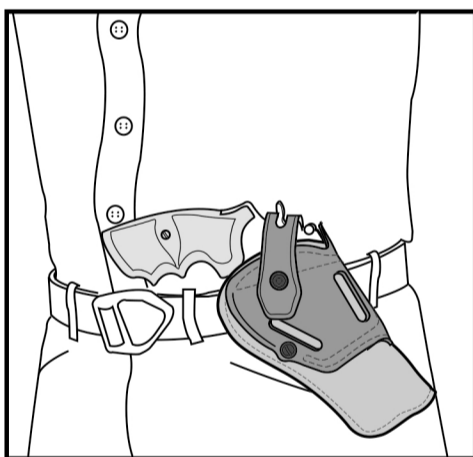
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SWITCHBACK STRONGSIDE/CROSSDRAW BELT HOLSTER



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NOTICE

Used to address practices unrelated to potential personal injury.



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

SWITCHBACK STRONGSIDE/CROSSDRAW BELT HOLSTER

A hybrid design that combines the best elements of leather and synthetic, the Switchback™ is fully ambidextrous and can be carried in the strongside or crossdraw positions.

The advantages of strongside carry are well-known. The handgun is behind the hip and thus out of the way in most applications, while still being accessible and offering an easy, and fast draw. An advantage of the crossdraw position is its ability to accommodate standing as well as sitting/riding.

The ambidextrous nature of the holster is lefty friendly and favorable to righties as well. If one's strong side hand/arm sustains an injury in the field the holster can be moved to the off side.

An ambidextrous “exoskeleton” made of top grain steerhide allows the belt to be threaded through either side of the holster body in strongside or crossdraw positions, for right or left hand draw. The retention strap has a hammer slot and is reversible for ambidextrous use.

The main body of the Switchback is constructed of layered synthetics, beginning with an outer layer of durable black ballistic nylon. Beneath that is closed cell foam that imparts stiffness and sturdiness to the holster body. Finally, a layer of 420 denier gummetal-colored packcloth lines the holster.

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NOTICE

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

Top 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.

Clean synthetic materials as needed by hand using a soft bristle brush. If additional cleaning is needed, wash by hand with a mild soap and water, allow to air dry naturally.

DON'T

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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. Additionally, do not use Galco Leather Lotion on synthetic materials.

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

Do not put Galco synthetic material in the washing machine.

CARE, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

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.

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.

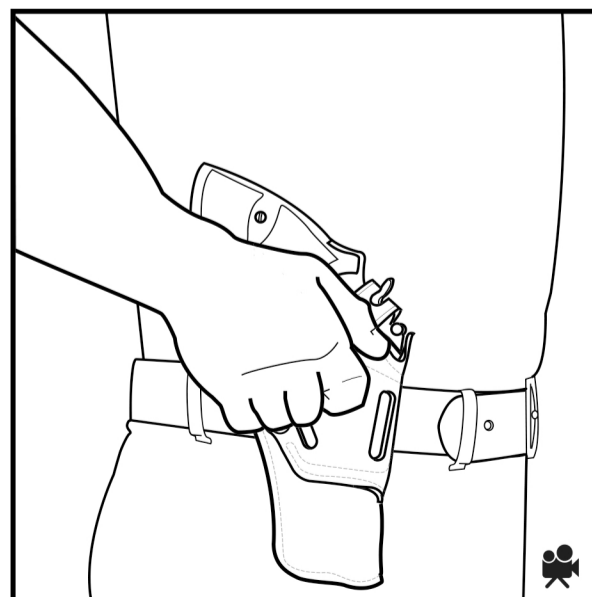
HOLSTER FIT

▲ WARNING

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

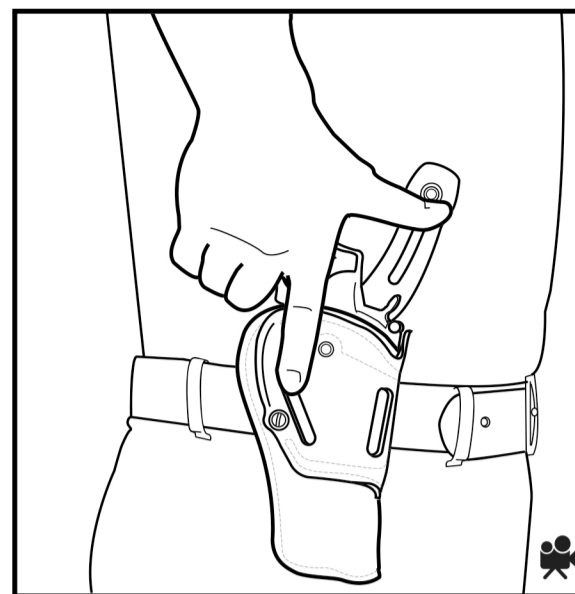
Tension units are not pre-set at the factory. You may need to adjust them in order to holster your handgun the first time. We recommend that you check your tension screw adjustments before each use. There is no reason to completely remove tension units. Do not use LocTite® on tension units. However,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

SAFETY STRAP RELEASE



Grasp the squared-off end tab of the retention strap with your strong-side hand to release the snap.

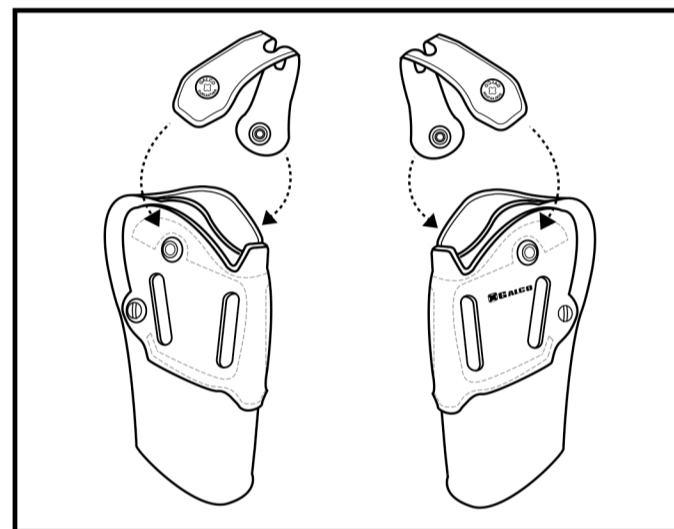
SAFETY STRAP RELEASE (continued)



Release the squared-off end tab of the retention strap with your strong-side hand. Push the retention strap clear with your thumb as you assume your firing grip.

Complete video instruction on safe draw and return to holster available on Galco's YouTube channel and at GalcoUSA.com.

AMBIDEXTROUS USE

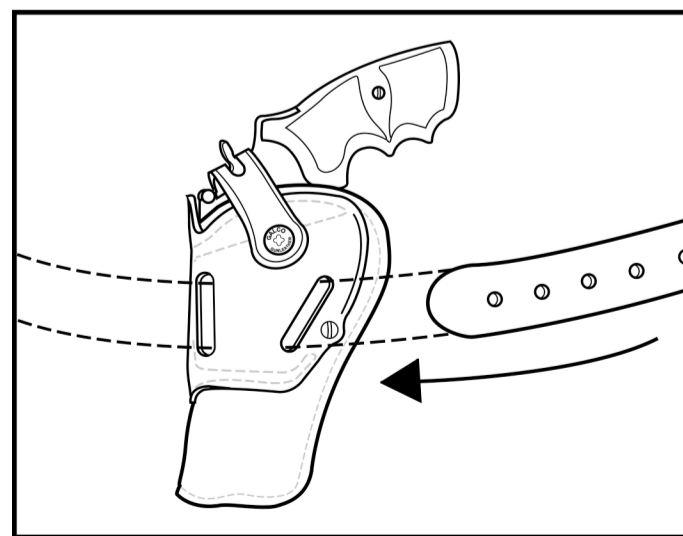


The Switchback comes set up right-hand draw but is easily converted for left-hand use. Simply remove the retention strap and reverse the direction so that the rounded end is snapped to the body-side of the holster and the squared-off end tab of the retention strap is on the outside of the holster.

▲ CAUTION

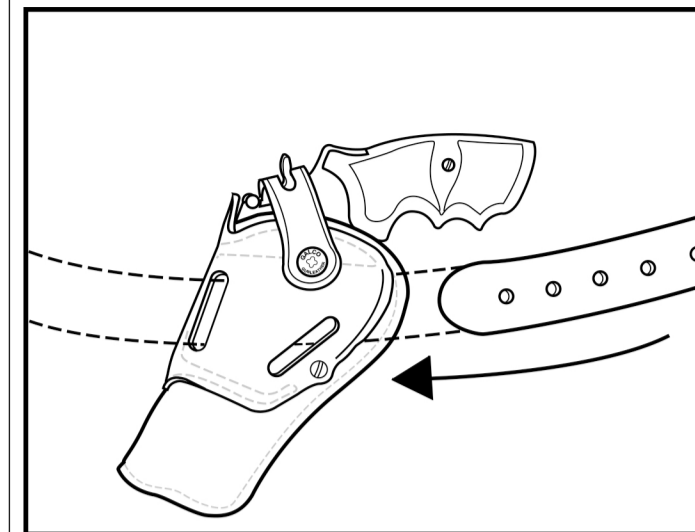
Left-handed users **MUST** remove the retention strap and reverse it so the squared-off end tab of the retention strap is accessible to the index finger of your firing grip.

WEARING THE SWITCHBACK AS A STRONGSIDE HOLSTER



Thread your belt through the slots cut into the top grain steerhide “exoskeleton”. Fits belts up to 1¾” in width.

WEARING THE SWITCHBACK AS A CROSSDRAW HOLSTER



Thread your belt through the rear-most slot and out through the forward slot. Fits belts up to 1¾” in width.

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 detailed shipping instructions.

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