


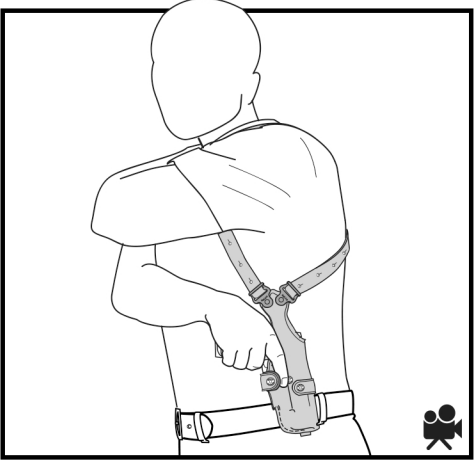
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PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE
VERTICAL SHOULDER HOLSTER SYSTEM



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SAFETY SYMBOL DEFINITIONS

▲ DANGER

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

▲ 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.



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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@galcoGUNleather.com. You may also visit GalcoGunleather.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 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 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 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.

▲ WARNING 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.

NOTICE When placing the firearm into the holster, always ensure 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.

▲ 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.

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

▲ 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. 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

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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

▲ 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.

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 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 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.

▲ 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.

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. 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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The VHS™ Vertical Shoulder System is constructed from full grain 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 clover shape, trademarked Flexalon™ 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 semiautomatic pistols come complete with magazine ammo carrier, and the systems for double-action revolvers come complete with dump pouch for loose cartridges or speed strip.

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 (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 loosening.

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 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 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.

HOLSTER FIT / BREAK-IN (continued)

- 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.

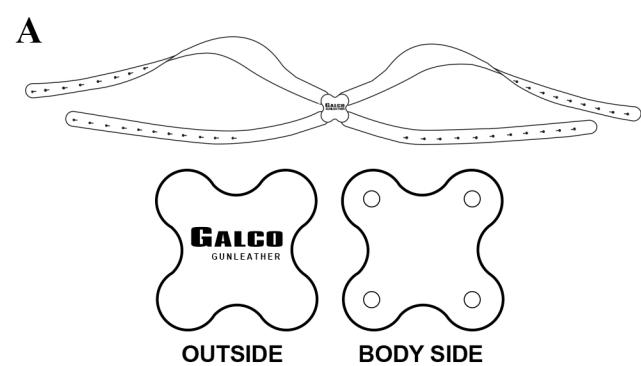
It is common for the inside of a leather holster to scratch from a single holstering (called etching). A smooth leather lined holster will be even more subject to this normal occurrence. After this initial etching, the holster will custom fit your firearm.

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.

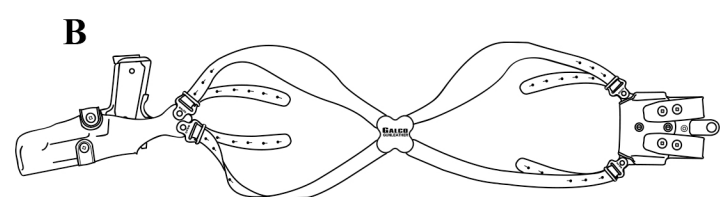
Try our Draw-Ez™ applied to the inside of your leather holster to shorten the break-in period and provide a slicker draw. Draw-Ez only treats the interior surface of the leather and will not be absorbed by the leather or harm the finish.

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. The side of the Flexalon swivel plate with the four rivet dimples will be against your body when product is worn. See Illustration A.

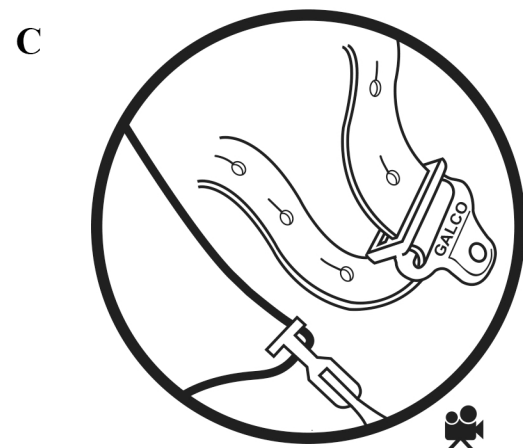


- 2 See Illustration B. Connect the holster to the harness: a right-handed shooter wears the holster under the left arm. Pay special attention to how the harness laces through the keeper. **PRO TIP – to make adjustment easier, only thread the harness through the top and center loops of the swivel keeper 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 laces 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.

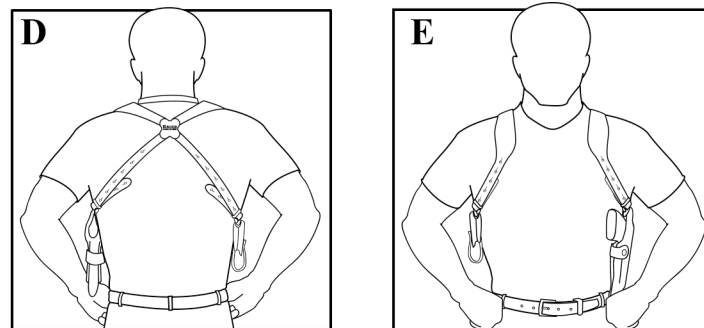
PRO TIP! TEMPORARY HARNESS ADJUSTMENT



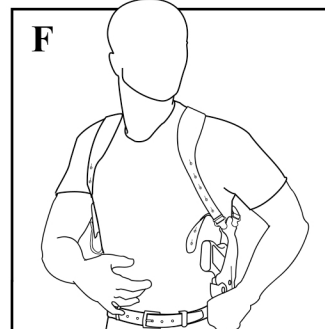
ADJUSTING FIT OF SHOULDER HOLSTER (continued)

WARNING Verify that your handgun is **completely unloaded** before proceeding.

- 4 Insert the unloaded handgun and magazines/cartridges in their respective components.
- 5 See Illustration D, E. Put your shoulder system on like you would a coat or, some prefer to put it on over their head like a t-shirt. The Flexalon swivel plate should be centered between your shoulder blades below the base of your neck.

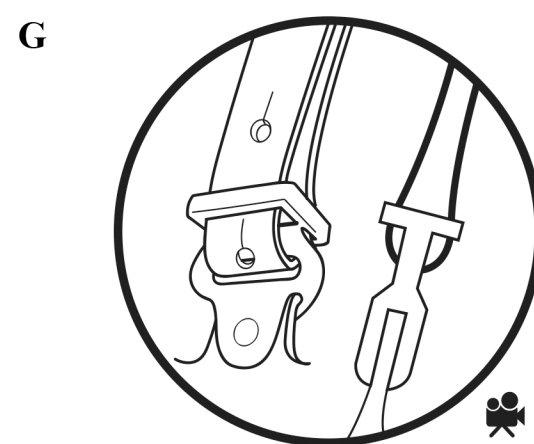


- 6 See Illustration F. Adjust the height, angle and forward position of the holster and ammo carrier to the most comfortable and concealable fit for your body type. This adjusting process is critical; spend the time to get the correct fit. A system that is set up in a hurried fashion results in a sloppy fit and compromised function. Many users find it easier to have another person adjust the shoulder system for them while they remain stationary.
- 7 Once it is fitted correctly, remove shoulder system carefully so as not to alter adjustments.
- 8 See Illustration G, H. Thread the harness through the final loop on the swivel keeper.

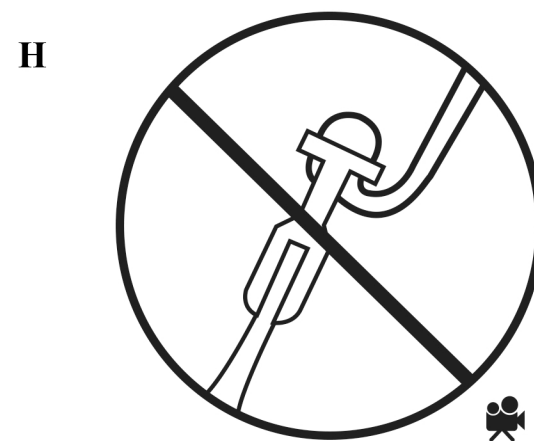


CAUTION Ensure that the straps of the harness are threaded correctly through the swivel keeper for permanent harness adjustment. Failure to do so will break your swivel keeper.

CORRECT PERMANENT HARNESS ADJUSTMENT



WRONG THIS WILL BREAK YOUR SWIVEL KEEPER



- 9 Put shoulder system back on and recheck all adjustments.

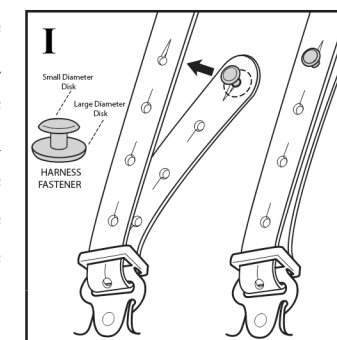
ADJUSTING FIT OF SHOULDER HOLSTER (continued)

- 10 When you are absolutely certain of all adjustments you may trim off excess harness length. **Please consider two important things:**

- It often requires wearing the rig for several days before fine-tuning is complete.
- Before permanently shortening the harness, consider future use with seasonal clothing, body armor, weight fluctuations, etc.

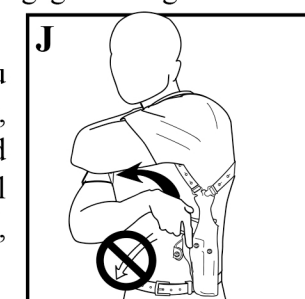
HARNESS HARDWARE

See Illustration I. Insert the Harness Fastener through a hole/slot on the tail end of the harness by pushing the small diameter disk through the back of the harness. The large disk is intended to be on the inside of the rear strap, against your body. Connect the straps by pushing the small diameter disk through a hole/slot on the top strap. Lock the straps in place by moving the post of the Harness Fastener so it is centered through the hole and not along the slot.



DRAWING AND HOLSTERING

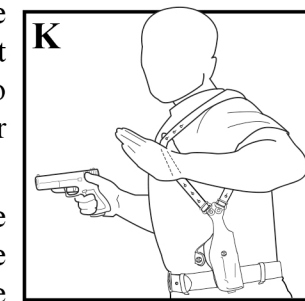
- 1 Raise the holster-side hand to the opposite shoulder.
- 2 At the same time, cross your shooting hand under your holster-side arm. Grip the firearm with the shooting hand and use your index finger to disengage the finger-break and retention strap.
- 3 When drawing the firearm you MUST draw slightly up, forward and out. A downward draw stroke or a horizontal draw stroke will not work well, if at all. See Illustration J.



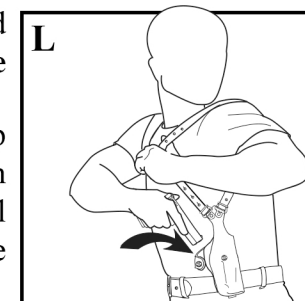
- 4 Once the firearm is pointed towards the target, grip the firearm with both hands using a proper shooting grip as taught by an accredited firearms safety and training course. See training video at galcogunleather.com/videos

WARNING The trigger should not be touched and your finger should not enter the trigger guard until you are ready to fire at your intended target.

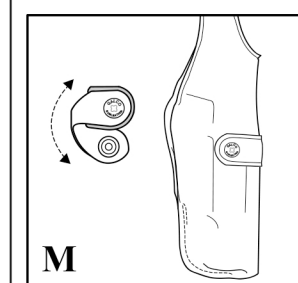
- 5 To holster the firearm, raise elbow of holster-side arm out from your body 90 degrees so firearm muzzle does not cover the arm. See Illustration K.



- 6 Hook your thumb under the harness strap to stabilize the holster. Carefully toe the firearm into the holster and refasten the safety strap. See Illustration L.
- 7 For safe carry, the safety strap must be used (snapped in place, front and back) until you are ready to remove the firearm from the holster.



AMBIDEXTROUS USE



The VHS Shoulder holster is ambidextrous by design and 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 re-enforced finger break is on the outside of the holster.

CAUTION Left-handed users MUST remove the safety strap and reverse it so the finger break is accessible to the index finger of your firing grip.

MODULAR SYSTEM

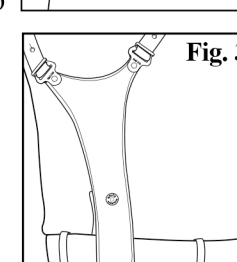
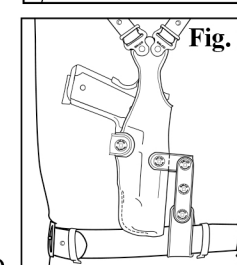
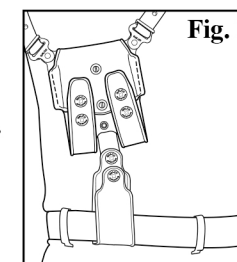
Galco shoulder systems not only excel in comfort, concealment, and function, they also accommodate changes in the user's carrying routine. Individual holsters may be purchased to handle different handguns, or a second holster can be added to the same system to create a double rig. All harness styles, holsters, ammo carriers, tie-downs and optional accessories contribute to the flexible nature of the system.

ACCESSORIES

TIE-DOWNS

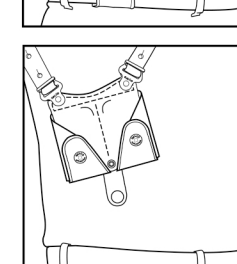
Tie-Downs are designed to anchor the shoulder system components to your belt. Tie-Downs are optional items and are used as a matter of personal preference. Tie-downs are available in finishes and colors to match your harness, in models to work with each system component.

- Tie-downs to connect the ammo carrier to the belt. (Fig. 1)
- Tie-downs to connect the holster to the belt. (Fig. 2)
- Tie-downs to connect the harness to the belt when ammo carrier is not used. (Fig. 3)



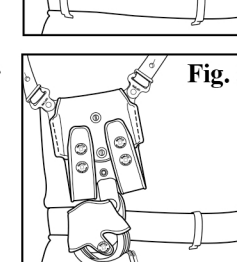
SCA CARTRIDGE CASE

The Cartridge Carrier holds loose cartridges or speed strips. An attachment point for the ammo side tie-down swivels to hide behind the ammo carrier when not in use. (Fig. 4)



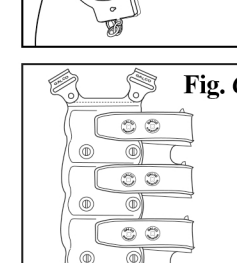
SC7/SC9 HANDCUFF CASE

The SC7/SC9 Handcuff 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 side. The SC7/SC9 Handcuff Case can also be worn on the belt, without the shoulder system. (Fig. 5)



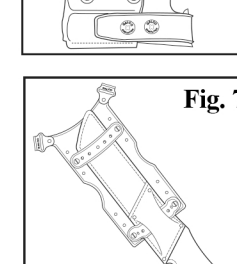
QUAD MAGAZINE CARRIER

The Quad Magazine Carrier was designed in response to requests from users in high-threat areas. It carrier four magazines in horizontal orientation. Tension units and removable/ reversible straps secure the magazines. (Fig. 6)



SHUKA

The SHUKA (Shoulder Holster Universal Knife Accessory) allows the user to carry a full-sized fighting knife. (Fig. 7)



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.