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Safariland™ User's Guide

CAUTION: This holster is designed to accommodate a handgun with an approved light system mounted to it. The holster retention system is designed to function optimally with the light installed on the handgun. To ensure proper functioning of the holster retention system, ensure that the approved light is installed on the handgun in accordance to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Step 3

After the handgun is properly seated in holster, rotate optic cover and SLS "strap" rearward over the hammer or back of the slide until the optic cover and SLS unit "click" into the locked position. This action should become very natural after practice. Steps 2 and 3 should be practices until one-handed holstering and securing of the thumb/hammer strap is smooth and natural.

CAUTION: Never leave SLS hood in the rotated forward position. Any holster's retention capabilities are severely diminished if SLS hood is in the rotated forward position.

Step 4

To draw handgun, it is necessary to use a three-step process. First, while obtaining a shooting grip with trigger finger extended straight and, with thumb, press the thumb tab down to release SLS lock. Second, use the thumb to rotate SLS forward and clear of the handgun and hammer. The first and second operation can become one motion with practice and proper technique. Third, use thumb to move ALS injection port locking lever back enough for weapon to clear and draw handgun straight up. **Caution:** Be certain the rotating hood is clear of the handgun prior to drawing the handgun out of the holster. A bit of resistance should be encountered until handgun is released for holster seat.

CAUTION: Prior to wearing the holster on duty, the user must accomplish draw from fully secured holster in less than two seconds while under simulated stress or a life-threatening situation. Have a partner time your surprise command to completed draw.

A handgun seated in a new holster will fit more tightly than after a reasonable, break-in period has occurred. Thus, the holster should not be used with a loaded handgun or on duty until the under two-second drawing standard indicated above is accomplished by the user. Should the holster remain tight after a reasonable break-in period, apply a liberal amount of common silicone spray to the inside of the holster.

CAUTION: Should the holster continue to bind or remain tight, **cease use immediately.**

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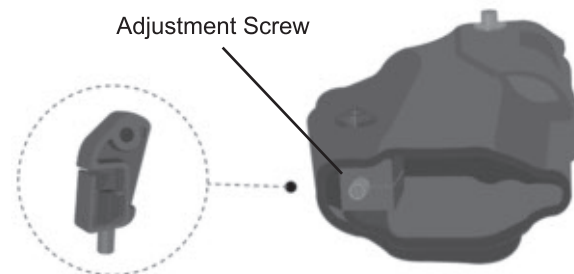
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The tensioning device should be set so that any unnecessary movement in the muzzle area is eliminated. NOTE: Do not over tighten as this may affect a smooth draw from the holster. Turn the tension adjustment screw clockwise to tighten or counter clockwise to relieve retention. Repeat the entire procedure until you are satisfied with the handgun's security and draw from the holster.

CAUTION: Practice and training as prescribed in this manual are mandatory prior to using the holster with a loaded handgun. Do not use a loaded handgun during practice and training. Practice using the holster with an unloaded handgun until you are thoroughly competent and proficient in its safe use.

Regular practice to assure proficiency in using the holster must be continued as long as it is to be used. The amount of practice and training required will depend upon the dexterity, coordination and prior experience with holsters and handguns of each particular user.

***Note - diagram from non-light holsters only**



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Model 6360RDS, 6362RDS, 6365RDS



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Operating Instructions

Step 1

In order to draw a handgun from the Safariland RDS Model 6360/6362/6365 holster, it is necessary to install it on a 2 1/4" (58mm) or 2" (50mm) wide duty belt.

Step 2

Push down on thumb area, and, while holding thumb tab down, rotate SLS forward. The SLS "Strap" will automatically advance the optic cover forward. When placing the handgun in the holster, do not place finger in trigger guard, or near the trigger. Position trigger finger adjacent to, but away from the trigger and, if possible, support the tip of the finger on the front of the trigger guard. While inserting handgun in the holster, always place thumb over the hammer or behind the slide. Be certain handgun is thoroughly seated in holster with ejection port lock engaged with the ALS lever. Pull up slightly on the handgun to ensure ALS lock is engaged.



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Improper or careless use of a firearm or a firearm and holster may result in serious injury or death. It is the user's responsibility to have a thorough knowledge of and be properly trained in all aspects of firearm and holster safety and use.

- ❑ Do not place a loaded handgun in a holster without first testing the holster for proper fit with the handgun in an unloaded condition.
- ❑ Do not carry any handgun with a round in the chamber unless you have received professional training in use of the handgun and holster and are willing to assume responsibility and risk (including accidental discharge) of carrying a loaded handgun.
- ❑ If your handgun is equipped with a safety lever, be sure that safety is engaged when holstering the handgun.
- ❑ When drawing handgun from holster or replacing it in holster do not place finger in trigger guard, or near the trigger. Position trigger finger adjacent to but away from the trigger and, if possible, support tip of finger on the front of trigger guard.
- ❑ When putting handgun in holster always place thumb over the hammer or behind the slide.
- ❑ Always keep hammer strap and thumb break forward or clear of trigger guard when putting handgun in holster. Do not allow strap or any other object to enter trigger guard.
- ❑ Always secure the retaining or safety strap(s) on holster after inserting handgun in holster.
- ❑ Never holster any semi-automatic handgun in a single-action mode (except handguns which are single action only; e.g.s., the Colt 1911 and the Browning Hi-Power style handgun).
- ❑ Do not attempt to cock a holstered handgun as this can cause severe damage to the handgun or holster or both and may contribute to an accidental discharge.
- ❑ Always place hand on the handgun and holster when running or performing other vigorous activity.
- ❑ Do not use customized, modified, worn or broken handguns or those that are not of original manufacturer's specifications in a Safariland holster.
- ❑ Do not, in any way, modify, disassemble or remove any part from this holster, unless approved by Safariland.
- ❑ Do not expose holster to extreme heat conditions.
- ❑ Do not leave holster in trunk of vehicle during extremely hot weather.
- ❑ Do not rely on any holster being "snatch proof". There is no such holster. Rely only on extensive, proper training and vigilance.
- ❑ It is the user's responsibility to properly maintain holster regularly, including checking snaps, screws and other components for proper function.
- ❑ Be aware that handguns with lights mounted to them create an opening in the holster that could possibly allow access to the trigger.

Failure to heed these warnings or follow the operating instructions may result in accidental discharge of a handgun causing serious injury or death.

WARNING! Never store your Safariland holster or accessories near a heat source. Space heaters, radiators, heating registers, fireplaces, or other heating sources emit high temperatures that can deform or destroy the polymer from which many Safariland products are manufactured. The non-reflective surface on Safariland products will efficiently absorb radiant heat and can reach temperatures in excess of 200 degrees Fahrenheit, even several feet away from certain heating sources. **Exposure to high heat can cause them to deform, and in some cases can cause the weapon to be locked in place.** If you have accidentally exposed your equipment to a heat source, you should immediately remove it from the area, allow it to cool to room temperature and then operate it to insure correct function.

Read and understand all owner's manuals, instructions, and guides prepared by the manufacturer for your handgun prior to use.

Safariland holsters are designed to carry specific handguns. Before use, be sure holster selected is designed to carry corresponding handgun. If there is any doubt, do not use holster. Contact Safariland's Customer Care at (800) 347-1200 or (909) 923-7300. Carrying a handgun in an ill-fitting or improper holster can result in serious injury or death.

The purchase and use of this Safariland holster is done at the sole and exclusive risk of the user.

Congratulations on your Safariland purchase. You have selected a product with construction technology that is unique and state of the art in the manufacturing of holsters, belts and accessories.

The product you have received is constructed with one or more of the following materials; a soft glove leather, natural suede and/or Safarilaminate. Care and maintenance of this product is dictated by the material from which it is constructed. Use of an incorrect cleaning material will result in damage to the finish of the product.

Safarilaminate can be cleaned by wiping with a clean damp cloth. A paste type leather polish may be used to clean and protect the leather portions of the product. Products manufactured with suede can be cleaned by brushing with a soft brush. Do not use spray lacquer on any product as it will damage the finish.

Additional Warnings

It is important to note that most natural and man-made products may eventually "wear out" or become unsuitable for the function for which they were designed. Stress and strain placed on any given holster will vary according to usage; therefore it is difficult to indicate a recommended replacement date for this product. It is the user's responsibility to assure, after use, that the holster is able to continue service within its design parameters.

It is the user's responsibility to daily inspect the holster for signs of excessive wear, or loss of retention of the handgun, and tightness of all screws and hardware. If any possible problem is detected or any doubt exists, do not use. Call Safariland's Customer Care at (800) 347-1200 or (909) 923-7300.

The SLS mechanism is composed of stainless steel and chemically resistant plastic. It is designed with extra tolerances and clearing ports in order to function under extreme environmental conditions. Like the weapon it encloses, the SLS mechanism is a mechanical device and could require cleaning and lubrication if exposed to extremely dirty conditions. Testing has shown that conditions such as mud, dry sand, and airborne grit will cause additional force to operate the SLS rotating hood. Those same conditions usually render the weapon useless before the SLS rotating hood is affected.

If your holster and weapon have been exposed to such conditions, you should as soon as practicable clean your handgun per the manufacturer's instructions and then clean the SLS rotating hood system. If the SLS mechanism has been exposed to mud and the unit is still wet, flush with warm water while rotating the hood until the unit works smoothly then lubricate with any gun oil. If the SLS mechanism has been exposed to dry sand or grit, it should be cleaned with WD-40 or a similar aerosol product using the plastic straw nozzle while rotating the hood until the unit works smoothly, then lubricate with a gun oil. As a practical matter you should inspect, clean and lubricate the SLS mechanism every time you inspect, clean and lubricate your handgun.