

Congratulations! You have just purchased the most advanced synthetic dual retention duty holster on the market. Here are some of its many unique features:

- Patented SERPA Technology®, Active Retention System Models combine immediate access to the carried firearm with unparalleled retention
- All Models are molded from a durable and resilient blend of carbon fiber and impact-modified nylon for low maintenance and high performance in all environments. From perspiration to saltwater, in heat or in cold, it is superior to the older, more dated polymer materials on the market.
- Unique Jacket Slot Belt Loop adjusts for cant and to fit your individual belt width
- Metal hardware on all models is either stainless steel or brass for all weather, all environment performance. Polymer hardware is specifically designed for durability and quiet operation.

WARNING: READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER WARNINGS BEFORE PUTTING THE HANDGUN INTO THE HOLSTER.

The maker of BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters, BLACKHAWK!®, warns all users of these holsters to exercise extreme caution in the handling of any firearm. Because any firearm is potentially dangerous, the user should successfully complete a recognized firearms safety course before handling or employing one.

Although all BLACKHAWK!® Holsters are designed with the utmost care and concern for safety, the use of a firearm with a holster remains an activity that requires training, skill and care in the proper use of both the firearm and the holster.

BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters are intended primarily for law enforcement and military applications by law enforcement and military personnel trained and certified by their agency or branch of service in the use of holsters and the carry and use of handguns. It is recommended that non-military and non-law enforcement personnel never attempt to holster or carry a sidearm in a ready-to-fire condition.

For law enforcement and military applications, BLACKHAWK!® recommends that the user practice drawing and reholstering an unloaded handgun from the holster until they can do so correctly, even under stressful conditions, before he or she attempts to employ a loaded weapon in any condition or environment.

Furthermore, BLACKHAWK!® recommends to such law enforcement and military personnel that you do not carry a gun in a ready-to-fire condition unless you are trained and certified by your agency or branch of service to carry a gun in this condition and the gun is manufactured to be carried safely in this condition. Additionally, it is recommended to the same law enforcement and military personnel that you do not carry a semi-auto pistol in a cocked (i.e. "cocked and locked") condition unless it has been manufactured to be carried safely in this condition. If you carry a semi-auto pistol and carry it cocked (i.e. "cocked and locked"), you should be trained and certified to carry a gun in this condition.

In using any of the BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters described in this pamphlet, the user must be aware that each holster is designed to fit a specific group of handguns and therefore may not fit the contours of certain handguns exactly. BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters are constructed in such a fashion that they are designed only for the guns listed for each particular holster and size.

YOU SHOULD NOT USE THIS HOLSTER UNTIL YOU HAVE VERIFIED THE SIZE AND FIT INFORMATION, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THESE WARNINGS, HAVE READ AND FOLLOWED THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE, AND HAVE PRACTICED WITH THE HOLSTER AS DESCRIBED HEREIN. IN SOME CASES THE HOLSTER MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED FOR YOU PERSONALLY AND FOR YOUR FIREARM.

1. Check to ensure that your firearm is one for which the BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters has been designed to fit. The BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters has been developed for only the particular models and sizes listed in the BLACKHAWK!® section of the catalog. Fit information can also be found on both the original packaging and the back of the holster itself. **YOU MUST NOT USE THE BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® CARBON FIBER HOLSTERS WITH A FIREARM THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.** If in doubt, please call BLACKHAWK!® at 1-800-694-5263 (phone), 888-830-2013 (fax) or cs@blackhawk.com (eMail).

2. Even if your firearm is listed as one for which this holster has been designed to fit, **DO NOT** use the holster if it does not appear to fit your firearm properly. Return it to BLACKHAWK!® and we will immediately replace it. Please contact BLACKHAWK!® at 1-800-694-5263 (phone), 888-830-2013 (fax) or cs@blackhawk.com (eMail) to receive a return authorization.

3. **DO NOT** modify this holster in any manner. **DO NOT** use this holster to carry any firearm that has been modified or is malfunctioning.

4. **ALWAYS** refer to the gun manufacturer's recommendations and instructions regarding whether to carry your gun in a ready-to-fire condition. **DO NOT** carry a gun in a ready-to-fire condition unless your gun is manufactured to be carried safely in this condition **AND** you are trained and certified to carry a gun in this condition.

5. **ALWAYS** use care when holstering any handgun to avoid unintentional cocking of the firearm. After holstering, check to make sure that the handgun is not in a cocked condition. **DO NOT** carry a semi-auto pistol in a cocked (i.e. "cocked and locked") condition unless it has been manufactured to be carried safely in this condition. If you carry a semi-auto pistol and carry it cocked (i.e. "cocked and locked") you should be trained and certified to carry a gun in this condition.

6. **ALWAYS** engage the safety before holstering the pistol and **DO NOT** disengage it until after the weapon has been drawn and is clear of the holster. **DO NOT** carry a gun in this condition unless you have been specifically trained in the proper and safe procedure for such use.

7. **DO NOT** draw or return the gun to the holster with your finger on the trigger.

8. **DO NOT** touch the hammer of the firearm when drawing or replacing the firearm.

9. **ALWAYS** check to make sure that the holster does not interfere with any safety features, controls, sights, or magazine release devices of the gun you plan to carry in it.

10. **ALWAYS** check the holster for wear or damage before each use. This is important to assure that the holster will continue to



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function as designed and intended. DO NOT use this holster if wear, damage, or other condition of the holster defeats or interferes with any safety or design function of the holster or the gun.

11. **ALWAYS MAKE SURE** that the firearm is secured in the holster with the SERPA Active Retention System® and/or the passive retention detent mechanism.

12. **ALWAYS** be diligent and alert when using this holster as the primary responsibility for weapon retention lies not with the holster but with the individual employing the holster.

13. **ALWAYS** be careful when using the holster and any firearm. Practice drawing and holstering the firearm so that you will be prepared if you encounter a potentially dangerous situation.

14. If you have any questions or comments about the BLACKHAWK! Law Enforcement® Carbon Fiber Holsters or should need a return authorization, please contact BLACKHAWK!® at 1-800-694-5263 (phone), 888-830-2013 (fax) or cs@blackhawk.com (eMail). Additional copies of this manual can also be obtained by contacting BLACKHAWK!® at those numbers.

Jacket Slot Belt Loop ADJUSTMENTS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Jacket Slot Belt Loop adjusts for cant to allow for individual preference or department regulation. The holster is shipped from BLACKHAWK!® in the vertical position but it can be converted to either a “butt forward” or a “muzzle forward” carry as needed.

Turn the empty (NO FIREARM INSTALLED) holster over so that the three Holster-attachment screws are reachable from the rear. Use a properly fitting Phillips Head screwdriver to remove all three screws completely from the holster and Loop. The Loop is specifically designed to prevent the screws from slipping from one position to another in the case of an attack; therefore the screws must be completely removed in order to formally change the position of the holster body.

Separate the Loop from the holster body. Select the proper three-hole combination within the Loop that provides the gun carrying angle (rake) you require. Place that combination over the threaded inserts that are molded into the holster body and then replace and start the three screws into the inserts. Tighten the screws evenly and completely making sure that the Loop seats flat against each of the holster bosses that contain the inserts.

The Jacket Slot Belt Loop is capable of accommodating up to 2.25” Duty Belts. NOTE: While the Loop will accept a wide range of heights and thicknesses, if a Duty Belt of less than the US-conventional 2”-2.25” height and corresponding thickness is employed, it is the user’s responsibility to make sure that the Loop will attach properly and that the Belt itself is of sufficient design and construction to serve as a Duty Belt.

The Jacket Slot Belt Loop is unique in that it can be installed on the Duty Belt without removing any accompanying Duty Gear. Turn the empty (NO FIREARM INSTALLED) holster over so that the two Belt-attachment screws are reachable from the rear. Use a properly fitting Phillips Head screwdriver and remove both screws completely from the Loop. The holster does not need to be removed from the Loop for it to be installed on the Belt. The two Loop straps are now free to be spread “open” and

installed downward over the top of the Belt at the user’s desired location. If the user chooses, he or she may also slide the Loop on to the Duty Belt in the conventional manner. In either case make sure that the Belt is seated firmly against the inside radius at the top of the Loop. In many cases, this is best achieved by grasping the Belt with one hand on either side of the Holster and Loop Assembly and then pushing down solidly on the top of the Loop with each thumb.

Once the Loop is correctly positioned, replace and start the screws; carefully engaging the threaded insert. Tighten both screws evenly and completely. Check your work by grasping the holster and Loop Assembly and making sure that it cannot be rotated or rocked in position or that it cannot be slid out of position along the Belt itself.

SERPA Equipped BLACKHAWK!® Law Enforcement Carbon Fiber Duty Holsters INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Make sure your firearm is UNLOADED and that the holster selected is the correct model for your handgun. See the original package for fit information. BLACKHAWK!® Law Enforcement Carbon Fiber Holsters are marked on the back of the holster and on the packaging as to the primary model of gun designed to fit in the holster. Because of their high level of performance BLACKHAWK!® Law Enforcement Carbon Fiber Holsters are very gun specific and only the guns listed in the fit information should be used with a particular holster. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ATTEMPT TO USE A NON-LISTED OR MODIFIED (NON-STOCK BUT LISTED) GUN IN THE HOLSTER.**

2. Remove any packaging materials and make sure that the interior of the holster is free of obstructions. Using an UNLOADED handgun push the gun into the holster as far as it will go. You should both feel and hear the engagement of the SERPA Active Retention System. Visually, you will see the finger-activation platform of the SERPA Active Retention System dip inward as the trigger guard of the weapon encounters the device. The trigger guard lock will engage and the finger-activation platform will return to its outermost position, audibly snapping into place, when the firearm is secured. As shipped from the factory, the passive retention detent mechanism is also functioning but the action of the SERPA Active Retention System prevents you from either hearing or feeling it engage as you would on the non-SERPA equipped CQC Carbon Fiber Holsters.

3. To test the SERPA Active Retention System, grasp the UNLOADED handgun as you would normally; that is with a solid shooting grip on the weapon and your index (trigger) finger extended forward and flat along the outside of the holster body. As the grip is being established and your finger is moving forward along the holster body, locate it against the inside edge of the protective ridge. You will find that as you do this, your finger will also align itself with the finger-activation platform. With practice, this will not remain a multi-step operation, for with time and continued repetitions, your finger will go forward and against both the protective ridge and the finger-activation platform at the same time your grip is being established. To remove the weapon, merely apply pressure against the finger-activation platform with the extended (no-reason-to-bend) index finger in order to disengage the SERPA Active Retention System and then draw the weapon upward and outward out of the holster body. The passive retention detent mechanism will resist this movement until the necessary amount of force required to overcome it is reached.

NOTE: Do not attempt to pull up on the gun until you have depressed the finger-activation platform. To help resist unauthorized removals (take-aways), the SERPA Active Retention System is designed to hold the weapon against the lock in such instances and not readily release it in this manner.

To re-holster the firearm, return the UNLOADED handgun to the holster and push it firmly into the holster until you both feel and hear the engagement of the SERPA Active Retention System. Visually, you will see the finger-activation platform of the SERPA Active Retention System dip inward as the trigger guard encounters the device. The trigger guard lock will engage and the finger-activation platform will return to its outermost position, audibly snapping into place, when the firearm is secured.

4. To adjust the passive retention detent mechanism, use a screwdriver, and turn the Phillips head screw located on the front wall (face) of the holster one full turn counter-clockwise. Insert the UNLOADED handgun into the holster as far as it will go. You should both feel and hear the engagement of the SERPA Active Retention System. Visually, you will see the finger-activation platform of the SERPA Active Retention System dip inward as the trigger guard encounters the device. The trigger guard lock will engage and the finger-activation platform will return to its outermost position, audibly snapping into place, when the firearm is secured.

Activate the SERPA release and remove the UNLOADED handgun; taking note of the amount of tension exerted on the firearm by the passive retention detent mechanism as well as the amount of force that’s required to overcome it and actually remove the firearm from the holster. Return the UNLOADED handgun into the holster as previously described; once again noting the tension exerted upon it.

Turn the adjustment screw clockwise one-eighth of a turn. Once again remove and reinsert the UNLOADED handgun in the described manner; noting the difference (here, an increase) in the amount of tension exerted on the firearm by the passive retention detent mechanism and in the amount of force that is now necessary to overcome it and actually remove the firearm from the holster.

Because a small adjustment makes a big difference in the passive retention feature, repeat this process in only one-eighth of a turn increments until the desired amount of tension (passive retention) is obtained. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!** The amount of tension/passive retention is generally determined by the intended use of the holster and firearm but is also affected by personal preference and individual draw stroke.

NOTE: The active retention feature of the SERPA holster requires no adjustment.

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