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Field Chest Holster



The field Chest holster is one of the best additions to our holster line. The holster is an improved design of the military tankers holster (M-7). I used this holster during the years I was a member of a USMC reserve tank unit, and was issued a number of these holsters.

This design allowed the user great versatility in how he wore the holster and to work in confined spaces. The design was fantastic but lacked in construction, materials and hardware.

First the leather used in the military issue holsters was very light and not of the best quality, appearing to be of imported leathers. Our holsters are made from USA vegetable tanned Herman Oak leather. The leather used is of the same thickness and quality we use in all of our working saddles.



Second problem with Military design was with the use of the snaps. This was most of the time the parts that failed, making a holster unserviceable.



The improved design that we came up with was using the Sam Brown stud or final for the fasteners. These style of fasteners were used on all military equipment; holsters, cap boxes, ammo carriers, etc. throughout the 1800's.



The third problem was the lacing used to attach the strap to the holster body. This lace was not of the best quality and would break or stretch with time. We rivet the strap on to the holster body and provide the same Conway buckles that are used on wagon harness for quick adjustment. There are no moving parts as on a buckle that can break or wear out.



As an outdoorsman whether you carry a handgun for hunting or defense you need a holster that is comfortable, functional and versatile. Horseback riding, hiking, ATV riding, bicycle riding, fishing or any number of other outdoor activities require different needs and expectations of a holster. Our Field Chest holster will meet most of these requirements.

Comfort- The rigors and hazards of the outdoors, along with personal preferences requires bigger and heavier guns than most other firearms usage. The design we use allows for the weight of the gun to be distributed over more of the body. The weapon is kept in tighter to the body giving a flatter profile. This provides less chances of hanging the gun up on something. Wearing of a gun and holster for long periods of time is going to cause some pressure on the body and discomfort. The moving of our holster just a couple of inches relieves this pressure point and discomfort.

Functionality- The design of the holster is to cover as much of the gun from the harsh elements of the outdoor climate as possible, but still providing a smooth and reliable grip and draw.

These holsters are meant to be used in rain, snow, dust and dirt or other harsh climates. The leather is dyed and then hand waxed both outside and inside. This gives a deeper penetration against elements and allows for a smoother finish on the inside. Rough finishes on the inside of a holster allow dirt to stick to it. The dirt that gets stuck on the inside of a holster collects moisture, and can act like sandpaper on a guns finish. Once the holster is treated with the wax formula it is constructed, molded and the final step is a resist finish applied inside and out to provide as much water resistance as possible.

Versatility- The tankers style holster was known by aircraft crews and takers for the versatility that

it provided. The requirements of outdoor use may require adding equipment, removing equipment or changing your activities on any given day or time. The design allows for positioning the holster and weapon out of your way, while still maintain accessibility to your weapon when it is needed. The hip holster configuration (strong side or cross draw) can cause problems. In a hip Holster configuration the weapon can cause problems for anyone wearing a backpack, slinging a rifle, or someone riding horses, ATV's or bikes.

- Your straps or sling can hang up on the butt of the gun.
- The rifle stock rubs and bangs against the gun
- The butt of the gun is jabbing your side
- Hanging the butt up on brush, clothing and other items



Distributes weight over body



Holster worn in cross draw position

When carrying a rifle the holster can be moved more forward and up so that the sling doesn't hang up on your weapon. This prevents the butt from rubbing and banging on the weapon.



Rifle carry



With a Backpack

With a back pack, moving the holster more onto the chest frees up the area for straps and waist belt. The backpack can be worn in the proper manner on the body. The waist belt can be worn properly and in the right position.



Use of waist belt



When outdoors many things come up that may require you to position your weapon out of the way. Building a fire, setting up a tent, tying your boots, gutting an animal or any prolonged bending over. Hip holsters are in the way, uncomfortable and hard to remove. In these situations our holster allows you to move the weapon to the small of the back. This keeps the weapon out of the way, but with a simple lift and pull on the gun butt, it slides back into position for drawing. This allows for you to bend over without the gun jabbing into your ribs, getting in the way and being uncomfortable. Bow hunters like this feature in that they have the weapon with them but it does not interfere with a hip quiver and the bow strings when they use the bow.

Moved to the Back Position



You will notice that in these two photos that as you bend over the weapon is sucked up tight to the back. This was one of the reasons that the design was so successful with soldiers in tight cramped spaces.



Black revolver



Holster Brown Left Auto

The field chest holster can be made for all revolver models and large frame auto loaders. The holster has maintained the basic design of the military version with improvements. Some makers have made the chest holster in the M-3 design. This design is cheaper to make in materials and labor. It consists of a single leather strap over the chest. The belt loop has to be fastened to keep the holster and gun from bouncing around. This is why the military redesigned the holster and included the waist strap. The single strap holster doesn't have the versatility of the model that we make. Our field chest holster is truly a handmade, hand molded item that we are proud to ship. We will stand behind these holsters with the guarantee that if anything breaks or comes apart we will fix it or replace it for free (you pay shipping one way). For any further information just email us.

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