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HIGH NOON

POCKET HOLSTER



ABOUT:

High Noon is one of my favorite holster manufacturers since becoming familiar with their product. Made In Florida of high quality leather and horsehides, the High Noon Pocket Holster features exceptional stitching, quality hides, and exclusive extruded materials for an excellent fit and retention as well as concealability. The holster retails for \$49.95 and is easily obtainable online.

PERSONAL NOTES:

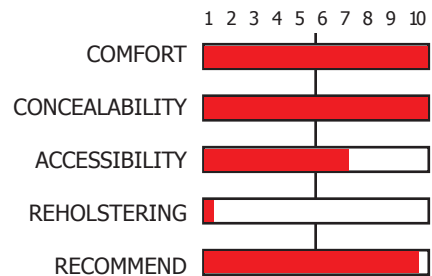
A must have for the snub nose revolver fanatic. Unmatched concealability and easy access make this a great design for pocket carry of a S&W J Frame 2". The outer material provides for an excellent pocket grip and the squared off design helps hide the gun in most types of slacks. Although a little practice is required for learning the draw, it is easy to figure out. This holster is the only pocket holster for my S&W.



type: pocket
 material: leather
 retail: \$49.95

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K&D POCKET HOLSTER



ABOUT:

Ya know, every once in a while something grabs your eye and forces you to open your wallet. This holster is one of those "somethings". The KD holster fits the small revolvers and semi's perfectly and is incredibly well designed. It comes with a removable "anti-print" panel and makes the gun virtually disappear. Well priced at \$52.50 in quality leather.

PERSONAL NOTES:

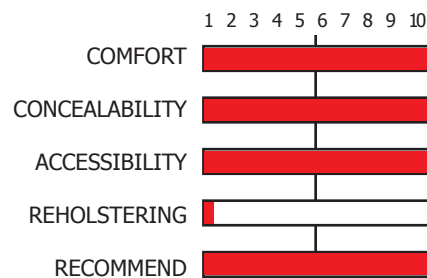
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type: pocket
material: leather
retail: \$52.50

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GALCO

ROYAL GUARD



ABOUT:

The Galco Royal guard IWB rig is a classic inside the waistband design, made of horsehide and retails for approximately \$100-110. The holster is tucked inside the waistband and the attachment is then snapped securely around the belt.

PERSONAL NOTES:

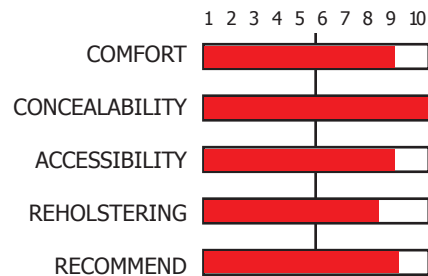
I personally own two of these rigs for a Beretta model 92FS and a full size 1911. This is without a doubt, my favorite IWB rig for a number of reasons. I love the strength of the horsehide. The holster does not collapse when the firearm is drawn and re-holstering is a breeze. The comfort factor

works for me with this design and I am able to adequately and very comfortably carry a powerful, full size handgun in virtually any attire.



type: inside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$100

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CROSSBREED

QUICKCLIP

IWB



ABOUT:

CrossBreed makes an unusual design holster and I have to admit, although it looks different than most other IWB rigs, it sure is functional and comfortable. The QuickClip IWB features both leather and Kydex with a super sturdy clip that slips over the belt without having to thread it. Great design. It retails for approximately \$63.00 and can be found online at Crossbreedholster.com.

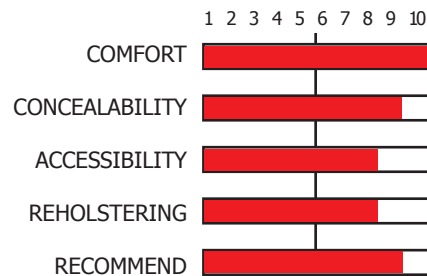
PERSONAL NOTES:

This is a really unique design with both leather and kydex and is one of the reasons I have a large selection of holsters in my collection. I'm a sucker for the unusual and when searching for the "magic bullet", I simply couldn't resist this thing. I have to admit I don't wear it that frequently however that doesn't mean it isn't functional...IT IS, and is super easy to put on and off as well as adjust. For the price, this is an excellent choice for those of us who love the feel and look of leather as well as the functionality and durability of kydex.



type: inside-the-waistband
 material: leather & kydex
 retail: \$63

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 888-732-5011
crossbreedholsters.com



JS HOLSTERS

IWB KYDEX



ABOUT:

The JS IWB is a great value in a Kydex IWB rig at \$50.00 and has excellent retention as well as the sturdy reliability of Kydex. It features a deep ride that leaves just enough of a grip for a smooth draw. Although not a well known holster company, the JS held the Glock 21 exceptionally well and won my confidence.

PERSONAL NOTES:

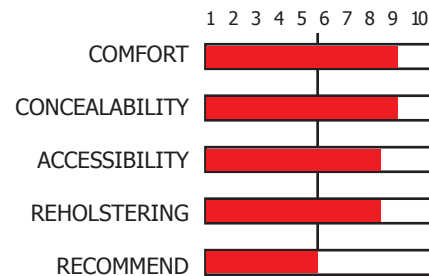
This was the first time I had seen the JS holster in action during filming of the DVD. It did its job well and I liked the design of the rig, It really did sit low and leave just enough of the gun grip to facilitate an easy draw while providing excellent concealability for a Kydex rig. An excellent value at \$50.00. I thought the belt clip could use some work and I'm not a real fan of Kydex in IWB but for you folks that dig it, this will certainly work!!



type: inside-the-waistband
material: kydex
retail: \$50

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H.B.E. SPECIALTY LEATHER- WORKS

LEATHER & SHARKSKIN



ABOUT:

This leather and sharkskin rig is easily one of the nicer holsters that we reviewed. Because of the sharkskin it is somewhat higher priced at \$99.00 but if you can afford it it makes one heck of a holster design!

PERSONAL NOTES:

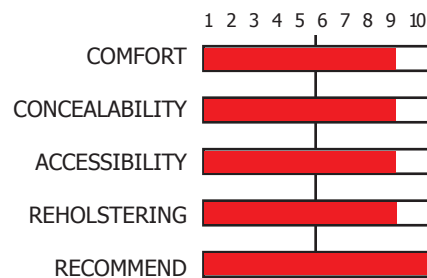
OK, first off a disclaimer...I love the exotic skin designs and don't mind spending a little bit of extra money for them...and this is one of the nicer designs I have seen. Tim demonstrated this holster with his Glock 36 and I have to admit, if I still had my Glock 36, I would have snuck it back with my luggage!! Absolutely beautiful design and retention as well as super high quality workmanship.



type: inside-the-waistband
material: leather & sharkskin
retail: \$99

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HIGH NOON

SPLIT DECISION



ABOUT:

The High Noon Split Decision is an excellent choice for tuckable IWB rig for the small to medium size pistol or revolver. Made of premium glove leather with a tuckable feature, allows the wearer to carry a small to medium size gun with undetectable confidence. The High Noon Split Decision retails for \$34.95.

PERSONAL NOTES:

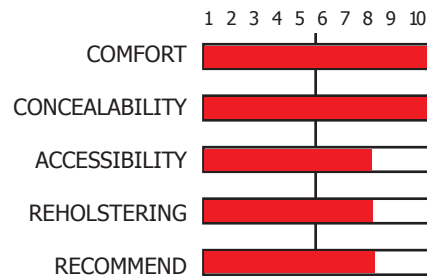
This is a fantastic tuckable rig for those who like leather and carry the smaller to medium framed revolvers or pistols. High Noon makes an excellent product and provides premium glove leathers with high quality workmanship in a very reasonably priced rig. Most rigs of this quality from other manufacturers are higher priced and this design allows for almost undetectable concealability in a very affordable holster design.



type: inside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$34.95

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GALCO

ULTRA 2A IWB

APPENDIX

CARRY



ABOUT:

As Galco mentions on their website, if concealability is paramount, this is a perfect choice. This holster is another in the line-up of ultra-deep concealment holsters with its patented Generation 3 tuckable J-hook. The hook, hooks upward and under the belt to only reveal a slight piece at the bottom of the belt. When worn with a matching belt, it simply isn't visible. The Galco 2A IWB retails for \$69.95.

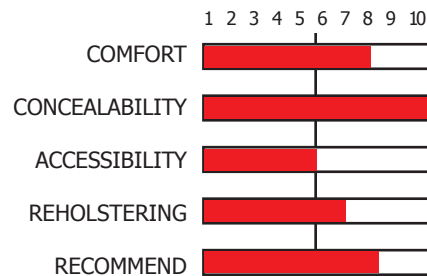
PERSONAL NOTES:

As I've mentioned before, I am not a real fan of the tuckable holsters simply because I don't require the tuckable feature for my attire. When I do find myself tucked in, I'm usually carrying a small Jframe in a pocket or a Kel-Tec P380 in the front pocket. That is not to detract from the functionality of this type of design. It truly disappears as Tim demonstrated on video and is quite comfortable. It allows for all day carry and is a tremendous method of ultra-deep concealment.

For those of you whose attire requires more of a business look or suit, this will work perfectly for you. FA is easy but does require the extra step of removing the tucked shirt-tail before gaining access to your weapon. Not a big deal considering this step can be handled in micro-seconds with practice. I would not put this method at the top of the list if you choose to carry IWB but the tuckable function is there for those of you whose daily attire requires your shirt-tail IWB.

type: inside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$69.95

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GALCO STOW-N-GO



ABOUT:

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PERSONAL NOTES:

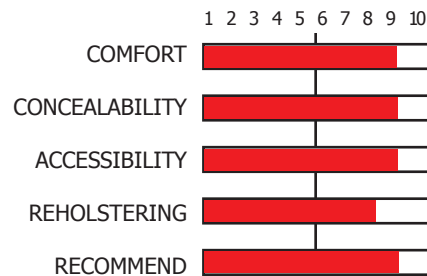
This is a unique design in an IWB only because of its materials and the reinforced nature of the holster opening. Sturdy, slim and inexpensive, the Galco Stow-N-Go is a great choice for the budget conscious. It rides the gun in a vertical position with no option of cant and although this is not my preferred method of holster position, with a smaller caliber gun she works just fine. I say that because I tend to carry a larger handgun and the forward cant allows the butt of the gun to ride closer to the body in a csanted position which tends to conceal a litle better for my body type and attire.



This is a great choice from a quality manufacturer at a great budget price.

type: inside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$49.95

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GALCO

SKYOPS



ABOUT:

The tuckable holster is a further refinement of IWB carry and adds another level of concealment to what is already one of the deepest methods available. The rig pictured above is a Galco designed Skyops tuckable IWB and retails in the \$70-80 range. All tuckable rigs allow the wearer to insert the holster inside the waistband but go a step further by allowing the wearer to tuck the shirt between the belt holder and the holster itself. Effectively hiding the gun underneath the tucked shirt.

PERSONAL NOTES:

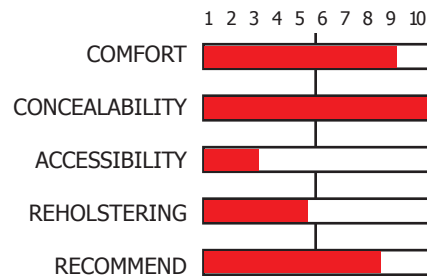
This is an interesting type of IWB rig. For me, the tuckability factor is not that great as I work from home and own my business...Neither of which requires me to tuck a shirt in during the day. I do however, get out from time to time and this rig has come in very handy. I absolutely love the low profile of the holster design. I carry a full size 1911 and this rig works just fine with the right type of clothing.



The model pictured above can be ordered with extra belt attachments and is easily interchangeable.

type: inside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$70-80

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CP3 INC. SMARTCARRY



ABOUT:

The SmartCarry holster is made of high quality denim with a strong elastic band for wrapping around the waist. The band has Velcro sewn on each end for securing the rig around the waist. The SmartCarry is available in several different sizes for different size handguns. The design pictured above is the Security Model, which has an extra pouch behind the gun and magazine pouch for carrying additional valuables.

PERSONAL NOTES:

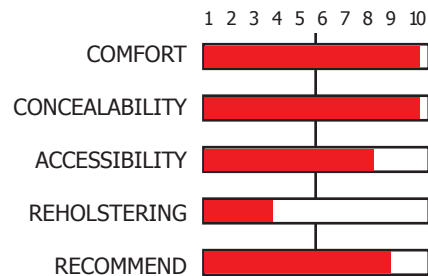
This is one of the most unusual holster designs you will ever run across. It is also, oddly, one of the more effective designs you may ever wear. The rig is designed to be worn around the waist with the weight of the handgun and magazines distributed evenly across the hips. The design adds no stress to the waist and believe it or not, conceals the largest of handguns very comfortably and effectively. The rig does leave a small bulge up near the belt line (from the butt of the gun) when carrying a larger gun but goes unnoticed by the untrained eye. In other words it tends to be visible to the wearer more so than anyone else.

This rig is absolutely outstanding when wearing bathing trunks, shorts, jeans, khaki's or suit pants. It is probably the most comfortable method of deep concealment I have ever used and is available in three sizes, small, medium, and large, which accommodate virtually any size handgun. Depending on your body type, the larger guns get a little more difficult to carry if you have put on some weight around the mid-section...so I've been told. This holster will conceal your gun and extra magazine when the need for the deepest of concealment exists.

The wearer will use one hand to tug on the waistline of the pant worn and with the other, reach for and retrieve the handgun from just below the belt line. With a little practice, the gun is drawn quickly and seems to appear from nowhere. The RHF is somewhat low, as it requires practice.

type: band
material: demin & elastic
retail: \$47.95

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GALCO

UNDERWRAPS

BELLY

BAND



ABOUT:

The Underwraps Belly Band is a unique version of the common and sometimes cheaply manufactured belly bands by some other manufacturers. The Underwraps is made by Galco and is of the highest quality of this holster type I have ever seen. It literally is designed to hold several weapons configurations as well as accessories in several different locations on the body and is made of high quality elastic material and leather and retails for \$45.95.

PERSONAL NOTES:

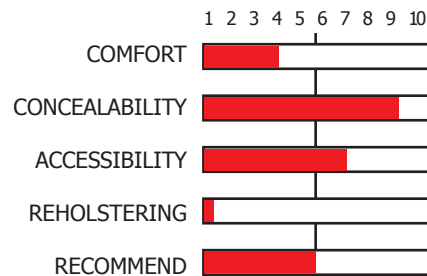
Ok, here I go...This holster is much better than the apparent low scores above. Why? First, it is made of the highest quality materials and has an excellent array of holster options. The elastic is high grade and the leather is of high Galco quality. The problem I have with this holster is more a cause and effect of my body type and my own personal opinion of what is comfortable. These holsters are difficult to wear in the solar plexus area for long duration but are very comfortable in the lower belt line area. It's personal opinion but I'd just assume to wear a IWB rig and



not carry all of the extra gear underneath what may already be uncomfortable clothing. The decision is yours.

type: band
 material: elastic, leather
 retail: \$45.95

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ACTION DIRECT

BELLY BAND W. SHOULDER SUPPORTS



ABOUT:

I'm still chuckling about Tim's demonstration of this holster/bra/thingy. Basically this is a cheap belly band with a weird bra type of configuration designed to hold the band up and support the weight of the gun. It fails on all counts except hilarity!

PERSONAL NOTES:

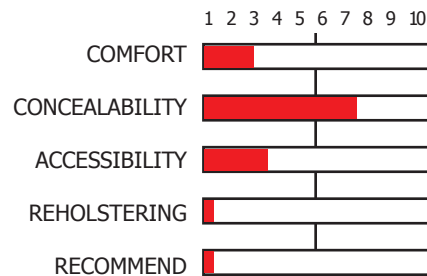
Please don't buy this and if you have it, eighty-six it!



type: band
material: elastic
retail: \$49

Action Direct

Contact information is unavailable. I think they might have gone out of business recently!



ACTIVE BODY HOLSTER CO.

NEOPRENE SOB



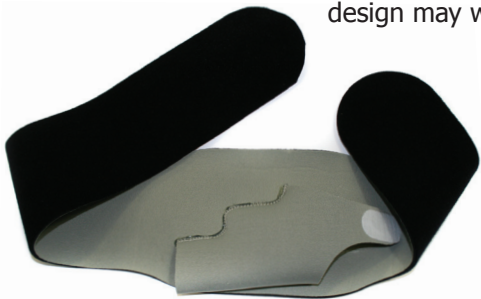
ABOUT:

Active Body Holster company has a unique design for those of you who like to carry in the small of back area for that extra deep concealment method. The neoprene design is light weight and allows for sturdy carry of the gun in this controversial method of carry. The holster retails for \$49.00

PERSONAL NOTES:

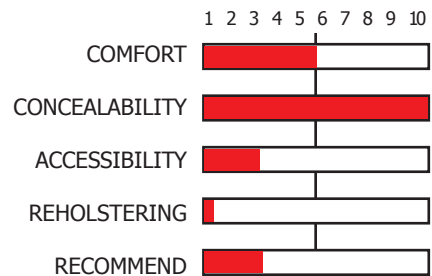
Those of you who watched the video saw Tim have a somewhat difficult time holstering the gun in this somewhat awkward position. The holster forces the wearer to strap the gun in a unique under type of velcro maneuver. Not the best design I've seen yet it seems to secure the handgun pretty well. I personally do not like this type of carry method for safety reasons but to each his own. If I were to carry SOB I wouldn't recommend this holster but would opt for any of the leather belt holsters that allow for better RHF and easier access.

I won't give my opinion on SOB carry only to say that I've decided it's not for me however the choice is yours and this design may work for you.



type: small-of-back
material: neoprene
retail: \$49.00

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A BETTER HOLSTER COMPRESSION SHIRT HOLSTER



ABOUT:

This is a unique design that Tim demonstrated on video. A great solution to your deep concealment needs that is designed to pull sweat away from your body and hide your weapons under deep, deep concealment. The Compression shirt Holster retails for \$49.95 and is an excellent choice for those of you requiring that "extra step".

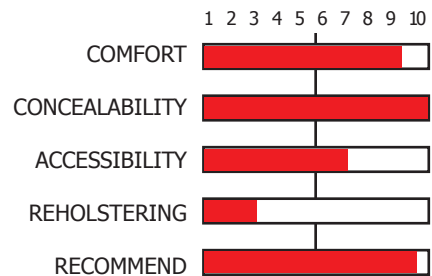
PERSONAL NOTES:

This holster is a neat design and is of excellent quality. Designed and tested by military, law enforcement and special ops, the holster comes highly recommended. I personally do not have this holster design in my holster drawer but not because I do not like the style, only that I do not require the deep level of concealment that this holster is designed for. Perfect choice for those of you who require that deep concealment in what is referred to as a NPE or Non Permissive Environment.



type: shirt
material: Polypropylene
retail: \$49.95

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KRAMER LEATHER CONFIDANT



ABOUT:

Another of the high quality shirt holster designs by Kramer, the Confidant Shirt Holster is designed for those in need of that extra step of even deeper concealment. These holsters, like the Compression holster, fits the gun snugly under the armpit of the wearer and hides the gun completely. The Kramer Confidant retails for \$50.00.

PERSONAL NOTES:

This type of design as I have mentioned before, is just not required by my personal needs but is an excellent choice for those in need of extra deep concealment. The Holster, like everything Kramer makes, is of the utmost quality and performs as designed. Like other deep concealment methods, accessibility is always a concern as this system requires techniques above and beyond normal OWB or IWB rigs but nonetheless, performs its duties as designed. Highly

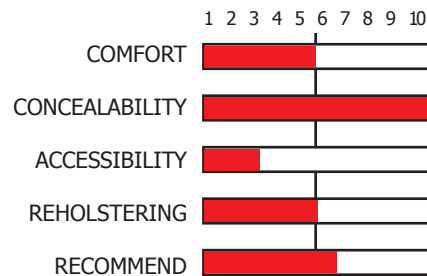


recommended for those of you requiring deep concealment in any NPE.

type: shirt
material: mesh, nylon
retail: \$50

Kramer Leather

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GALCO

CONCEALABLE BELT HOLSTER



ABOUT:

This OWB style has two belt slots and is "raked" forward with an approximate 15 degree forward canting which helps facilitate concealability. One of the most popular OWB holsters, this particular style is simple, effective and extremely comfortable. Designed to fit most handguns and available from most holster manufacturers, this type of OWB can be found in most price ranges to fit any budget. The Galco Concealed Belt Holster model pictured above is made of premium saddle leather and retails for approximately \$95.00.

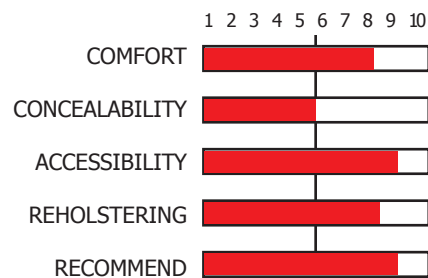
PERSONAL NOTES:

Un-tucked outer garments must be selected properly to fully and completely conceal your firearm with this type of holster. This type of OWB rig will disappear under a sport coat or similar outer garment but may print under lighter clothing selections such as T-shirts. If you are worried about "printing", you may want to consider a deeper level of concealment if not wearing a heavier covering garment. Please keep in mind that the smaller the handgun, the easier it will conceal with shorter outerwear but the gun may still print depending on type of cover clothing.

This holster happens to be my personal favorite OWB rig when I am carrying my Beretta 92 FS. It conceals the full size gun very well with the proper outerwear.

type: outside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$95

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GALCO

M5 MATRIX

PLASTIC

PADDLE



ABOUT:

The Galco line of injection molded thermoplastic holsters is lightweight in design, looks good and has the appearance of quality leather at first glance. It is a smooth feel without the normal look of a rough kydex holster and combines the functionality of plastic retention and strength with the look of leather and a great price. The M5 Matrix retails for \$28.00.

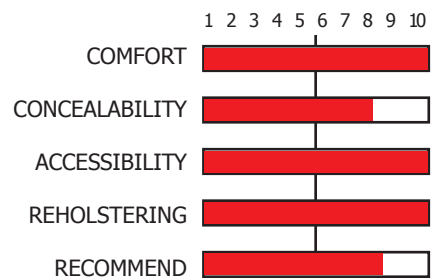
PERSONAL NOTES:

As I've said before, I prefer leather belt holsters to plastic any day. That said, the M5 Matrix has the look of leather with the reliability of plastic. It is a true paddle design that slips over the belt and holds its place quite well. This holster combines Galco's legendary quality with a great price and superb reliability. Great choice!!



type: outside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$28

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FOBUS

KYDEX

PADDLE

OWB



ABOUT:

The Fobus kydex injection molded holster system was demonstrated using the Kel Tec 32, the Glock 21 and the Glock 36. This holster design is simplistic yet sturdy and very easy to wear. The Fobus paddle designs are very affordable and for this particular gun retail for approximately \$20.00.

PERSONAL NOTES:

The Fobus holster can be found just about anywhere including most gun shops. It is a standard paddle made of injection molded plastic and very sturdy as well as rugged. In the smaller handguns such as my Kel Tec 32, this holster gets a lot of use with just about any type of cover garment. It works well with anything from a t-shirt to a coat and conceals quite well. It is very sturdy on the belt and the gun snaps firmly into place. Its RHF is excellent and this holster comes highly recommended for the smaller semi-autos. Great choice in a Kydex OWB rig for almost total concealment.

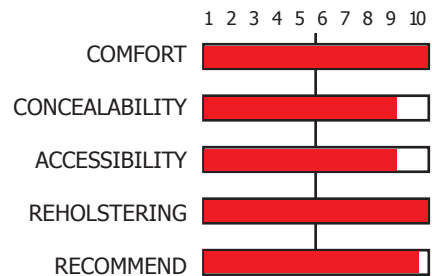


This holster system was developed in Israel for the worlds military and special security forces is combat proven and a winner. You simply won't go wrong with this popular holster design for any caliber gun you choose to carry.

type: outside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$20

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GALCO

SIDE SNAP SCABBARD



ABOUT:

The Side Snap Scabbard OWB holster is unique to other OWB holsters in the way it attaches to the belt. This particular rig has two snaps on either side of the holster rather than belt slots and accommodates various belt widths quite comfortably with a forward cant. The snaps function not only to hold the rig in place on the belt but also help reduce belt "slip" and "slide" of the entire rig. The particular holster pictured above is manufactured by Galco and retails for approximately \$100.00.

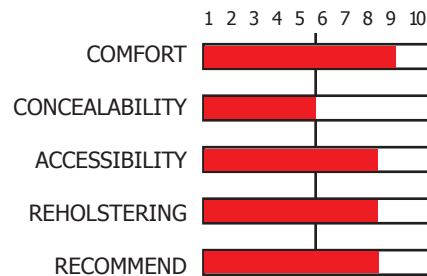
PERSONAL NOTES:

I must admit that this is, without a doubt, the finest OWB rig I have ever worn for several important reasons. First, I wear this holster with my full size 1911 and this holster fits the 1911 platform like a glove. I happen to absolutely love the ability to remove and attach this rig without being required to remove the belt. I can remove this entire setup easily and quickly if I ever find myself where I cannot carry my gun and likewise I can replace the entire setup in an instant. It holds the gun "high and tight" facilitating excellent concealment of the full size 1911 and requires very little readjustment during use with a 1-1/2" belt. Plus, I really dig the way it looks!

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type: outside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$100

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DESANTIS

3-SLOT SPEED SCABBARD



ABOUT:

The 3-slot OWB holster pictured above is very similar to the 2 slot OWB with the noticeable distinction of the 3rd belt slot. The 3rd slot allows the wearer to adjust the forward cant of the holster and thereby the accessibility of the handgun to the wearer. By utilizing the lower belt slot, the gun can be positioned to ride upright rather than forward. The position this holster is worn and its effect on concealability will depend on a number of factors including the wearers gun selection, position on the body and individual body type, to name a few. The DeSantis OWB rig pictured above also has a retention screw allowing the wearer to adjust the retention of the handgun. This type of OWB rig costs approximately \$60.00 and is widely available both retail and online.

PERSONAL NOTES:

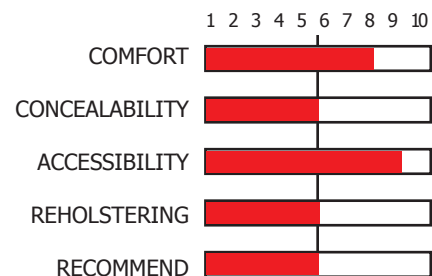
The retention screw allows retention adjustment of the gun, which can come in handy depending on what type of physical activity you may be involved in while wearing this type of OWB rig. The RHF of this holster is somewhat low. I have noticed that it has become more difficult to reholster my gun as the leather has worn and softened over time.



type: outside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$60

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GALCO

MATRIX M7

YAQUI SLIDE



ABOUT:

The matrix m7 owb yaqui slide by galco is a unique yaqui slide holster in that it is designed to look like leather and from a slight distance it does. It does not have the typical kydex feel but is smooth in appearance and feel. The matrix m7 owb retails for a very affordable \$26.00.

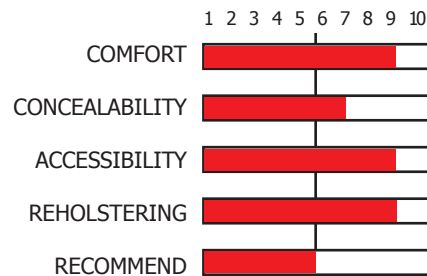
PERSONAL NOTES:

This holster is very comfortable and really does mimmick the look and even somewhat, the feel of leather in a plastic holster. The problem that i have with the holster is the design itself...it's a yaqui...i really don't like the yaqui for only one reason. I do not like the fact that if my cover garment were to ride up and expose the weapon, then the muzzle becomes visible. I would prefer that a leather or solid holster be visible rather than the muzzle itself. Having said that, the holster is very comfortable and very affordable.



type: outside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$26

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FLETCH (GALCO)

2-SLOT HIGH RIDE WITH RETENTION STRAP



ABOUT:

This 2-slot OWB rig with retention strap rides high on the belt with a forward cant and, like most other OWB holsters is quite comfortable for all day wear. The retention strap secures the weapon in place during most physical activity and utilizes a single snap. The above pictured holster is manufactured by Galco under their brand name of FLETCH High Ride Belt Holster and is available for approximately \$78.00. OWB retention strap rigs are available from many manufacturers at various prices and can be found at many retail shops as well as online.

PERSONAL NOTES:

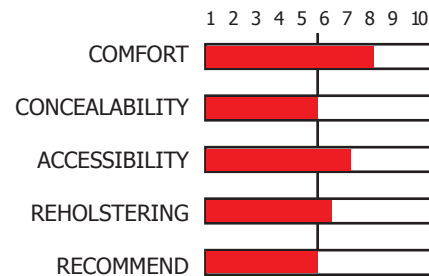
Un-tucked outer garments must be selected properly to fully and completely conceal your firearm with this type of holster. This type of OWB rig will disappear under a sport coat or similar outer garment but may print under lighter clothing selections such as T-shirts. If you are worried about "printing", you may want to consider a deeper level of concealment if not wearing a heavier covering garment. Please keep in mind that the smaller the handgun, the easier it will conceal with shorter outerwear but the gun may still print depending on type of cover clothing.

The FA has been lowered slightly compared to other OWB rigs for the simple reason that it is necessary to unstrap the strap before presentation of the gun becomes possible. Not a big deal with some practice. My biggest beef with this type of retention holster is with carrying the single-action model 1911 platform. The retention strap does not allow the gun to be carried "cocked and locked" as the strap will force the safety to disengage thereby rendering this holster virtually useless for you 1911 fans. This is noted for the Galco FLETCH model pictured and this restriction may not apply to other manufacturers of retention strap 1911 holsters.

I have also lowered the Reholstering Factor for the retention strap holster, as it has been my experience that the strap has a tendency to get in the way of smooth re-holstering. This was not a severe problem but more of an annoyance than anything else.

type: outside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$78

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GENERIC BRAND

OWB 3-SLOT SIDE SCABBARD



ABOUT:

This holster was picked up at a Florida gun show for about \$20 bucks and has been one of the most reliable rigs in my drawer. I love to carry a revolver and the little snubby fit this like a glove. It conceals excellently and is virtually undetectable. These holsters by various manufacturers can be found at most retail gun shops and certainly most gun shows across the nations in the \$20-\$25.00 range.

PERSONAL NOTES:

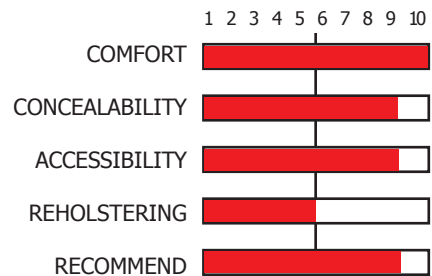
Anyone carrying a small snubby needs one of these in my personal opinion. It is inexpensive, sound construction and incredibly comfortable to the wearer. Highly recommended and easy to find, this typ of "no name" holster rig is like wearing nothing when toting the 38 caliber snubnose.



type: outside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$20-\$25

Holster Company

Mark bought this holtler from a guy at a gun show, so we're not really sure who makes it. But you can find them at almost any gun show!



HIGH NOON

NEED FOR SPEED



ABOUT:

The Need for Speed (NFS) Holster by High Noon is an exceptional design with its reversed cowhide and smooth leather grain inside. The holster rides high and tight to the body allowing for carrier of a large handgun with confidence. It has a reinforced opening and a real nice 15 degree forward cant allowing for wear in various positions on one's strong side. The single belt slot with additional wide belt loop inside the holster gives excellent support. The High Noon Need For Speed retails for approximately \$89 in cowhide and \$124.95 in horsehide.

PERSONAL NOTES:

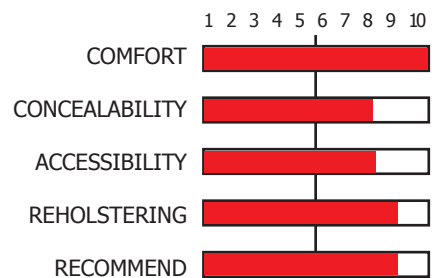
The NFS holster is one of the nicest of the OWB's on the market in my opinion. I love the belt attachments and the stability that they provide when carrying a large handgun. The reverse cowhide makes for a grainy, solid look and feel which in turn leaves the soft, smoother leather inside the holster for a really nice presentation on the draw. High Noon makes great quality stuff and this particular holster comes highly recommended regardless of what firearm you carry.



type: outside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$89 - \$124.95

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HIGH NOON

SLIDE GUARD



shown in horsehide

ABOUT:

The Slide Guard by High Noon is designed for those that prefer an open OWB holster without a thumb break allowing for a faster draw. It is a high ride, two slot holster with a forward cant and features a slide guard, hence the name. The Slide guard retails for \$109.99 in Horsehide, \$99 in lined cowhide and \$79 in unlined cowhide.

PERSONAL NOTES:

The Slide Guard by High Noon is definitely cut out to be one of my new favorites if not my complete favorite for carrying my full size 1911. This holster is one of the nicest I have ever worn and I absolutely love the cowhide finish. Now, I've had the holster in lined cowhide but never really wore it much simply because I never got around to breaking it in. For those of you who have seen the DVD, I fell in love with this holster in horsehide. Both skins have their own unique properties and the preference is entirely up to the wearer. I can tell you that the horsehide in this design has a feel, texture and look that is absolutely second to none. It feels like a comfortable pair of pre-washed jeans...In fact



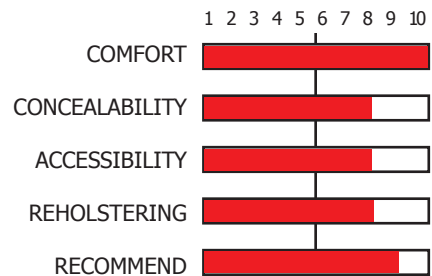
shown in cowhide

I'm wearing it now as I write this and hats off to the folks at High Noon for this holster design! (Sorry Tim, for taking it from you but I had to have it!)

type: outside-the-waistband
 material: leather
 retail: \$79-\$109.99

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G-CODE

KYDEX IWB



ABOUT:

G-Code offers a very unique design in a Kydex custom molded holster in either a belt slide or paddle type. It retails for \$44.95 and is adjustable for a user friendly cant position unique to the wearer. It comes with a patented tension device allowing wearer adjustment. The holster comes equipped with their shirt/sweat guard and "slip channels" that allow for a snag free draw.

PERSONAL NOTES:

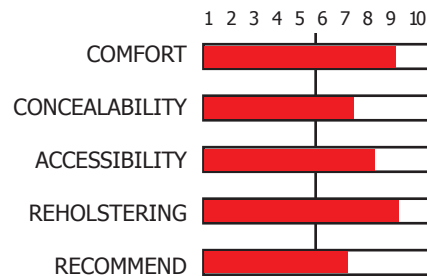
I had never seen this holster until DVD filming and was impressed by its uniqueness. Its patented features are indeed unique and the holster is well priced with several features. It is of high quality design and allowed for a super smooth draw and presentation with great RHF, not uncommon in most quality Kydex rigs. It is available in both the belt slide and also a paddle version giving the buyer the option of personal preference when purchasing and both styles are a great choice.

I give this a medium recommendation only because it rides away from the body a tad bit much for my personal preference. Again, this is not uncommon in any Kydex OWB rig and quite frankly, as much as I love the retention and RHF of plastic, I'll stick to the leather for my personal use. For those of you who dig the feel and retention of the Kydex, this will make an excellent addition at a great price for your holster drawer!

type: inside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$44.95

Edge Works Manufacturing: G-Code Holster

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BLACKHAWK

SERPA



ABOUT:

The SERPA Holster design by Blackhawk removes the need for an old fashioned thumb break by engaging the the trigger guard into a locking mechanism that retains the pistol in its holster during wear. It is released from its locked position by pressing on the locking mechanism during your normal draw. The SERPA retails for approximately \$56.99 and is manufactured by Blackhawk.

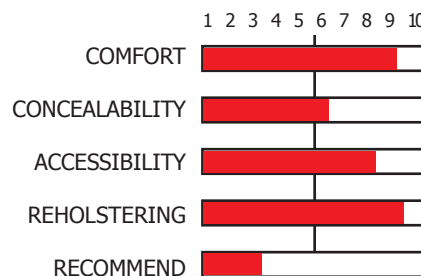
PERSONAL NOTES:

The SERPA is a great concept...Total firearm retention with the gun locked in place giving the wearer the confidence that an unauthorized individual cannot access the gun. This peace of mind however, comes with drawbacks. It is not a natural motion to unlock the mechanism on a normal draw and requires an exceptional amount of repetitive practice. It is my personal opinion that during a crisis situation, when the gun may be needed NOW, that having to remember to place the fingers in a particular position and manually press to unlock the holster may cause a second or two delay resulting in either serious injury or death.

Although I understand the concept and the safety that the SERPA allows the wearer, the requirement that the user must continually practice or possibly forget how to work the mechanism in a dire situation leads me to recommend against this particular holster.

type: outside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$56.99

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BERETTA CUSTOM 3-SLOT OWB



ABOUT:

This is a quality holster manufactured by Beretta Italy. The holster design is a standard 3 slot OWB rig that molds almost as a second skin to the Beretta PX4 Storm as demonstrated in the video. This holster is tough to get and was ordered directly from Beretta in MD and retails for approximately \$59.00.

PERSONAL NOTES:

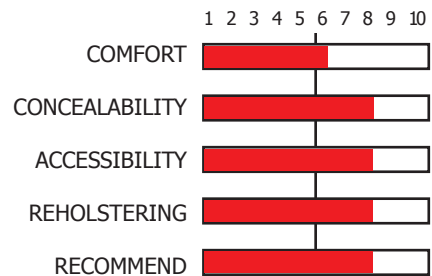
This is one of the cooler holsters in my drawer and I love the design, look and feel of this leather rig. Its drawbacks are the fact that it is not readily available, has a thumb break and when mine was worn the first time it actually cut my skin as the snap had a small and undetectable metal protrusion. A little bit of help from a small grinder eliminated the problem



however I have never been one to take much to the thumb break style holsters. Its retention is excellent, its fit to the Beretta PX 4 Storm is like second skin and I love the Beretta stampings on the sides that match the gun make and model. Tough to get but a great fit for those of you carrying the Beretta...and it smells great too!

type: outside-the-waistband
material: leather
retail: \$59

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FOBUS

PADDLE KYDEX

OWB



ABOUT:

The Fobus kydex injection molded holster system was demonstrated using the Kel Tec 32 caliber. This holster design is simplistic yet sturdy and very easy to wear. The Fobus paddle designs are very affordable and for this particular gun retail for approximately \$20.00.

PERSONAL NOTES:

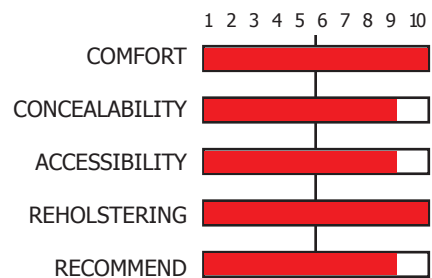
The Fobus holster can be found just about anywhere including most gun shops. It is a standard paddle made of injection molded plastic and very sturdy as well as rugged. In the smaller handguns such as my Kel Tec 32, this holster gets a lot of use with just about any type of cover garment. It works well with anything from a t-shirt to a coat and conceals quite well. It is very sturdy on the belt and the gun snaps firmly into place. Its RHF is excellent and this holster comes highly recommended for the smaller semi-autos. Great choice in a Kydex OWB rig for almost total concealment.



type: outside-the-waistband
 material: kydex
 retail: \$20

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GALCO

MIAMI CLASSIC



ABOUT:

This is the holster design by Galco, made famous by Don Johnson in the hit TV series Miami Vice. The shoulder rig is put on just as you would a shirt or a coat with the gun under the weak arm for cross-draw with the strong arm and magazine pouch under the strong arm for cross-draw access. The shoulder holster system pictured above retails for approximately \$170.00 and is widely available.

PERSONAL NOTES:

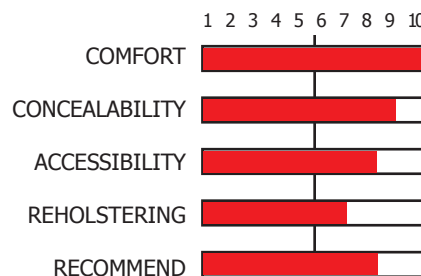
The shoulder rigs are incredibly comfortable by virtue of the fact that the weight of the handgun is distributed evenly across the straps and absorbed by the shoulders. This system makes carrying extra magazines incredibly easy and gives great access to both the handgun and the Magazines. The system is made up of three distinct parts to include the holster, the shoulder straps and the magazine pouch. Both the gun holster and the pouch are easily adjustable and can be fixed with screw attachments include with the system.

The one downfall to the shoulder system is that outer garments must be worn at all times. This means a loose fitting shirt or suit/sport jacket, for example. For this reason, great care must be taken when planning your attire. The jacket works wonders however you must remember that you can not take off whatever it is you are wearing while this rig is in action!

Care must be taken when re-holstering as well as the rig hangs loose and the re-holster will require both hands.

type: shoulder
 material: leather
 retail: \$170

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GALCO

ANKLE GLOVE



ABOUT:

For folks who require that extra deep concealment, the Galco ankle glove fits the bill perfectly. It is a combination of neoprene ankle band and velcro closure with quality leather. It is available with a calf strap that may give the wearer an extra level of security when wearing for great lengths of time. The Galco ankle glove retails for \$84.95 and like all other Galco products is a proven winner for those NPE concealment needs.

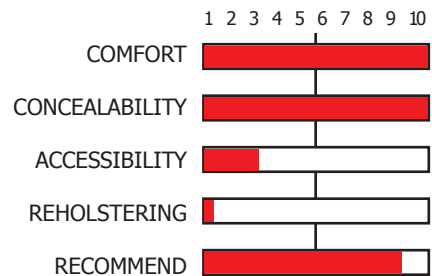
PERSONAL NOTES:

This holster design is very popular with security forces and law enforcement as well as civilians requiring a method of ultra deep concealment. Flat out plain and simple... It works. Firearm access and RHF are very low as the holster requires an extra measure of practice to retrieve the firearm however, it is not designed for quick access by its very nature. It is commonly used as a backup method of carry and not generally used for primary carry unless the situation requires extra deep concealment. It is certainly not a first choice for daily carry and requires that a smaller to mid size gun be worn. It is simply not feasible to carry a full size handgun.

This carry holster is of excellent quality and you will not be unhappy with your purchase if you require the extra deep concealment that this holster system is designed for. Two thumbs up!

type: ankle
 material: leather, neoprene
 retail: \$84.95

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UNCLE MIKE'S IWB FABRICS



ABOUT:

The Uncle Mike's IWB fabric holsters are simply designed, inexpensive at approximately \$10-\$12 and do the job they are designed for. They are designed to meet the needs of any jurisdiction that require a gun to be holstered and do it for a fraction of the cost of other options.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Ok, here goes. These holsters are in my drawer for one reason and one reason only. They satisfy the laws of the state that I reside. I have mentioned before that I love to carry my revolvers "Mexican" or straight up inside the waist with no holster. I won't debate the merits of that type of carry here but the fact is I love to carry my gun in that fashion. My state however, makes me a law-breaker by doing so. Therefore the Uncle Mikes fabric designs allow me the close feel of "Mexican" carry while meeting the laws of my state.

These holsters have quite a few quirks about them that I do not like, however. They slip inside the pant and the larger holster tends to ride too high when clipped to the belt making the gun feel, well...unsecured. I do not like that so I tend to ignore the belt clip and stuff it down my drawers! The firearm draws easily enough but you can flat out forget reholstering. Not recommended unless you like the feel of the gun in your pants and need to meet the laws of your state.



type: inside-the-waistband
 material: fabric
 retail: \$10-12

Uncle Mikes

Available through retail only
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