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Pocket Holsters – A Helpful Guide

By Brad Justus

As more and more people migrate towards more discreet forms of concealed carry of handguns, many people frequently ask:

"What do you think of a pocket holster, and what do you recommend?"

My personal opinion is a pocket holster is an excellent method of CCW carry, especially for certain applications. As a matter of fact, it's become one of my first choices of CCW carry.

Let's take a look at pocket holsters and some useful features:

- * What is a pocket holster, and what is it designed to do?
- * What are pocket holsters made of?
- * Some important pocket holster features
- * Our recommendations

What is a pocket holster, and what is it designed to do? A pocket holster is a small holster made to carry an equally small weapon in a front pocket, trouser pocket, or jacket pocket.

Well designed pocket holsters should do the following:

- * Provide a safe method to carry a weapon in the pocket – Covering the trigger area, not only protects this area during your draw, but it also keeps debris out.
- * Conceal the weapon – A properly constructed pocket holster should break-up the outline of the weapon in the pocket, and minimize printing.

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* Make the weapon readily accessible – The pocket holster should be wide enough to keep the weapon in an upright, accessible position within the pocket.

* Allow for immediate and deployment– It should allow for quick access, a full firing grip, and quick weapon deployment from the pocket.

The problem is that many of the pocket holsters on the market today won't perform well in all the areas listed above. Some are strong in one area, but weak in another. Would you want to carry a pocket holster that conceals well, but is difficult to draw or one that draws well, but won't conceal? Don't worry, we'll be happy to help with our top recommendation down below.

What are pocket holsters made of?

Today pocket holsters on the market are usually produced from either:

Leather – About 80% of all pocket holsters on the market are made from leather. Some manufacturers use a stiff grade leather, while other use a softer style leather. The stiffer leather tends to be thicker in width, which can add to the overall bulk of the holster.

Nylon – Many of the lower priced pocket holsters are produced from nylon. Personally Ed and I feel that nylon isn't really strong enough for the daily rigors of a pocket holster, and feel that it lacks the rigidity to properly break-up the weapon outline. If you're on a really tight budget, than nylon pocket holsters are definitely going to be something for you to consider.

Kydex – As kydex continues to evolve in holster applications, a select few manufacturers are now using it to produce pocket holsters. As kydex is significantly more rigid and stronger than leather or nylon, the kydex pocket holsters tend to be very thin.

Some important features

Release Device – Be careful about the release device that is used when the weapon is drawn from the pocket. Some manufacturers use a hook of some type (See holster pictured below), while others rely on friction or a combination of the two.

Be aware that, if these release devices fail or don't work properly; you could experience a draw problem or draw a holstered weapon in your time of need. We're not saying that these types of holsters don't work, we just want you to be aware of that possibility.

Concealability – An absolute must for CCW. Please realize that the level of concealability for pocket holsters will depend greatly on the size of the weapon carried. Pocket holsters are specifically designed for and work best with small handguns. Please be realistic with your concealment expectations. It's going to be almost impossible to conceal a Glock 19 in a front pocket holster (Although we've seen people try). Choose the right size weapon, and pocket carry becomes much simpler. Some popular weapons that we've seen conceal well in a pocket holster include:

- * Kel–Tec P–32
- * S&W J Frames
- * Small Kahr models
- * Beretta Tomcat
- * Colt Pony
- * NAA Guardian .380/.32
- * AMT Back–up

For more information about pocket holsters, please consider visiting

" target="_blank"><http://www.gunnersalley.com>.

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retailer of gun holsters and shooting supplies. Let Brad or another of the experienced staff at Gunner's Alley help with your shooting needs.

Why Buy A Fobus Holster

By Sudeep Arya

Fobus holsters have been an economical choice for many gun owners wanting to holster their weapon securely. Used by many law enforcement officials and hobbyists Fobus holsters have proven it to be a reliable, cost effective choice for the daily grind of keeping a weapon on a person's body.

Fobus holsters are high riding and extremely low profile. The holsters weigh just a couple of ounces, the do not require any maintenance and are made of a near indestructible plastic.

Fobus holsters come in many flavors:

- Paddle - paddle holsters do not require a belt and have a lip that slips into the inside of the users pants. Paddle holsters are very versatile and provide a very easy way for the carrier to add or remove the holster from the body

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- Belt - Fobus belt holsters require a belt to securely attach to the users body. Belt holsters are considered to be more secure however because of the additional security it is more difficult to remove or add the holster to the body.

- Roto-holsters - Fobus Roto Holsters are the same description above however the roto feature provides the ability to angle the holster to any degree. The holster is secured by an Allen screw which needs to be tightened once the holster is angled in the correct position. The "roto" feature does cause some of the concealability to be lost on the holsters. The holster is a little wider from the hip outward in order to accommodate the roto feature.

Fobus Roto-holsters are able to attach to the Fobus SH2 Shoulder Harness System. This makes the Roto version advantageous for a gun carrier who wishes to have an option to holster the weapon on their body or on a shoulder rig. Any roto-belt or roto paddle Fobus holster has the ability to attach to the SH2 Shoulder Harness.

Although Fobus holsters are a very economical choice do not be fooled by the low price tag. Fobus holsters are considered the pioneer in injection molded holsters. They provide the user with a long lasting holster that can take a severe beating and still stay in tact.

Fobus holsters come with a "no questions asked" life time warranty. You break it they repair it. The warranty is unconditional and I know on a personal level they will honor almost anything. Call Fobus directly at 267-803-1517 if you have any issues with their holsters.

Fobus holsters have many new models being release on a frequent basis be sure to check their website for better holster models and updated options if the weapon you own does not currently fit any of the models offered by Fobus.

ProductWizard.com has been involved with the sales of Fobus Holster for over six years and has a well rounded knowledge in holster technology and retention methods. For further information goto

<http://www.productwizard.com/fobusholsters.html>



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