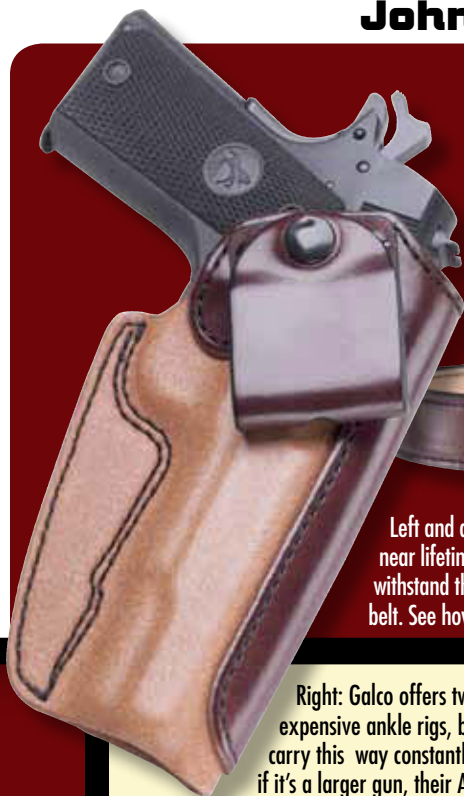


NEW, CLASSIC, & NEO-CLASSIC HOLSTERS

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Right: The 5JR TB-EXP, part of the Express Line from Mitch Rosen Extraordinary Gunleather is made with cops in mind. Built for many years of cop use, it's hand fitted and made from the highest quality cowhide — 100 percent made and tanned in the USA. The belt slide holster features a thumb break snap for those whose agencies require them.



Left and above: Sturdy belts are just as important as holsters. Also made from super-high quality cowhide and sure to last a near lifetime, Mitch Rosen makes the BHL-EXP. This is a 1.5" belt handsome enough to use as a dress belt — strong enough to withstand the weight of a gun and holster. There's no point in getting a great holster and then sticking it on a department store belt. See how it compliments this USD-EXP?

Right: Galco offers two lighter, less expensive ankle rigs, but if you carry this way constantly, especially if it's a larger gun, their Ankle

Glove is designed for the ultimate in speed, security and comfort. Made for a long list of handguns up to the Glock 19, it's sheepskin-lined and can be further stabilized with an optional detachable calf strap.



If it's not secure, you lose your gun. If it's not fast, you lose your life, and as Bill Jordan said, "There ain't no second-place winner in a gunfight." If it's not comfortable, you're not going to wear it. If it's not durable, it's not worth your money. If it's not concealable and it's supposed to be, somebody with a good eye and a bad attitude may pop a cap in you before you know there's a problem.

Lots of cops, including me, have gone through their careers with boxes of "loser" holsters on shelves. I learned not to feel too

Built for the toughest duty and harshest environments, Lawman Leather's S.T.U. — Severe Tactical Use Shoulder Holster — is an all-leather rig, which is 99.9 percent resistant to salt water, river algae, mud, sand, urine blood and body fluids.

Incredibly durable, it can simply be washed with antibacterial cleansers, dried and returned to duty. It doesn't hurt that it's comfortable too.



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Multi-position holsters are usually multi-failures, but Triple K Leather's #43 Triple Threat is a notable exception. Wear it strongside, crossdraw or horizontal, and your piece is well secured but fast coming out. Shown here in Havana Brown, it fits many medium to large frame pistols.



Check details on the website for complete info on how CCW Breakaways are engineered. Then we think you'll agree this is one of the best designs ever developed in concealed-carry clothing. Run, fight, stoop and climb with handguns, magazines and knives concealed and secured, but rapidly accessed. Available in slacks, cargos, and even shorts, they belong in every cop's wardrobe.

Featuring excellent quality in construction and a modest price, the Pocket-Roo Holster Combo by Tuff Products fits small handguns like the Ruger LCR, and its 'roo pocket holds their handy QuickStrips (shown) or a spare magazine. The surface texture is grippy but not too sticky, allowing a slick draw. For smaller pockets, there's a "roo-pocketless" model too.



Below: It makes sound tactical sense to use the same holster operating system for uniform, plainclothes and off-duty needs, and with every handgun you carry in harm's way. BLACKHAWK!'s CQC SERPA lineup keeps growing, with Level 1, 2 and 3 security, and an array of finishes and mounting fixtures. Two things haven't changed: positive security and lightning speed.



bad about that, because it's better to have spent the money and have the losers in a box than be wearing them and perhaps dying because of them. Besides, now there's eBay!

Here are some winners; secure, fast, comfortable, and worthy of your attention. If one works out for you, great! If not, remember — eBay! You could call yourself "Holsters 'R' Us."



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Above: It seems like every third cop is carrying a subcompact .380 like the Kel-Tec P-3AT or Ruger LCP as a backup. The Pocket Holster is neither too stiff nor too floppy, allows a smooth "push-off" draw out of a pocket, and an optional detachable Anti-Print Panel conceals your pistol's outline. Models are available for pistols with and without integrated lasers.

Below: Introduced in 2010, Galco Gunleather's Tuck-N-Go Inside the Pant Holster has become a huge seller. Comfortable, quick and very well concealed under a tucked-in shirt, all observers see is the small black "hook" section of the holster shank. It fits many small revolvers and autos up to the Kimber Ultra 1911 and Springfield EMP and XD 3-inchers.

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