

within 60 days of the occurrence of the defect and must be accompanied by proof of purchase. To make a warranty claim, call our customer service department at 1.800.694.5263 and follow the instructions on returning the product. In the event that a product contains a defect covered by this warranty, BLACKHAWK! will, at its sole option, repair, replace or refund the purchase price of any aspect of the product that does not comply with this warranty at our expense. ANY WARRANTIES IMPLIED BY LAW SHALL IN NO EVENT EXTEND BEYOND DURATION OF THIS EXPRESS WARRANTY. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AS PROVIDED HEREIN IS YOUR EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT. IN NO EVENT SHALL WE BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF THE PURCHASE OR USE OF THIS PRODUCT, WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT, STATUTE OR OTHERWISE. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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BLACKHAWK!® SERPA® Instruction Guide¹
SERPA® CQC®, SERPA® CQC® Light Bearing,
SERPA® Sportster® and Sportster® Standard Concealment Holsters

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

- Patented SERPA® Auto Lock™ technology combines immediate access with unparalleled retention in Level 2 SERPA® CQC® models.
- Where present, the SERPA® Auto Lock™ position reinforces full master grip by allowing you to draw the weapon normally with the index finger sliding from holster body to weapon frame in one single movement.
- Sportster® Standard models have a molded finger groove that guides the index finger from holster body to weapon frame in one single movement.
- All models are molded from a durable, resilient blend of proprietary impact-modified nylon for low maintenance and high performance in all environments.
- Included with every holster is an advanced modular platform system that accommodates a variety of carry options. Other platform styles available as separate accessories.
- Metal hardware on all models is either stainless steel or brass for all-weather performance.
- Versatile carry options meet each customer's varied yet specific mission requirements.

 **WARNING!** READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE USE. THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPER ASSEMBLY, FIT, CARE AND USE OF BLACKHAWK!® CONCEALMENT HOLSTERS. FAILING TO READ OR FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:

- Do not place a loaded firearm into the holster without first testing the holster for proper fit as set forth below.
- Where equipped, activate the SERPA® Auto Lock™ release with your finger straight and off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- For Sportster® Standard holsters, keep your finger straight and off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Use this holster only with the specific firearm for which it is designed. Use of a firearm other than the one specified may greatly increase the likelihood of an accidental discharge or defeat retention characteristics.
- Do not use with firearms that have been modified or fitted with aftermarket accessories that affect the safe performance of your firearm with the holster.
- Never carry any gun with a round in the chamber or in a cocked position unless you are trained to do so and the gun is designed to be carried this way.
- Do not attempt to repair or modify the holster in any way. Unauthorized repairs or modifications can affect the safe performance of your holster and will void your warranty.
- User should always practice to proficiency (see Section 4.4) before using any holster, particularly retention holsters.
- Do not use concealment holsters for duty use.
- Store this manual in a safe place and review it periodically. If you misplace this manual, contact BLACKHAWK!® or visit us online at BLACKHAWK.com for a replacement.

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1. PARTS AND NOMENCLATURE FOR SERPA® CQC® AND SPORTSTER® STANDARD HOLSTERS

Before using your SERPA® CQC® holster, it is important to know your holster's nomenclature and how it functions.

LEVEL 2 SERPA® CQC®



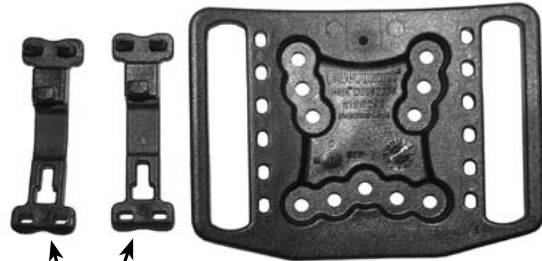
LEVEL 2 SERPA® CQC® LIGHT BEARING



LEVEL 1 SPORTSTER® STANDARD

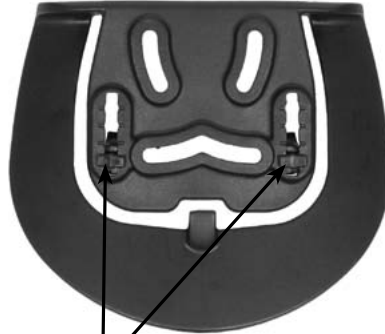


BELT LOOP PLATFORM



Snaplock Adjustable
Belt Loop Tabs

PADDLE PLATFORM



1/4-Turn Adjustable
Belt Slot Tabs

2. FIT AND ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

! WARNING! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PLACE A LOADED FIREARM INTO YOUR HOLSTER WITHOUT CAREFULLY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH AN UNLOADED FIREARM.

2.1 Proper Firearm and Holster Pairing

Before you begin, look at the back of the holster body and confirm that you have the right size and model holster designed to fit your firearm. This holster is only compatible with the firearms listed on the back of the holster. If in doubt, contact customer service at 1.800.694.5263 or cs@blackhawk.com.

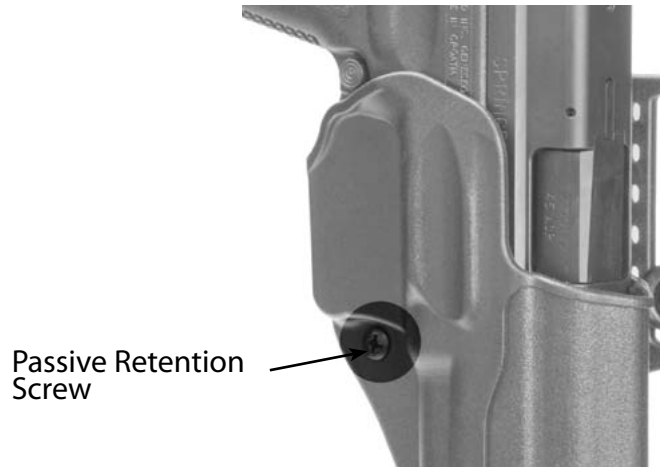
! WARNING! DO NOT USE THIS HOLSTER WITH AN INCOMPATIBLE, IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED OR ABUSED FIREARM. FAILING TO FOLLOW THIS PRECAUTION COULD CAUSE AN UNINTENDED DISCHARGE AND/OR DEFEAT RETENTION PROPERTIES AND RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

2.2 Level 1 “Passive Retention” Adjustment

The first level of retention on your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA Sportster® or Sportster Standard concealment holster is a result of friction from the holster body on the firearm’s trigger guard (non-Light Bearing Holsters) or against the firearm’s frame and light (for Light Bearing Holsters). This friction is created by the detent that holds the trigger guard on the Level 2 SERPA CQC and Level 1 Sportster Standard and is more active than the friction on the Level 2 SERPA CQC Light Bearing Holster. Retention can be adjusted by tightening or loosening

the passive retention screw as follows:

1. Loosen the passive retention screw until you can see a slight gap between the bottom of the screw and the surface of the holster body.



NOTE: Loosening the passive retention screw too far on the SERPA® CQC® and Sportster® Standard Concealment Holster will release the rail adapter spring. If this occurs, simply place the spring back into position as depicted below and tighten the passive retention screw until there is a slight gap between the bottom of the screw and the surface of the holster body.



2. For holsters with the SERPA® Auto Lock™, insert an UNLOADED firearm into the holster until the SERPA Auto Lock engages on the firearm's trigger guard. For Light Bearing Holsters, make sure the Night-Ops® Xiphos™ NTX Weapon Mounted Light is installed properly on your UNLOADED firearm before holstering. For Sportster® Standard Holsters, insert an UNLOADED firearm into the holster until seated. Make sure that no part of the holster interferes with the trigger, safety features, sights, magazine release, compatible accessories or any other part of the firearm.

 **WARNING!** IF YOUR HOLSTER INTERFERES WITH ANY OF THESE PARTS OF THE FIREARM, **DO NOT USE.** INTERFERENCES CAN CAUSE AN UNINTENDED DISCHARGE AND/OR INTERFERE WITH RETENTION MECHANISMS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MODIFY OR ALTER ANY PORTION OF THE HOLSTER IN ANY WAY OR ADD ANY LUBRICANTS OR CHEMICALS TO MAKE YOUR FIREARM FIT. CONTACT BLACKHAWK!® CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR A REPLACEMENT.

3. For Holsters with SERPA® Auto Lock™: Depress the SERPA finger tray with index finger flattened/straight and pull on the firearm. There should be little to no resistance at this point when attempting to remove the firearm. If your firearm does not come out of the holster easily, contact BLACKHAWK!® for a replacement. For Sportster® Standard Concealment Holster: With index finger flattened/straight in finger groove pull on the firearm. There should be little to no resistance at this point when attempting to remove the firearm. If your firearm does not come out of the holster easily, contact BLACKHAWK!® for a replacement.
4. Turning the passive retention screw clockwise in 1/8 turn increments, test the passive retention by pulling

up on your firearm (with the SERPA® finger tray depressed on SERPA CQC® holsters) until the desired level of passive retention is achieved. The passive retention screw should be just tight enough so that the firearm does not fall out of the holster when turned upside down (with the SERPA finger tray depressed on SERPA CQC holsters).

NOTE: Tightening the passive retention screw too much can inhibit your draw or wear the finish off the trigger guard on your firearm.

2.3 Level 2 SERPA® Auto Lock™ Test

After properly adjusting the Level 1 passive retention, test the SERPA® Auto Lock™ several times for proper functioning. Confirm the following:

1. When holstering, the SERPA® Auto Lock™ should engage the trigger guard with an audible “click.”
2. When seated inside the holster, the firearm should not rattle or move excessively.
3. When your firearm is properly seated in the holster and constant upward force is applied to the firearm, you should not be able to activate the SERPA® finger tray. (This is an intended feature designed to immobilize your weapon if someone is attempting to disarm you.)
4. When the SERPA® finger tray is pressed, the SERPA Auto Lock™ should not interfere with any part of the firearm as the firearm is removed from the holster.

2.4 Aftermarket Firearm Accessories/Modifications

 **WARNING!** NEVER USE YOUR HOLSTER WITH A FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED WITH A TRIGGER SHOE, OVERSIZED SIGHTS OR WIDE TARGET TRIGGER OR HAMMER. DO NOT USE WITH ANY OTHER AFTERMARKET FIREARM ACCESSORY UNLESS YOU FIRST TEST TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT AFFECT THE SAFE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR FIREARM. USE WITH INCOMPATIBLE, MODIFIED OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED ACCESSORIES CAN CAUSE AN UNINTENDED DISCHARGE OR DAMAGE TO YOUR FIREARM.

- With your firearm unloaded, repeatedly test your holster to ensure that accessories do not interfere with any retention device or the safe holstering or drawing from your holster.
- Since BLACKHAWK!® cannot possibly design or test its holsters for compatibility with all possible aftermarket firearm accessories, user assumes all risk and liability associated with use of firearm with any aftermarket accessories.

3. MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Mounting Platform Options

Your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing or Sportster® Standard holster is shipped mounted to a Belt Loop Platform and includes a Paddle Platform. Your SERPA Sportster holster is shipped mounted to a Paddle Platform only. Each of these holsters can be mounted to a variety of different platforms.

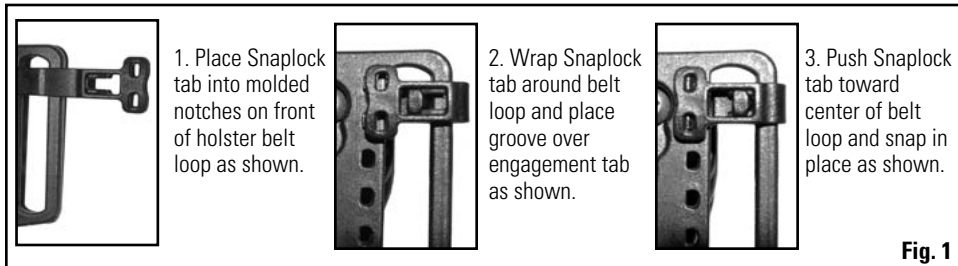
 **CAUTION!** Never use concealment belt mounts on duty holsters or belts as they are not designed for the rigors of duty use.

 **WARNING!** BEFORE CHANGING OR ADJUSTING A MOUNTING PLATFORM, ENSURE THERE IS NO FIREARM IN THE HOLSTER. FAILING TO FOLLOW THIS PRECAUTION COULD CAUSE AN UNINTENDED DISCHARGE AND/OR DEFEAT RETENTION PROPERTIES AND RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

3.2 Belt Loop Platform

The Belt Loop Platform was designed to fit belts from 1" to 1.75" in width and to allow different cant and ride heights. The Belt Loop Platform has two Snaplock tabs (one on either side). To adjust your Belt Loop Platform, perform the following:

1. To adjust for ride height, place the Snaplock tabs to either the bottom or top of the belt loop slot and attach the Snaplock as shown in Figure 1 (see next page).



2. To adjust for different belt heights, feed the belt through the belt loop slots, paying attention to where you want to position the tabs. Remove the belt and place the Snaplock tabs into the molded notches on the Belt Loop Platform. Fold the Snaplock over the edge of the belt loop and place the groove over the engagement tab. Slide the groove forward over the tab until the Snaplock locks into itself.

3. To remove the Snaplock tabs, use the edge of a coin to pry it open, slide the groove back and release from the engagement tab.

NOTE: Do not use a knife to open the Snaplock tabs. Doing so can damage your holster, the tabs or result in personal injury.

3.3 Mounting Your Paddle Platform

Your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing, SERPA Sportster® and Sportster Standard holster can be worn with the included Paddle Platform.

CAUTION! Paddle platforms do not secure the holster to the body because of reliance on friction. Do not rely on paddle platforms for high-threat weapon retention.

1. Remove the three mounting screws from the mounting inserts and store removed mounting platform in a safe place.
2. Simply align the holster mounting inserts with the desired holes on the mounting platform to achieve the desired position. Firmly hand-tighten all three mounting screws with a hand screwdriver or with a torque screwdriver set to 18 inch-lbs. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

NOTE: Do not tighten mounting screws with a power tool or otherwise apply excessive force. Doing so can damage your holster and will void the warranty.

3.4 Adjusting Platforms for Cant

Consider the following when adjusting your holster to the desired carry position:

- Your SERPA® CQC® or Sportster® Standard holster adjusts for cant on most mounting platforms to

allow for individual preference or department regulation. The holster is shipped in the vertical position but can be converted to either a “butt forward” or “muzzle forward” position as needed.

- Simply align the holster mounting inserts with the desired holes on the mounting platform to achieve the desired position. Firmly hand-tighten all three mounting screws with a hand screwdriver or with a torque screwdriver set to 18 inch-lbs. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

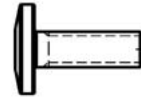
NOTE: Do not tighten mounting screws with a power tool or otherwise apply excessive force. Doing so can damage your holster and will void the warranty.

- Use only with a high-quality reinforced belt designed to support the carrying of a firearm.
- Routinely check mounting screws and tighten if necessary.

 **WARNING!** DO NOT USE THE HOLSTER IF A MOUNTING SCREW IS MISSING. USING WITH LESS THAN ALL THREE SCREWS CAN WEAKEN THE HOLSTER’S RETENTION PROPERTIES. CONTACT BLACKHAWK!® FOR REPLACEMENT MOUNTING SCREWS.

- To compensate for bulky body armor or varied hip-to-waist contours, the BLACKHAWK!® Holster Spacer Kit (sold separately) allows you to adjust the amount of angle and distance away from your body. Contact BLACKHAWK! customer service, visit BLACKHAWK.com or contact your local dealer for details.

NOTE: Do not use longer spacer kit mounting screws without the spacer. Doing so can damage your holster and will void the warranty.



Spacer Kit Mounting Screw
(Shown actual size)



Standard Mounting Screw
(Shown actual size)

- Routinely check mounting screws and tighten if necessary.

3.5 Mounting Your Holster to Other BLACKHAWK!® Platforms

Your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing, SERPA Sportster® and Sportster Standard can be mounted to various BLACKHAWK!® mounting platforms. Always follow the included instructions with the platform and be sure to use proper hardware.

NOTE: When mounting to different platforms not included with your holster, be sure to read the instructions included with the platform and use the appropriate hardware that is included.

1. Remove the three mounting screws from the mounting inserts and store removed mounting platform in a safe place.
2. Simply align the holster mounting inserts with the desired holes on the mounting platform to achieve the

desired position. Firmly hand-tighten all three mounting screws with a hand screwdriver or with a torque screwdriver set to 18 inch-lbs. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

NOTE: Do not tighten mounting screws with a power tool or otherwise apply excessive force. Doing so can damage your holster and will void the warranty.

3. Routinely check mounting screws and tighten if necessary.

3.6 Concealment Holster Spacer Kit

If necessary, your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing, SERPA Sportster® and Sportster Standard holster can be offset from the body by using the Concealment Holster Spacer Kit (part no. 411400C, sold separately). Contact BLACKHAWK!® customer service, visit BLACKHAWK.com or contact your local dealer for details.

4. USE INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Holstering Firearm Into SERPA® or Standard CQC® Holster

 **WARNING!:** MAKE SURE YOUR FIREARM IS IN A “SAFE” CONDITION (E.G. ENGAGING ANY EXTERNAL SAFETY SELECTOR IN THE SAFE MODE AND DE-COCKING ANY EXTERNAL HAMMERS) BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO HOLSTER. IF YOUR FIREARM IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH AN EXTERNAL SAFETY SELECTOR, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HOLSTER WITH A CARTRIDGE IN THE CHAMBER UNLESS YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR IN HOLSTERING, CARRYING AND DRAWING

FIREARMS IN THIS MANNER AND HAVE A NEED TO CARRY IN THIS MANNER. NEVER CARRY ANY GUN WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER OR IN A COCKED POSITION UNLESS YOU ARE TRAINED TO DO SO AND THE GUN IS DESIGNED TO BE CARRIED THIS WAY.

When holstering:

- Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Make sure the holster is free from any kind of obstruction that could engage the trigger.
- Always look at your holster when holstering until you have gained proficiency. Civilians should never attempt to holster a loaded firearm without looking at the holster unless proficient in this technique and properly trained by a qualified instructor.
- Never attempt to holster a firearm with your finger on the trigger or inside the trigger guard.
- Make sure the trigger, slide and hammer do not catch on any part of the holster.
- For SERPA® CQC® holsters, place firearm straight into the holster until the SERPA Auto Lock™ catches the trigger guard. You will hear an audible “click” when the SERPA Auto Lock has been properly engaged.
- For Sportster® Standard holsters, place the firearm straight into the holster until the firearm is fully seated.
- If you feel any resistance or have trouble properly seating the firearm, stop immediately and determine the cause of the problem.

 **WARNING!** IF MISUSED, CERTAIN UNAVOIDABLE DESIGN FEATURES OF SOME HOLSTERS CAN ENGAGE YOUR FIREARM'S TRIGGER AND CAUSE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FORCE YOUR FIREARM AT UNNATURAL ANGLES AGAINST THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOLSTER. PLACE YOUR FIREARM DIRECTLY INTO THE HOLSTER, PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND PRACTICE HOLSTERING FOR PROFICIENCY BEFORE USING UNDER STRESS.

NOTE: Do not attempt to holster a firearm backwards into a SERPA® holster. The front sight on certain model firearms can become lodged on the rail spring and immobilize the firearm.

 **WARNING!** DO NOT USE SERPA® CQC® LIGHT BEARING HOLSTERS WITHOUT THE NIGHT-OPS® XIPHOS™ NTX WEAPON MOUNTED LIGHT ATTACHED TO THE FIREARM AS THIS WILL NOT PROPERLY SECURE THE FIREARM. A FIREARM WITHOUT A LIGHT CAN BE PLACED INTO A LIGHT BEARING HOLSTER IN AN EMERGENCY BUT SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON FOR WEAPON RETENTION. SERPA CQC LIGHT BEARING HOLSTERS ARE ONLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE NIGHT-OPS XIPHOS NTX WEAPON MOUNTED LIGHT.

4.2 Carrying a Firearm in Your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard Holster

 **WARNING!** NO HOLSTER CAN COMPLETELY SECURE A WEAPON FROM UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OR FALLING OUT DURING CERTAIN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RECEIVE

TRAINING IN, FOLLOW AND REGULARLY PRACTICE PROPER WEAPON RETENTION TECHNIQUES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AT ALL TIMES DURING USE. SECURE FIREARM IN HOLSTER WITH YOUR HAND DURING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SUCH AS JUMPING, CRAWLING, FALLING, CLIMBING, RUNNING OR TUMBLING. ALWAYS ENSURE RETENTION DEVICE(S) IS/ARE ENGAGED BEFORE ENGAGING IN SUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

- Always carry firearms in the “safe” position (e.g. engaging any external safety selector in the safe mode and de-cocking any external hammers).
- Never carry any gun with a round in the chamber or in a cocked position unless you are trained to do so and the gun is designed to be carried this way.
- If your firearm is not equipped with an external safety selector, do not attempt to carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber unless you are specifically trained by a qualified instructor in holstering, carrying and drawing firearms in this manner and have a need to carry in this manner.
- The SERPA® CQC® and Sportster® Standard holster are uniquely designed to allow for carrying a firearm with the slide locked back during training. During training, always carry your firearm with the slide locked back and with no magazine until you are in an active shooting exercise.

 **WARNING!** THE TRIGGER ON CERTAIN FIREARMS IS UNAVOIDABLY ACCESSIBLE WHILE SEATED IN LIGHT BEARING HOLSTERS. EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE USED DURING A STRUGGLE TO PREVENT AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FROM ACCESSING AND PULLING THE TRIGGER.

4.3 Drawing From Your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard Holster

Before drawing, make sure the SERPA® finger tray is free from dirt and other debris and that the holster is otherwise functioning properly. Proper firearms handling requires you to place your trigger finger on the frame of your firearm as the firearm comes out of the holster. The placement of the SERPA finger tray and the Sportster® Standard finger groove is specifically designed to promote proper “safe master grip” on your firearm.

1. Establish a safe master grip on the weapon with your index finger extended straight along the frame of the firearm.
2. The flat of your index finger will naturally align onto the SERPA® finger tray or the Sportster® Standard finger groove. With SERPA CQC® holsters and variants, keep your finger straight, apply gentle pressure inward to disengage the SERPA Auto Lock™ and drag the flat of your finger across the SERPA finger tray as you draw the firearm. With a Sportster Standard holster, keep your finger straight and drag the flat of your finger across the finger groove as you draw the firearm.

 **WARNING!** DO NOT BEND YOUR INDEX FINGER WHILE DEPRESSING THE SERPA® FINGER TRAY, PUSH THE SERPA® FINGER TRAY WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE, OR PLACE YOUR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER OR IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT. PLACING YOUR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER TOO SOON CAN CAUSE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE AND RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

NOTE: The SERPA® Auto Lock™ is uniquely designed to immobilize your firearm if someone is attempting to disarm you. Thus attempting to pull up on your firearm before engaging the SERPA release will prevent the SERPA Auto Lock from functioning. Simply release the upward pressure on the firearm to allow the SERPA Auto Lock to function again. It is extremely important to regularly practice drawing from your SERPA holster for proficiency.

4.4 Practice for Proficiency

Holsters should only be used by those who have received proper training in the safe handling of firearms. Before attempting live-fire exercises, it is critical that you regularly practice drawing and holstering into your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing, SERPA Sportster® or Sportster Standard holster with an unloaded firearm.

Before using at a fast speed or under stressful conditions, practice drawing, firing (live and dry) and holstering with your SERPA® CQC®, SERPA CQC Light Bearing, SERPA Sportster® or Sportster Standard holster until proficiency has been attained. Proficiency depends on the individual user's experience and skill level but generally requires several hundred repetitions and a demonstrated ability to safely draw and holster a weapon quickly. Practice must include use under conditions of simulated stress and firearm retention techniques. Once attained, proficiency must be maintained through frequent practice and training. BLACKHAWK!® strongly recommends dry fire drills with an unloaded weapon as well as live fire exercises.

5. CARE INSTRUCTIONS

 **WARNING!** FAILURE TO ROUTINELY INSPECT, TEST AND CARE FOR YOUR HOLSTER MAY PREVENT YOUR FIREARM FROM BEING PROPERLY DEPLOYED AND/OR DEFEAT RETENTION CHARACTERISTICS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU STRICTLY FOLLOW THESE CARE INSTRUCTIONS.

5.1 Inspecting Your SERPA® CQC® or Sportster® Standard Holster

Although your holster does not have a specific service life, no holster lasts forever. Your holster's functionality and retention properties will diminish as the holster ages and is used. Therefore, you should test and inspect your holster frequently (at least monthly) and each time before going on duty or carrying. Replace your holster if it cannot meet these criteria:

- Carefully inspect your holster for cracking, deformation, missing parts and excessive wear.
- Adjust the passive retention screw and mounting screws as necessary.
- Check to ensure that all other screws are securely tightened. Replace missing screws immediately. Contact BLACKHAWK!® for additional parts.
- Ensure holster and all retention mechanisms are free from all dirt and debris.
- Check functionality of holster for proper fit, holstering, locking, retention, release and drawing as specified above.

5.2 Cleaning/Decontaminating Your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard Holster

- Routinely clean your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard holster with warm soapy water, rinse with fresh water and air dry.

- Decontaminate your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard holster with a 10% solution of household bleach in fresh water.
- Do not use any harsh, petroleum derivatives or abrasive/caustic solutions on your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard holster.

5.3 Storing Your SERPA® or Sportster® Standard holster

 **WARNING!** THIS IS A RETENTION HOLSTER, NOT A STORAGE DEVICE. THIS HOLSTER IS NOT DESIGNED TO KEEP FIREARMS AWAY FROM CHILDREN OR OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS DURING STORAGE. WHEN NOT IN USE, ALWAYS KEEP GUNS LOCKED AND SAFELY SECURED ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS. STORE YOUR HOLSTER INDOORS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE. DO NOT EXPOSE TO EXCESSIVE TEMPERATURE, SUNLIGHT OR HUMIDITY FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME. IMPROPER STORAGE CAN LEAD TO PREMATURE DEGRADATION OF HOLSTER PERFORMANCE.

6. ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

BLACKHAWK!® warrants your holster to be free from defect in materials and workmanship for a period of 12 months from the date of sale. This warranty does not cover product or parts damaged or rendered defective due to accident, intentional damage, misuse, abuse, modification, neglect, normal wear and tear, improper storage, improper or unauthorized repair, use with incompatible firearms, modified firearms or firearms equipped with aftermarket accessories, or the failure to follow BLACKHAWK! warnings or care, use, maintenance, storage or handling instructions. All warranty claims must be made