

## OWNERS MANUAL

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on your Safariland purchase. You have selected a product with construction technology that is unique and state of the art in the manufacturing of holsters, belts, and accessories.

The product you have received is constructed with a proprietary SafariSeven material. Care and maintenance of this product are dictated by the material from which it is constructed. Use of an incorrect cleaning material may result in damage to the finish of the product.

SafariSeven can be cleaned by wiping with a damp cloth. Any liquid or powder soap and water along with a scouring pad will assist in cleaning.

It is important to note that most natural man-made products may eventually wear out or become unsuitable for the function for which they were designed. Stress and strain placed on any given holster vary according to usage; therefore it is difficult to indicate a recommended replacement date. It is the users responsibility to assure after use, that the holster is able to continue service within its design parameters.

It is the users responsibility to inspect products daily for signs of excessive wear or loss of retention of the handgun, and tightness of all screws and hardware. If any possible problem is detected or any doubt exists, do not use. Contact the Safariland Customer Care at (800) 347-1200.

**Read and understand all owners manuals, instructions, and guides prepared by the manufacturer your handgun.**

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### WARRANTY

#### EXPRESS LIMITED WARRANTY FOR HOLSTER AND ACCESSORY PRODUCTS

Safariland (the Company) warrants its holster products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from date of purchase. This warranty is subject to the proper Care and Maintenance of the product and proper use of the product as detailed in the Consumer and Safety Information.

If you believe this product has any defects in materials or workmanship, cease use immediately and contact customer service for a remedy. If a product proves to be defective in material or workmanship, we will repair or replace the product and send it to you at the Companys expense. All returns must include the proof of purchase and documentation specifying the claimed defect.

This is a LIMITED WARRANTY, and is the sole and exclusive warranty of this product by the Company. It shall not be enlarged by any representations, descriptions, course of dealing, trade usage, rendering of technical advice, service or otherwise. Furthermore, it shall not be altered or expanded by any acts, statements, or agreements of any dealer, employee or agent of the Company (other than by a duly authorized officer of the Company).

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For any warranty issue, please contact customer care for a prompt resolution to your concern at the number provided below.



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### SAFARILAND® USERS GUIDE

#### MODELS 7280 & 7285



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### MODEL 7280 & 7285

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1

In order to draw a handgun from a Safariland Model 7280 or 7285 holster, it is necessary to install on a 2.25 (58 mm) or 2 (50 mm) duty belt.

### STEP 2

To insert handgun push down on thumb tab area and while holding the tab down rotate the SLS hood forward and insert the unloaded handgun straight down. When placing handgun in the holster do not place finger in trigger guard or near the trigger. Position trigger finger adjacent but away from the trigger and if possible support tip of on the front of the trigger guard. When inserting handgun in holster, always place thumb over the hammer or behind the slide.

### STEP 3

After handgun is properly seated in holster, rotate the SLS hood rearward over hammer or back of slide until the SLS unit clicks up in the locked position. This action should become very natural after practice. Steps 2 and 3 should be practiced until a one-handed holstering and securing of thumb tab/hammer strap is smooth and natural.

### STEP 4

To draw the handgun, it is necessary to use a two-step process. First, while obtaining a shooting grip with the trigger finger extended straight, with the thumb press the thumb tab down to release lock. Second, use thumb to rotate SLS hood forward and clear of handgun and hammer. The first and second operation can become one motion with practice and proper technique.

### STEP 5

In an effort to enhance the service life of this holster and provide a proper handgun fit, Safariland has developed a holster wedge device set so the handgun is firmly retained in the holster. The wedge device is found on the interior spine of the holster. This tension adjustment screw should only be adjusted if determined more resistance is needed.

Turn the tension adjustment screw clockwise to tighten the fit on the gun. Repeat the procedure until you are satisfied with handguns security in the holster and in your ability to efficiently draw the handgun.

**CAUTION:** Be certain the SLS hood is clear of handgun prior to drawing out of holster.

## SLS ROTATING HOOD

The SLS mechanism is composed of stainless steel and chemically resistant plastic. It is designed with extra tolerances and clearing ports in order to function under extreme environmental conditions. Like the weapon it encloses, the SLS mechanism is a mechanical device and could require cleaning and lubrication if exposed to extremely dirty conditions. Testing has shown that conditions such as mud, dry sand, and airborne grit will cause additional force to operate the SLS rotating hood. Those same conditions usually render the weapon useless before the SLS rotating hood is affected.

If the holster and weapon have been exposed to such conditions as soon as practicable clean the handgun per the manufacturer instructions and then clean the SLS rotating hood system. If the SLS mechanism has been exposed to mud and the unit is still wet, flush with warm water while rotating the hood until the unit works smoothly then lubricate with any gun oil. If the SLS mechanism has been exposed to dry sand or grit, it should be cleaned with WD-40 or a similar aerosol product using the plastic straw nozzle while rotating the hood until the unit works smoothly, then lubricate with gun oil. As a practical matter inspect, clean and lubricate the SLS mechanism every time you inspect, clean and lubricate your handgun.

## CAUTIONS & WARNINGS

**CAUTION:** Prior to wearing the holster on duty, the user must accomplish a draw from a fully secured holster in less than two seconds while under simulated stress or life-threatening situation. Have a partner time a surprise command to completed draw.

A handgun seated in a new holster will fit more tightly than after a reasonable break-in period has occurred. Thus, the holster should not be used with a loaded handgun or on duty until the under two-second drawing standard indicated above is accomplished. Should the holster remain tight after a reasonable break-in period, apply a liberal amount of silicone spray to the inside of the holster. Should the holster continue to bind or remain tight, cease use immediately and contact the Safariland Customer Care department at (800) 347-1200.

**CAUTION:** Practice and training as prescribed in this manual are mandatory prior to using the holster on duty. Do not use a loaded handgun during practice and training. Practice using the holster with an unloaded handgun until thoroughly competent and proficient in its safe use.

Regular practice to assure proficiency is using the holster must be continued as long as it is to be used. The amount of practice and training required will depend upon the dexterity, coordination and prior experience with holsters and handguns of each particular user.

Improper or careless use of a firearm and holster may result in serious injury or death. It is the users responsibility to have thorough knowledge of and be properly trained in all aspects of firearm and holster safety and use.

Do not place a loaded handgun in a holster without first testing the holster for proper fit with the handgun in an unloaded condition

Do not carry any handgun with a round in the chamber unless you have received professional training in the use of the handgun and holster and are willing to assume responsibility and risk (including accidental discharge) of carrying a loaded handgun.

If your handgun is equipped with a safety lever, be sure that safety is engaged when holstering the handgun.

When drawing a handgun from a holster or placing it into a holster, do not place finger in the trigger guard or near the trigger guard. Position trigger finger adjacent to but away from the trigger and, if possible, support the tip of the finger on the front of the trigger guard.

When putting a handgun in the holster always place thumb over the hammer or behind the slide.

Always keep hammer strap and thumb break forward or clear of trigger guard when putting the handgun in the holster. Do not allow strap or any other object to enter the trigger guard.

Always secure the retaining or safety strap(s) on holster after inserting handgun in holster.

Never holster any semi-automatic handgun in a single-action mode (except handguns which are single action only; ex. Colt 1911 or the Browning Hi-Power).

Do not attempt to cock a holstered handgun as this can cause severe damage to the handgun or holster or both and may contribute to an accidental discharge.

Always place hand on the handgun and holster when running or performing other vigorous activity.

Do not use customized, modified, worn or broken handguns or those that are not of original manufacturers specifications in Safariland holsters.

Do not, in any way modify, disassemble or remove any part from this holster.

Do not expose this holster to extreme heat conditions.

Do not leave holster in trunk of vehicle during extremely hot weather.

Do not rely on any holster being snatch proof. There is no such holster. Rely only on extensive, proper training and vigilance.

It is the users responsibility to properly maintain the holster by checking components such as snaps, screws, etc for proper function.

Be aware that handguns with lights mounted to them create an opening in the holster that could possible allow access to the trigger.

**WARNING!** Never store your Safariland holster or accessories near a heat source. Space heaters, radiators, heating registers, fireplaces, or other heating sources emit high temperatures that can deform or destroy the polymer from which many Safariland products are manufactured. The non-reflective surface on Safariland products will efficiently absorb radiant heat and can reach temperatures in excess of 200 F, even several feet away from certain heating source. Exposure to high heat in some cases can cause the handgun to be locked into place. If accidental high heat exposure has occurred immediately remove product from heat. Allow product to cool to room temperature and operate to ensure correct function.

Failure to heed these warnings or follow the operating instructions may result in accidental discharge of a handgun causing serious injury or death.

Safariland holsters are designed to carry specific handguns. Before use, be sure holster selected is designed to carry corresponding handgun. If there is any doubt, do not use the holster. Contact the Safariland Customer Care department at (800) 347-1200. Carrying a handgun in an ill-fitting or improper holster can result in serious injury or death.

The purchase and use of this Safariland holster is done at the sole and exclusive risk of the user.