

Holster or Thumb Break Too Tight?

We build our holsters for a snug fit. Generally, leather and nylon will stretch slightly with use, resulting in an easier fit. In order to insure a proper fit, the holster may feel tight at first. As we cannot control the moisture content of leather, and, allowing for minute variations during the hand stitching process, you may feel that the holster or its thumb break strap is tighter than necessary.

The holster requires a break-in period. This is best accomplished by wearing the holster and allowing natural body movement to help break it in. Another technique for stretching a holster is to insert a fully unloaded handgun into a thin dress sock, then force the gun and sock into the holster, twisting the gun as you do so. Then, allow the gun to remain in the holster overnight.

If the thumb break strap is difficult to use at first, insert a fully unloaded handgun into the holster. Be sure the handgun is fully holstered. Holding the handgun by its grip, push on the handgun while pulling on the thumb break strap with your other hand. Right handed shooters should pull the strap to the left while left handed shooters should pull the strap to the right. Once the thumb break strap is fastened over the handgun, keeping it fastened will quickly break it in.

Do not apply leather dressings, mink oil or mitt and glove dressing to your holster. These will soften the leather to the point that it loses its retention properties. "Massaging" or kneading a leather holster may also soften it to the point where retention qualities are lost. This practice should also be avoided. DeSantis cannot replace holsters that have been oiled or kneaded or otherwise abused by its owner.