



Blackhawk® TecGrip® FormLok™ Holster Instruction Guide

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TECGRIP FORMLOK STEP-BY-STEP

The TecGrip FormLok holster allows you to mold the holster to your specific firearm, achieving passive retention. The process for molding your holster is as simple as heating the holster, molding it using the provided tools and allowing it to cool. Following these instructions will allow you to mold and remold this holster with different firearms of similar frame and size, indefinitely.


REQUIRED MATERIALS


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| 1. TecGrip FormLok IWB Holster (included) | 5. Cooking Thermometer (not included) |
| 2. Sight channel protection tool (included) | 6. Cooking Tong (not included) |
| 3. Thick plastic bag 10 x 12 inches (included) | 7. Clothes Pin (not included) |
| 4. Cooking pot (not included) | 8. UNLOADED Handgun (not included) |

WARNING! - While molding the TecGrip FormLok, only use an UNLOADED firearm and ensure no ammunition is present during this process. Failure to read or follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.


WARNING! - Not recommended for use with any handgun that has had aftermarket components added to the trigger that would result in a wider than factory trigger geometry, or handguns with hinged style triggers.

A: PREPARING TO MOLD - HEATING PROCESS

-  Pre heat about a gallon of water to **155-175 degrees Fahrenheit**.

CAUTION: DO NOT USE A MICROWAVE or EXCEED 190 degrees as this **WILL** damage your holster.
- While waiting for the water to reach the required temperature, place the holster in the supplied heavy-duty plastic bag and ensure a tight and secure seal. You can place a small weight or river stone inside the holster to help the holster stay submerged.
- Place the plastic bag containing the holster in the hot water. Ensure the holster is fully submerged.
-  Leave the holster submerged for a minimum of 5 minutes, not to exceed 10 minutes.

Note: This process will take between **5-10** minutes depending on water temperature.


Remove from water using cooking tongs, but do not remove from the bag, and test to see if it's soft and malleable. If soft, proceed to the **Molding** process.
-  If the holster is still hard and not malleable, leave in water for an additional **3** minutes.


Note: As long as the water temperature does not exceed **190° Fahrenheit**, this process can be repeated indefinitely until desired results are achieved.
- Remove from water using cooking tongs, but do not yet remove the holster from the bag. Test to see if the holster is soft and malleable. If soft, proceed to the **Molding** process.
- If the holster is still hard, leave in water for an additional **2** minutes.
- Once done, proceed with molding, you are ready to begin!



B: THE MOLDING PROCESS

- Once the holster and bag are out of the water, dry the bag using a paper towel and make sure the holster does not get wet.

Note: If the holster gets wet, let dry in a cool and shaded area. This will not harm the holster.
-  Remove the holster from the plastic bag and insert an **UNLOADED** firearm into the holster as far as it will go in.

Pro Tip: Push the sight channel tool in as far as possible to allow for the sight to travel unobstructed once the molding is complete. Note, if you are using a mounted red-dot optic, the molding tool can be inserted through the small hole found in the bottom of the holster. This is to allow clearance for the optic during the molding process.
-  Once the firearm is at your desired depth, wedge the supplied sight channel tool between the top of the barrel and the holster material, making sure the raised sight slides between the sight crevice.

With the sight channel tool still in place, begin to work the holster material with your hands. Squeeze in around the outside of the trigger guard as well as around the exterior geometry of the firearm to ensure proper retention.
- Using your hands, squeeze and form the holster around the outline of the firearm, making sure to hit places like the ejection port and under the frame, in front of the trigger guard to maximize retention.

WARNING: While molding the holster, **DO NOT** press material into the center of the trigger guard. Excess material inside the trigger guard can interfere with holster retention and/or cause an unintended discharge which could result in serious injury or death.

↓ CONTINUE TO OTHER SIDE FOR COOLING/HARDENING PROCESS ↓

C: THE COOLING / HARDENING PROCESS



1. Allow the holster to cool for 10 minutes with the UNLOADED firearm in place or until the holster has fully hardened and no longer feels warm to the touch.
2. You may now remove your UNLOADED firearm from the holster and attempt a few draw/re-holster actions to ensure adequate retention.

Note: Adequate retention should hold the firearm secure during daily activity without overtly gripping to the firearm in a manner that would cause the holster to come free from the waistline upon draw.

The process is now complete, and you can begin to use your holster!

As long as the temperature guidelines are not exceeded, you can expect to be able to re-mold this holster as many times as you'd like with similar sized firearms. We carry 6 different sizes to accommodate the widest range of firearms.

PRECAUTIONS:



- **CAUTION: DO NOT** attempt the heating process with a **MICROWAVE**, as it can permanently damage your TecGrip FormLok Holster
- Follow these water heating guidelines, in addition to using a thermometer, as a secondary indicator of water temperature.
 - **Quiver:** Tiny bubbles appear at the base of the pot, but do not rise. The surface quivers slightly. This happens at about 140–170°F (60–75°C), this is the perfect time to place the holster in the water.
 - **Sub-simmer:** A couple little streams of bubbles are rising, but most of the water is still. The water is around 170–195°F (75–90°C) this is the perfect time to turn the heat off or remove the pot from the heat source.

CAUTION: Signs of water temp being too high are medium bubbles breaking the surface, steam and constant movement. All of these indicate a water temperature that is too high and will require you to stop the process and let the holster cool completely before attempting again.

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SCAN FOR HOW-TO VIDEO

