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Firearm Holster with Adjustable Insert

Abstract

A holster for a firearm. The holster includes a holster body defining a receptacle that is configured to receive a portion of the firearm therein. The holster body includes a plurality of walls and a plurality of slots defined in one or more of the walls. One or more inserts are movably coupled to the holster body and disposed at least partially within the receptacle. The one or more inserts are configured to selectively move along the slots for adjusting the one or more inserts relative to the holster body.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] The present application claims priority to and the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 63/553,795, filed Feb. 15, 2024, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates generally to holsters for firearms and more particularly to a firearm holster with one or more adjustable inserts for accommodating various firearms having different sizes, features, and/or accessories coupled thereto.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Firearm holsters often may be used for storing a firearm, such as a handgun (e.g., a pistol, revolver, semiautomatic, etc.), relative to a user's body in a relatively secure but accessible manner. Certain types of holsters may be specifically designed to accommodate a particular model of firearm having a particular size and configuration. In this manner, the holster may include features specifically sized and arranged to complement mating features of the intended model of firearm and thus may provide a more secure fit when the intended firearm is received within the holster as compared to when other firearm models having different sizes, configurations, and/or features are received within the holster. Other types of holsters may be of a more universal design, allowing storage of various different models of firearms having different sizes, configurations, and features. As a result, such holsters generally may provide a more secure fit when used with certain firearm models and a less secure fit when used with other firearm models. The challenges in designing a firearm holster that provides a secure fit for multiple different models of firearms may be even greater when the holster is intended to receive a firearm along with one or more accessories mounted thereto, such as a light, a laser, a sight, or another type of firearm-mounted accessory.

[0004] A need, therefore, exists for improved firearm holsters and related methods for securely accommodating various firearms having different sizes, features, and/or accessories coupled thereto, which may overcome one or more of the above-mentioned challenges associated with existing firearm holsters and methods.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] The detailed description is set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings illustrating examples of the disclosure, in which use of the same reference numerals indicates similar or identical items. Certain examples of the present disclosure may include elements, components, and/or configurations other than those illustrated in the drawings, and some of the elements, components, and/or configurations illustrated in the drawings may not be present in certain examples.

[0006] FIG. 1A is a side view of a firearm holster according to one or more examples of the disclosure, with the firearm holster including a holster body, a fitting, a clip, a plurality of inserts, and a plurality of fasteners.

[0007] FIG. 1B is a top view of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.

[0008] FIG. 1C is a side view of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A, with a portion of the holster illustrated in phantom view, showing the inserts in a first position relative to the holster body.

[0009] FIG. 1D is a side view of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A, with a portion of the holster illustrated in phantom view, showing the inserts in a second position relative to the holster body.

[0010] FIG. 1E is a side view of the holster body and the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.

[0011] FIG. 1F is a cross-sectional top view of the holster body and the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A, taken along line F-F in FIG. 1E.

[0012] FIG. 1G is a perspective view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.

[0013] FIG. 1H is a top view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0014] FIG. 1I is a bottom view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0015] FIG. 1J is a side view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0016] FIG. 1K is another side view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0017] FIG. 1L is an end view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0018] FIG. 1M is another end view of one of the inserts of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A.
[0019] FIG. 2A is a side view of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A and a firearm partially received within the firearm holster, showing a portion of the holster body in phantom view.
[0020] FIG. 2B is a perspective view of a portion of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A and the firearm of FIG. 2A partially received within the firearm holster.
[0021] FIG. 3 is a side view of the firearm holster of FIG. 1A and another firearm partially received within the firearm holster, showing a portion of the holster body in phantom view.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0022] In the following description, specific details are set forth, describing some examples consistent with the present disclosure. Numerous specific details are set forth in order to provide a thorough understanding of the examples. It will be apparent, however, to one skilled in the art that some examples may be practiced without some or all of these specific details. The specific examples disclosed herein are meant to be illustrative but not limiting. One skilled in the art may realize other examples that, although not specifically described here, are within the scope and the spirit of this disclosure. In addition, to avoid unnecessary repetition, one or more features shown and described in association with one example may be incorporated into other examples unless specifically described otherwise or if the one or more features would make an example non-functional. In some instances, well-known methods, procedures, and components have not been described in detail so as not to unnecessarily obscure aspects of the examples.

[0023] The present disclosure provides firearm holsters and related methods for storing a firearm, such as a handgun, relative to a user's body in a secure but accessible manner. As described herein, a firearm holster may include a holster body and one or more adjustable inserts for accommodating various firearms having different sizes, features, and/or accessories coupled thereto. The adjustable insert(s) may be moved relative to the holster body to different positions for securely accommodating different firearms and/or accessories. For example, the adjustable insert(s) may be disposed, relative to the holster body, in a first position for securely accommodating a first firearm and a second position for securely accommodating a different, second firearm. In this manner, the disclosed firearm holster may overcome one or more of the above-described challenges associated with existing firearm holsters and methods. Particular advantages and benefits of the firearm holsters and methods disclosed herein will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art from the present description and the appended drawings.

[0024] Referring now to the drawings, FIGS. 1A-1M depict a firearm holster **100** and components thereof according to one or more examples of the present disclosure. FIGS. 2A-3 show the firearm holster **100** used with two different example firearms F.

[0025] As shown in FIGS. 1A-1M, the firearm holster **100** may include a holster body **110**, a fitting **130**, a plurality of fasteners **132**, a clip **140**, a plurality of fasteners **142**, one or more inserts **150**, and a plurality of fasteners **162**. As described herein, the insert(s) **150** may be adjustable relative to the holster body **110**, allowing the insert(s) **150** to be adjusted to different positions for securely accommodating various firearms having different sizes, features, and/or accessories coupled thereto.

[0026] As shown, the holster body **110** may have an elongated shape, with a top end **111** and a bottom end **112** disposed opposite one another, a front end **113** and a rear end **114** disposed opposite one another, and a first lateral side **115** and a second lateral side **116** disposed opposite one another. The holster body **110** may include a first lateral wall **117** and a second lateral wall **118** disposed opposite one another. As shown, the first lateral wall **117** and the second lateral wall **118**

each may extend from the top end **111** to the bottom end **112** and from the front end **113** to the rear end **114**. In some examples, as shown, the first lateral wall **117** and the second lateral wall **118** may be integrally formed with one another. According to the illustrated example, the first lateral wall **117** and the second lateral wall **118** may be integrally coupled to one another along the front end **113** of the holster body **110** and coupled to one another via the fitting **130** and the fasteners **132** along the rear end **114** of the holster body **110**. As shown, the holster body **110** may define a receptacle **119** configured to receive a portion of a firearm therein, with the first lateral wall **117** and the second lateral wall **118** each partially defining the receptacle **119**.

[0027] The holster body **110** may include a plurality of elongated slots **121** defined in one or more walls of the holster body **110**, such as the first lateral wall **117** and/or the second lateral wall **118**. As shown, the holster body **110** may include a pair of first slots **121** defined in the first lateral wall **117** and a pair of second slots **121** defined in the second lateral wall **118**. The first slots **121** may extend parallel to one another in a direction from the front end **113** toward the rear end **114** of the holster body **110**. In a similar manner, the second slots **121** may extend parallel to one another in the direction from the front end **113** toward the rear end **114** of the holster body **110**. As shown, the first slots **121** and the second slots **121** may be disposed opposite one another. As described below, the slots **121** may facilitate adjustment of the insert(s) **150** relative to the holster body **110**.

[0028] The fitting **130** and the fasteners **132** may couple the first lateral wall **117** and the second lateral wall **118** to one another along the rear end **114** of the holster body **110**. In some examples, as shown, the fasteners **132** may be screws, although other suitable types of fasteners may be used. The clip **140** may be configured to removably secure the firearm holster **100** relative to a user of the holster **100**, for example, by securing to a belt or article of clothing worn by the user. As shown, the clip **140** may be coupled to the holster body **110** by the fasteners **142**. In some examples, as shown, the clip **140** may be coupled to the first lateral wall **117**. In other examples, the clip **140** may be secured to the second lateral wall **118**. In some examples, as shown, the fasteners **142** may be screws, although other suitable types of fasteners may be used.

[0029] According to the illustrated example, the firearm holster **100** may include a pair of the inserts **150**, although a single insert **150** or more than two of the inserts **150** may be used in other examples. As shown, the firearm holster **100** may include a first insert **150** movably coupled to the first lateral wall **117** of the holster body **110** by a pair of the fasteners **162**, and a second insert **150** movably coupled to the second lateral wall **118** of the holster body **110** by a pair of the fasteners **162**, with the first and second inserts **150** being disposed opposite one another. The inserts **150** may be disposed at least partially within the receptacle **119** of the holster body **110** and configured to engage a portion of a firearm received within the receptacle **119**. As shown, the inserts **150** may be disposed entirely within the receptacle **119**. The inserts **150** may be configured to selectively move along the slots **121** for adjusting the inserts **150** relative to the holster body **110**. As shown, the first insert **150** may be movably coupled to the first lateral wall **117** by the fasteners **162** extending through the first slots **121**, and the second insert **150** may be movably coupled to the second lateral wall **118** by the fasteners **162** extending through the second slots **121**. In some examples, as shown, the fasteners **162** may be screws, although other suitable types of fasteners may be used. The fasteners **162** may be tightened to selectively secure positions of the inserts **150** relative to the respective lateral walls **117**, **118** of the holster body **110**. When adjustment of the inserts **150** is desired, for example, to allow the firearm holster **100** to securely accommodate a different type of firearm, the fasteners **162** may be loosened, the inserts **150** may be translated along the respective slots **121** to desired positions relative to the holster body **110**, and the fasteners **162** may be tightened again.

[0030] As shown, each of the inserts **150** may be formed as an elongated member having a first end **151** and a second end **152** disposed opposite one another, and an inner side **153** and an outer side **154** disposed opposite one another. The inner side **153** may be configured to engage a portion of a firearm received within the receptacle **119**, while the outer side **154** may be configured to engage

the holster body **110**, such as the respective lateral wall **117**, **118** to which the insert **150** is coupled. As shown, each of the inserts **150** may include a base **155** extending from the first end **151** to the second end **152**, and a pair of arms **156** coupled to the base **155** and spaced apart from one another. Each of the arms **156** may define an opening **157** and a recess **158**. Each opening **157** may extend through the respective arm **156** and may be configured to receive one of the fasteners **162** therethrough for coupling the insert **150** to the holster body **110** via one of the slots **121**. In some examples, such as when the fasteners **162** are screws, the recess **158** may be configured to receive a mating nut therein for receiving the screw. The shape and configuration of the insert **150** may be provided to securely retain a portion of a firearm received within the receptacle **119**, while also facilitating insertion of the firearm into and removal of the firearm from the receptacle **119**. In some instances, the inserts may be generally curved between the base **155** and the pair of arms **156** to as to at least partially wrap around a firearm or accessory attached thereto. As shown, the ends **151**, **152** of the insert **150** may be tapered or otherwise contoured to facilitate holstering and drawing of a firearm. According to the illustrated example, both the base **155** and the arms **156** may be tapered or contoured along the ends **151**, **152**.

[0031] FIGS. **2A** and **2B** illustrate the firearm holster **100** configured for use with a firearm **F** having an accessory mounted thereto. As shown, the accessory may be a light **L** mounted to a rail of the firearm **F**, and the holster body **110** may be configured to accommodate the light **L** along with the firearm **F**. For example, the lateral walls **117**, **118** of the holster body **110** may be sized and shaped to accommodate the light **L** along with the firearm **F**. Adjustment of the firearm holster **100** to securely accommodate the firearm **F** with the light **L** may be carried out by loosening the fasteners **162**, inserting the firearm **F** into the receptacle **119**, translating the inserts **150** along the slots **121** such that the inserts **150** contact a slide **S** of the firearm **F**, and then tightening the fasteners **162** to maintain the respective positions of the inserts **150**. In this manner, the firearm **F** may be securely retained by the firearm holster **100**, specifically the holster body **110** and the inserts **150** thereof, although the holster **100** may allow the firearm **F** to be withdrawn from and reinserted into the holster **100** by a user, when desired.

[0032] FIG. **3** illustrates the firearm holster **100** configured for use with another firearm **F** having an accessory, in particular a light **L**, mounted thereto. As shown, the lateral walls **117**, **118** of the holster body **110** may be sized and shaped to accommodate the light **L** along with the firearm **F**. Similar to the process described above, adjustment of the firearm holster **100** to securely accommodate the firearm **F** with the light **L** may be carried out by loosening the fasteners **162**, inserting the firearm **F** into the receptacle **119**, translating the inserts **150** along the slots **121** such that the inserts **150** contact a slide **S** of the firearm **F**, and then tightening the fasteners **162** to maintain the respective positions of the inserts **150**. In this manner, the firearm **F** may be securely retained by the firearm holster **100**, specifically the holster body **110** and the inserts **150** thereof, although the holster **100** may allow the firearm **F** to be withdrawn from and reinserted into the holster **100** by a user, when desired. Collectively, FIGS. **2A-3** show how the firearm holster **100** may be used for securely accommodating two different firearms having different sizes and features. These are merely examples, as the firearm holster **100** may be used for securely accommodating various other firearms having different sizes, features, and/or accessories coupled thereto.

[0033] Although specific examples of the disclosure have been described, numerous other modifications and alternative examples are within the scope of the disclosure. For example, any of the functionality described with respect to a particular device or component may be performed by another device or component. Further, while specific device characteristics have been described, examples of the disclosure may relate to numerous other device characteristics. Further, although examples have been described in language specific to structural features and/or methodological acts, it is to be understood that the disclosure is not necessarily limited to the specific features or acts described. Rather, the specific features and acts are disclosed as illustrative forms of implementing the examples. Conditional language, such as, among others, “can,” “could,” “might,”

or “may,” unless specifically stated otherwise, or otherwise understood within the context as used, is generally intended to convey that certain examples could include, while other examples may not include, certain features, elements, and/or steps. Thus, such conditional language is not generally intended to imply that features, elements, and/or steps are in any way required for one or more examples.

Claims

1. A holster for a firearm, the holster comprising: a holster body defining a receptacle configured to receive a portion of the firearm therein, the holster body comprising a plurality of walls and a plurality of slots defined in one or more of the walls; and one or more inserts movably coupled to the holster body and disposed at least partially within the receptacle, the one or more inserts configured to selectively move along the slots for adjusting the one or more inserts relative to the holster body.
2. The holster of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of fasteners, wherein the one or more inserts are movably coupled to the holster body by the fasteners, and wherein each of the fasteners extends through a respective slot of the plurality of slots.
3. The holster of claim 1, wherein: the plurality of walls comprises a first lateral wall and a second lateral wall disposed opposite one another and each defining a portion of the receptacle; the plurality of slots comprises a pair of first slots defined in the first lateral wall; and the one or more inserts comprises a first insert movably coupled to the first lateral wall and configured to selectively move along the first slots for adjusting the first insert relative to the holster body.
4. The holster of claim 3, further comprising a pair of first fasteners coupling the first insert to the first lateral wall, wherein each of the first fasteners extends through a respective slot of the first slots, and wherein the first fasteners are configured to selectively secure a position of the first insert relative to the first lateral wall.
5. The holster of claim 3, wherein: the plurality of slots further comprises a pair of second slots defined in the second lateral wall; and the one or more inserts further comprises a second insert movably coupled to the second lateral wall and configured to selectively move along the second slots for adjusting the second insert relative to the holster body.
6. The holster of claim 5, further comprising a pair of second fasteners coupling the second insert to the second lateral wall, wherein each of the second fasteners extends through a respective slot of the second slots, and wherein the second fasteners are configured to selectively secure a position of the second insert relative to the second lateral wall.
7. The holster of claim 1, wherein each of the one or more inserts comprises: a base extending from a first end to a second end of the insert; and a pair of arms coupled to the base and spaced apart from one another, each of the arms defining an opening extending therethrough.
8. A holster for a firearm, the holster comprising: a holster body defining a receptacle configured to receive a portion of the firearm therein, the holster body comprising a first wall with a first slot defined therein; and a first insert disposed at least partially within the receptacle and movably coupled to the first wall via the first slot and configured to selectively move along the first slot for adjusting the first insert relative to the holster body.
9. The holster of claim 8, wherein the holster body comprises a second wall with a second slot defined therein, further comprising a second insert disposed at least partially within the receptacle and movably coupled to the second wall via the second slot and configured to selectively move along the second slot for adjusting the second insert relative to the holster body.
10. The holster of claim 9, wherein the first wall comprises a first lateral wall and the second wall comprises a second lateral wall disposed opposite the first lateral wall and each defining a portion of the receptacle.
11. The holster of claim 9, further comprising at least one first fastener, wherein the first insert is

movably coupled to the holster body by the at least one first fastener, and wherein the at least one first fastener extends through the first slot.

12. The holster of claim 11, wherein the at least one first fastener is configured to selectively secure a position of the first insert relative to the first wall.

13. The holster of claim 11, further comprising at least one second fastener, wherein the second insert is movably coupled to the holster body by the at least one second fastener, and wherein the at least one second fastener extends through the second slot.

14. The holster of claim 13, wherein the at least one second fastener is configured to selectively secure a position of the second insert relative to the second wall.

15. The holster of claim 8, wherein the first insert comprises: a base extending from a first end to a second end of the first insert; and a pair of arms coupled to the base and spaced apart from one another, each of the arms defining an opening extending therethrough.

16. The holster of claim 9, wherein the second insert comprises: a base extending from a first end to a second end of the second insert; and a pair of arms coupled to the base and spaced apart from one another, each of the arms defining an opening extending therethrough.

17. A holster for a firearm, the holster comprising: a holster body defining a receptacle configured to receive a portion of the firearm therein, the holster body comprising at least one slot; at least one insert movably coupled to the holster body and disposed at least partially within the receptacle, the at least one insert configured to selectively move along the at least one slot for adjusting the at least one insert relative to the holster body; and at least one fastener, wherein the at least one insert is movably coupled to the holster body by the at least one fastener, and wherein the at least one fastener extends through the at least one slot, wherein at least one insert comprises: a base extending from a first end to a second end of the insert; and at least one arm coupled to the base.

18. The holster of claim 17, wherein: the wall comprises a first lateral wall and a second lateral wall disposed opposite one another and each defining a portion of the receptacle; the at least one slot comprises a pair of first slots defined in the first lateral wall; and the at least one insert comprises a first insert movably coupled to the first lateral wall and configured to selectively move along the first slots for adjusting the first insert relative to the holster body.

19. The holster of claim 18, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a pair of first fasteners coupling the first insert to the first lateral wall, wherein each of the first fasteners extends through a respective slot of the first slots, and wherein the first fasteners are configured to selectively secure a position of the first insert relative to the first lateral wall.

20. The holster of claim 18, wherein: the at least one slot comprises a pair of second slots defined in the second lateral wall; and the at least one insert comprises a second insert movably coupled to the second lateral wall and configured to selectively move along the second slots for adjusting the second insert relative to the holster body.
