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Subject: Surplus Shoulder Holsters for Makarov pistols

You will find that the shoulder holster you ordered will be a tight fit. In some cases it will be too small to close the flap. Here's what you can do to custom wet-mold the holster to your pistol:

- Spray your pistol with light lubricant such as WD-40 to make sure any residual water will not rust it. Take a piece of plastic food wrap (e.g. "Saran Wrap") and put a double layer around your Makarov pistol and one magazine. Make sure that the lines of the pistol such as the trigger guard are preserved.

- Wet all parts of the holster. Soak it well.

- Insert your wrapped pistol firmly and close the flap. Do the same for the magazine. If you've soaked the holster well, you will already notice that the flap closes easily and that the holster is molding itself to the pistol.

- Air-dry the holster with the pistol inside. For faster results, use a hair dryer.

Another method is to use Rubbing Alcohol to wet your holster, and than insert the bare pistol in the Holster and let it air dry. The Rubbing Alcohol will evaporate fairly quickly, leaving the Holster molded to your pistol.

The resulting holster will be custom-molded to your pistol. This is what the manufacturers of expensive leather rigs do as well! Of course, if you have any problems with the holster in any way, just e-mail us.