

FAQS

CAN THESE PACHMAYR SNAP CAPS BE CYCLED THROUGH THE GUN?

Yes, but this will shorten their life. For function testing, we recommend our A-Zoom brand of snap caps.

DOES CORE DESIGN REALLY MATTER IF I SELECT A SOFT PAD?

Material softness is only part of the recoil absorbing formula. A solid soft pad does not absorb recoil like a design with cores. The core design enhances recoil absorption and maintains the pad's stability when under recoil.

A core design that is not stable will collapse at too fast a rate causing undue pain and fatigue to the shooter. A core design that is too stiff to collapse under light recoil is almost of no use at all. Due to the design, the pad will not deflect the recoil forces.

The Side Core design with the XXXX configuration is the ultimate in recoil absorption because of the "shock absorbing" effect offered by the compressing "X" pattern. These pads have a solid base and are the best choice for those who may prefer a soft sided pad, particularly for collar bone sensitivity.

The Bottom Core design is softer in the middle and has firmer sides to absorb the sharpest recoil. A classic appearance and availability in Decelerator material makes this design the most popular and most copied Pachmayr design.

HOW DO I DETERMINE WHICH PAD I NEED FOR MY APPLICATION?

You will need to think about what you need the pad to do for you. Think about the face shape, core design and face texture which will benefit you the most.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH SYNTHETIC STOCK ADAPTER TO PURCHASE, AND IF I NEED ONE?

Synthetic stock adapters allow recoil pads to be fitted to synthetic stocks. Many synthetic stocks are hollow and therefore may not have material in the proper location to mount a pad in the traditional manner. If you are installing one of the medium or large pads, purchase the large stock adapter. The small stock adapter will work only with the small pad.

HOW DO I SELECT THE PROPER FACE SHAPE?

The recoil pad faces are shaped to provide a contour designed to work with the face texture for optimum performance. Sporting clays pads are domed to prevent hanging up on the shoulder. Trap pads have a large pronounced curve to help position the pad on the shoulder firmly in exactly the same location every time. Field pads provide a combination of convex and concave shapes designed as a compromise for fast mounting and positive control.

HOW IMPORTANT IS FACE TEXTURE?

A shooter should choose the face texture of a recoil pad based on the anticipated need or usage. Pachmayr pad face textures are placed in three classifications, light, medium and heavy. These descriptions refer to the amount of "bite" the pad gets into the shoulder when firing.

A lighter face texture is desirable for the quick mount. If the position is not right, minor shifts can be done without removing the gun butt from the shoulder. A heavy texture should be chosen when small pad movements on the shoulder can cause a target to be lost, or where recoil is such that movement can cause injury to the shooter.

Light face textures include Leather and Ribbed.

Medium face textures include Line Checkered and Stippled.

Heavy face textures include Basket Weave, Grooved and Pigeon.

I HAVE A CURVED STOCK, CAN I STILL PUT A RECOIL PAD ON IT?

Yes, but the stock must be trimmed flat first.

I HAVE A PACHMAYR RECOIL PAD ON MY SHOTGUN. HOW DO I KEEP THEM LOOKING THEIR BEST?

The best product to maintain the appearance of the pads is Armor All.

I HAVE A POLYMER FRAME SEMI-AUTO THAT I AM NOT REAL HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE GRIP FEELS. SINCE THE GRIP AREA HAS A MOLDED-IN TEXTURE AND IT DOES NOT HAVE SEPARATE GRIP PANELS, WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?

A simple solution for this would be our Grip Glove slip-on grips. These are easy to install and come in a variety of sizes to fit most semi-auto pistols. Unlike many slip-on style grips, Grip Gloves are designed to fit a particular pistol, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

I HAVE A SMALL COMPACT REVOLVER THAT NEEDS AN AFTERMARKET GRIP DESPERATELY. HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS?

The Compac grip will be your best option for this. It is small enough to not compromise concealability, while still providing a grip large enough for control. These grips have covered backstraps and a secure non-slip surface.

I HAVE SOME PACHMAYR GRIPS. WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP THEM LOOKING THEIR BEST?

We recommend wiping them with Armor All.

I HAVE VERY SMALL HANDS. ALL THE REVOLVERS I TRY DON'T FEEL RIGHT AS THEY FEEL SO CUMBERSOME. HAVE YOU ANY GRIPS THAT CAN HELP?

For individuals with small hands, your best selection would be either the Gripper Professional or the Compac Professional. These are the smallest Pachmayr grips available. These have an open backstrap and the overall shape has been downsized 10%.

I LIKE THE LOOK OF THE WOODEN GRIPS, BUT I REALLY LIKE THE FEEL OF RUBBER GRIPS. IS THERE A

COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO?

Yes, we have American Legend Grips for just this purpose. With a fine Rosewood or Charcoal Silvertone grip chassis and a wrap around Decelerator rubber grip, this grip will offer you the "best of both worlds". They are available for 1911 pistols and popular revolvers.

I LIKE THE TRADITIONAL LOOK AND FEEL OF WOOD GRIPS. WHAT DOES PACHMAYR HAVE TO OFFER?

Pachmayr has our Renegade wood laminate grips for both revolvers and pistols. The revolver grips are available in either smooth or checkered finishes and in Rosewood or Charcoal Silvertone colors. Pistol grips are available checkered and in either Rosewood or Charcoal Silvertone colors.

I NEED A GRIP FOR A REVOLVER THAT FULLY COVERS THE BACKSTRAP. I'M INTERESTED IN RECOIL

REDUCTION AND CONTROL. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?

The ideal grip for this application would be either the Diamond Pro series or the Gripper model. These both offer a covered backstrap, finger grooves, a slight palm swell and are textured for control. The Gripper Decelerator model is a softer rubber material which is excellent for recoil absorption.

I NEED A GRIP SPECIFICALLY FOR A SEMI-AUTO THAT WILL PROVIDE ME WITH CONTROL DURING RAPID

FIRE. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?

Our Signature grips would be ideal for this application. These offer a full wrap around design (except for 1911 models which have a grip safety) with steel inserts to maintain its shape.

I WANT A BASIC, HAND FILLING, TRADITIONAL STYLE GRIP FOR MY REVOLVER. DO YOU CARRY SOMETHING

LIKE THIS?

Our original Presentation style is the perfect match for you. The Presentation grip offers classic styling with deep checkering for control.

THE HOLE SPACING IS DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE PAD I JUST PURCHASED AND THE PAD THAT WAS

ORIGINALLY ON MY GUN. WHAT DO I DO?

The hole spacing will vary from model to model. We are unable to provide all possible variations in all pads. We recommend filling your existing screw holes in your stock with a wooden dowel rod and drilling new holes.

WHAT ADVANTAGES DOES G10 GRIPS OFFER?

G10 material is super tough and durable. It is impervious to moisture, weather or chemicals. Since the grips have multi layers of different colors, machining will also produce attractive patterns in the grips.

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WHAT IS THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF 22LR RIMFIRE SNAP CAPS?

These can be hit 10 to 20 times depending on the firearm used

WHAT IS THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF CENTER FIRE SNAP CAPS?

Snap caps can stand up to over a thousand hits.

WHAT MAKES PACHMAYR GRIPS BETTER THAN OTHER BRANDS OF GRIPS?

Fit, feel, appearance and strength. Pachmayr offers a variety of grip styles for many applications and hand sizes. Our innovative Diamond Pro series offer a one piece design that slips over a revolver's frame, eliminating any seams or gaps. Their soft feel and "diamond plate" texture gives you recoil reduction as well as complete control.

WHY SHOULD I BUY A PACHMAYR RECOIL PAD RATHER THAN ONE OF YOUR COMPETITION?

Our recoil pads are made of rubber which has many benefits over the competition's.

Others use either Noserex or Sorbothane which are much more difficult to grind than rubber. These others also have a much lower melting point than rubber. Sorbothane melts at 150°, which the interior of a car can easily reach particularly in summer months.

Remember: a pad which feels soft to the touch will also bottom out much quicker under recoil than a pad which is designed to give gradually such as the Pachmayr patented side core "XX" pattern.

WHY WOULD I NEED AN AFTERMARKET RECOIL PAD? THE ONE THAT CAME ON THE GUN SHOULD BE

ADEQUATE OTHERWISE THE MANUFACTURER WOULD NOT HAVE SOLD IT TO ME.

The correct recoil pad can actually improve your shooting. Both in comfort and scores. The wrong choice could make the opposite true. With the broadest selection, Pachmayr recoil pads give you the correct choice, regardless of the type of shooting you do.

WHY WOULD I WANT A SLIP-ON PAD?

These are ideal for fine or collectible guns with a metal butt plate where mounting a new pad would ruin the value. They are also an easy way to temporarily increase the length of pull. They could be used during the

summer, when light clothes are worn, and then removed for winter months, when heavy clothes shorten the length of pull needed.

WILL THE PAD THICKNESS BE IMPORTANT?

Pad thickness can be important as this will affect the length of pull. If the pad that came on the gun originally is the proper thickness for you, select a pad where the thickness is similar. If you need additional length to obtain the proper length of pull, we recommend the addition of Stock Spacers which are available in three styles, Black (.25"), White (.06") and Black and White (.25"). You can add up to 1" in length with these.