

## TWO MORE GALCO HOLSTERS FOR DOWN LOW

As CONCEALED CARRY CHOICES, the Springfield Armory XDS 45 ACP and XDS 9mm pistols are two top concealment handguns. In either caliber, it's hard to beat the short, consistent XD trigger system with grip safety. Thanks to its single-column magazine, the XDS features an ultra-narrow frame that not only aids concealment but also helps the shooter point the gun.

But the small lateral dimensions of the XDS would go to waste if it weren't for a suitable holster. Two holsters that help accentuate the XDS pistols' concealment are Galco's \$33 Tuck-N-Go in-the-pant holster and the \$75 Ankle Lite ankle holster.

The Tuck-N-Go is an inside-the-waistband holster constructed primarily of center-cut steer hide with an open top that will not collapse when empty. This means the gun can be reholstered without having to pry it open or dig in and twist the muzzle past the opening. It can be used as a standard IWB holster or, thanks to the J-hook being attached low on the holster body, there is a gap into which the shirttail can be tucked. The J-hook comes up over the pant top then snakes down behind the belt, catching the bottom

of the belt with a small J-shaped hook to keep it from coming loose during a draw. The advantage of a J-hook is that there is little or nothing left visible to alert onlookers. The name Tuck-



**Galco Tuck-N-Go Holster**

N-Go refers to the ease in which gun and holster can be inserted and of course, removed as a unit. The best choice for the Tuck-N-Go system is a flat, thin, short-barreled lightweight semi-auto, like the XDS.

If you spend a lot of time at a desk or driving a car, then an ankle holster fits the bill. But if you've ever worn an ankle rig with a lightweight revolver, then you know that positioning the bulge of the cylinder in just the right place is imperative for comfort. If it starts to rotate or slide downward, it can be a long day. The Ankle Lite ankle holster uses neoprene construction with a wide Velcro closure and sheepskin backing for comfort. A hard molded-synthetic holster with thumb-break retention is used to streamline its profile. A \$22 calf strap that can help maintain positioning is optional, but our tester, who is a mechanic working daily in a garage without air conditioning, has yet to find one necessary.

A \$30 boot extender to increase the circumference of the neoprene wrap can be helpful if you typically wear high boots or have bigger ankles.

**Our Team Said:** Even the smallest handgun is going to be ineffective if you can't find a holster that will keep it stabilized and within reach but effectively out of sight.

The Tuck-N-Go and Ankle Lite holsters are two good ways to make the Springfield Armory XDS a best bet for concealed carry.



**Galco Ankle Lite**