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(54) **BOOTS WITH INTEGRATED FIREARM
HOLSTER**

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ABSTRACT

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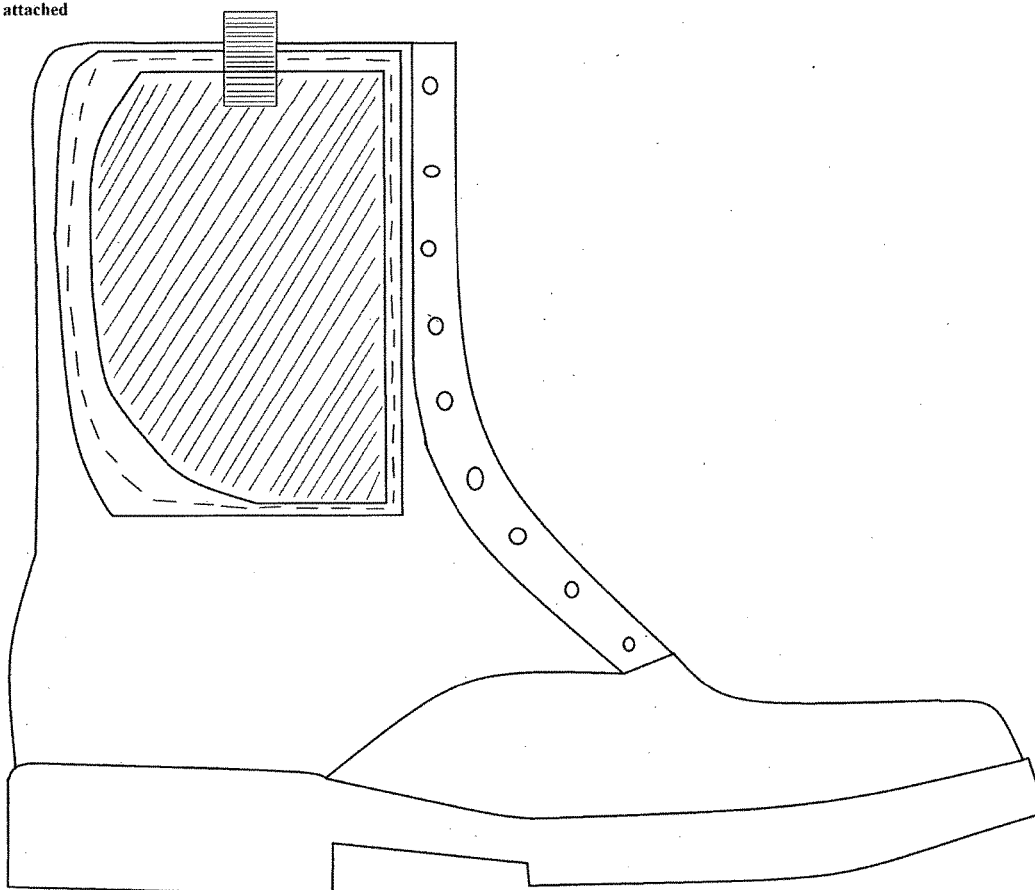
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Disclosed is a boot with an integrated holster for carrying a firearm. The boot is constructed of leather, nylon fabric or other material and can be any type of boot. The holster can be constructed of leather, nylon fabric or any other material and allows for the concealed carry of a firearm on the wearer's ankle or lower leg. The holster is not detachable from the boot.

**General overview of lace up boot
with holster attached**
(not to scale)



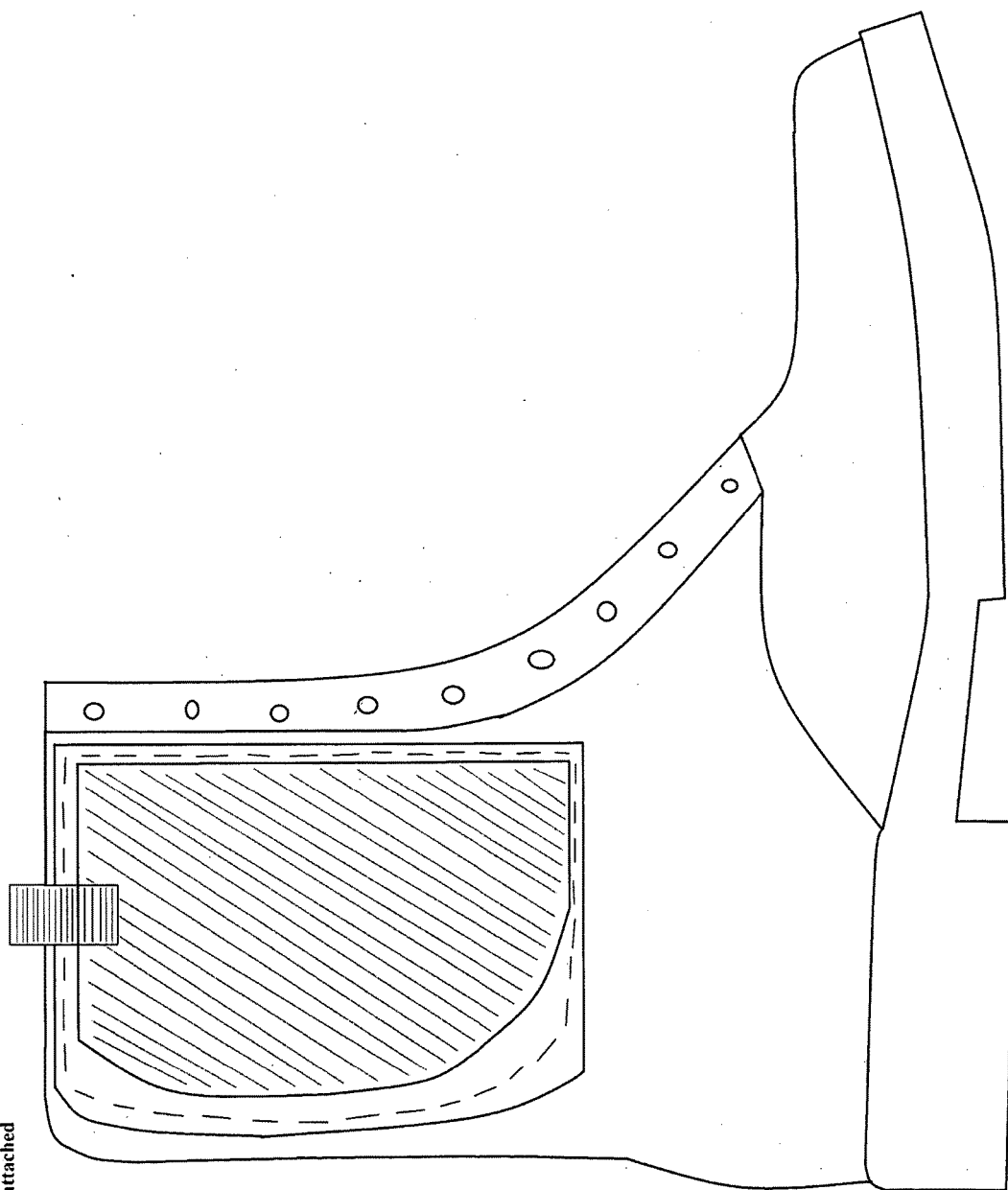


Figure 1
General overview of lace up boot
with holster attached
(not to scale)

Figure 2
Close up drawing of holster
attached to lace up boot.

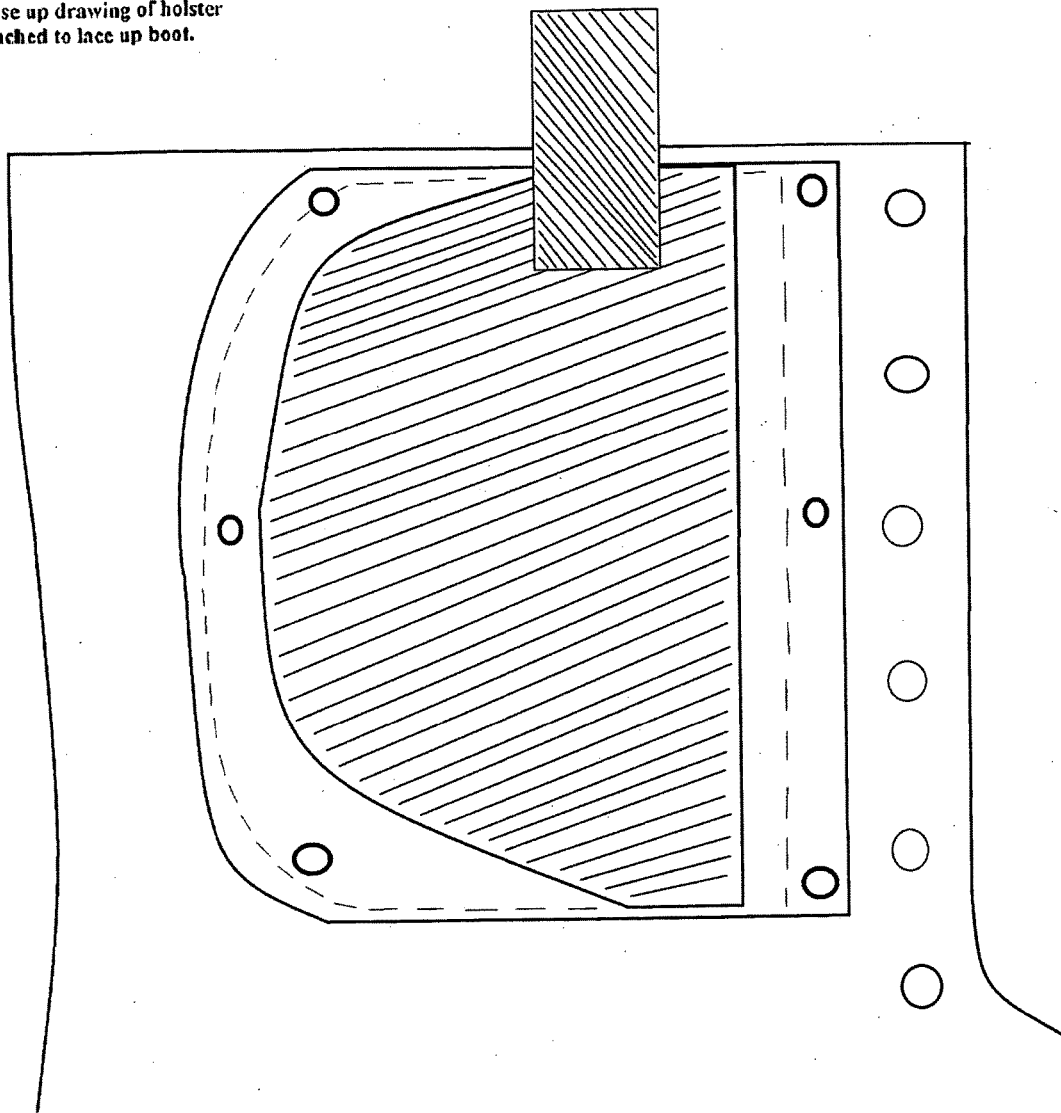


Figure 3
General overview of "cowboy" boot
with holster attached

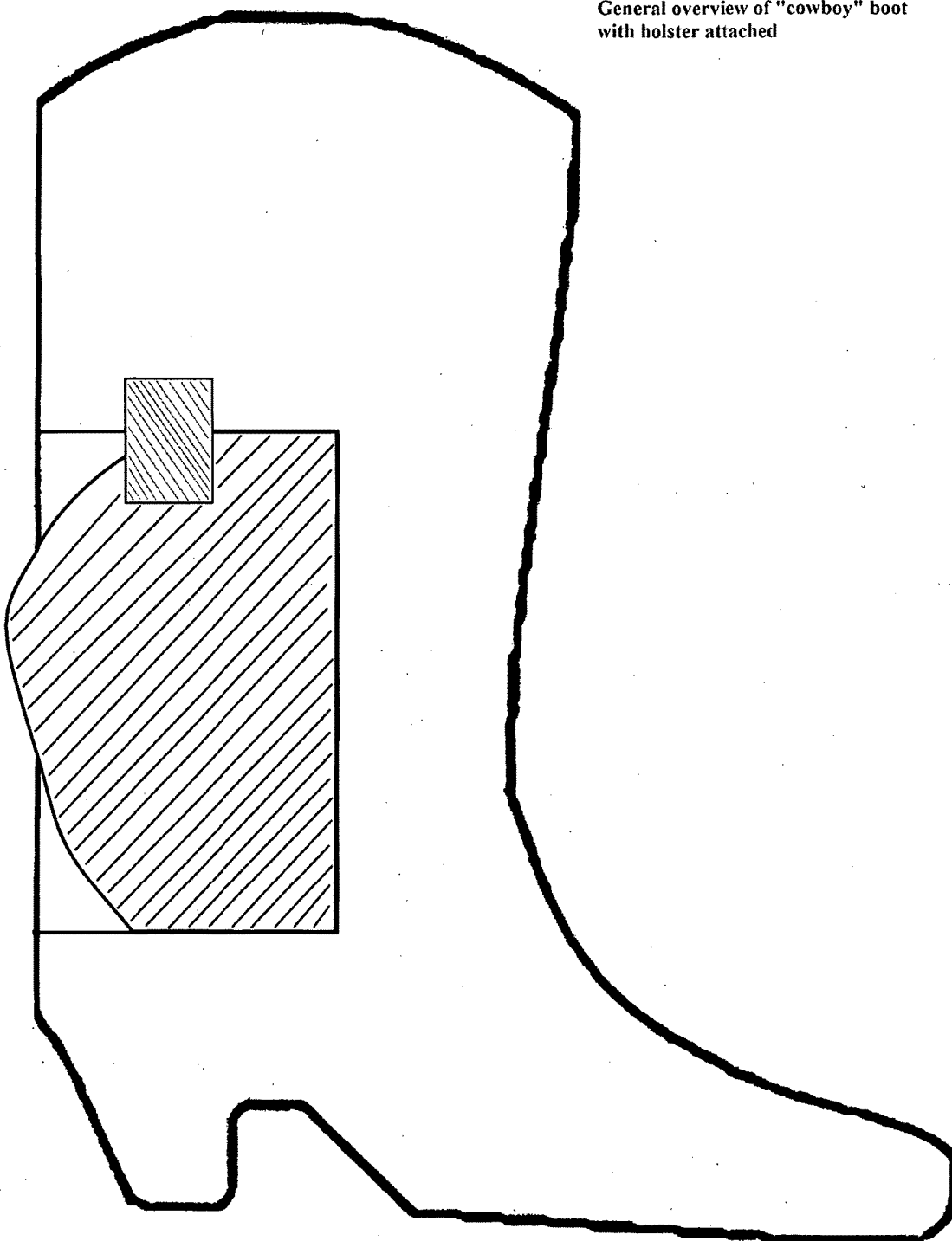
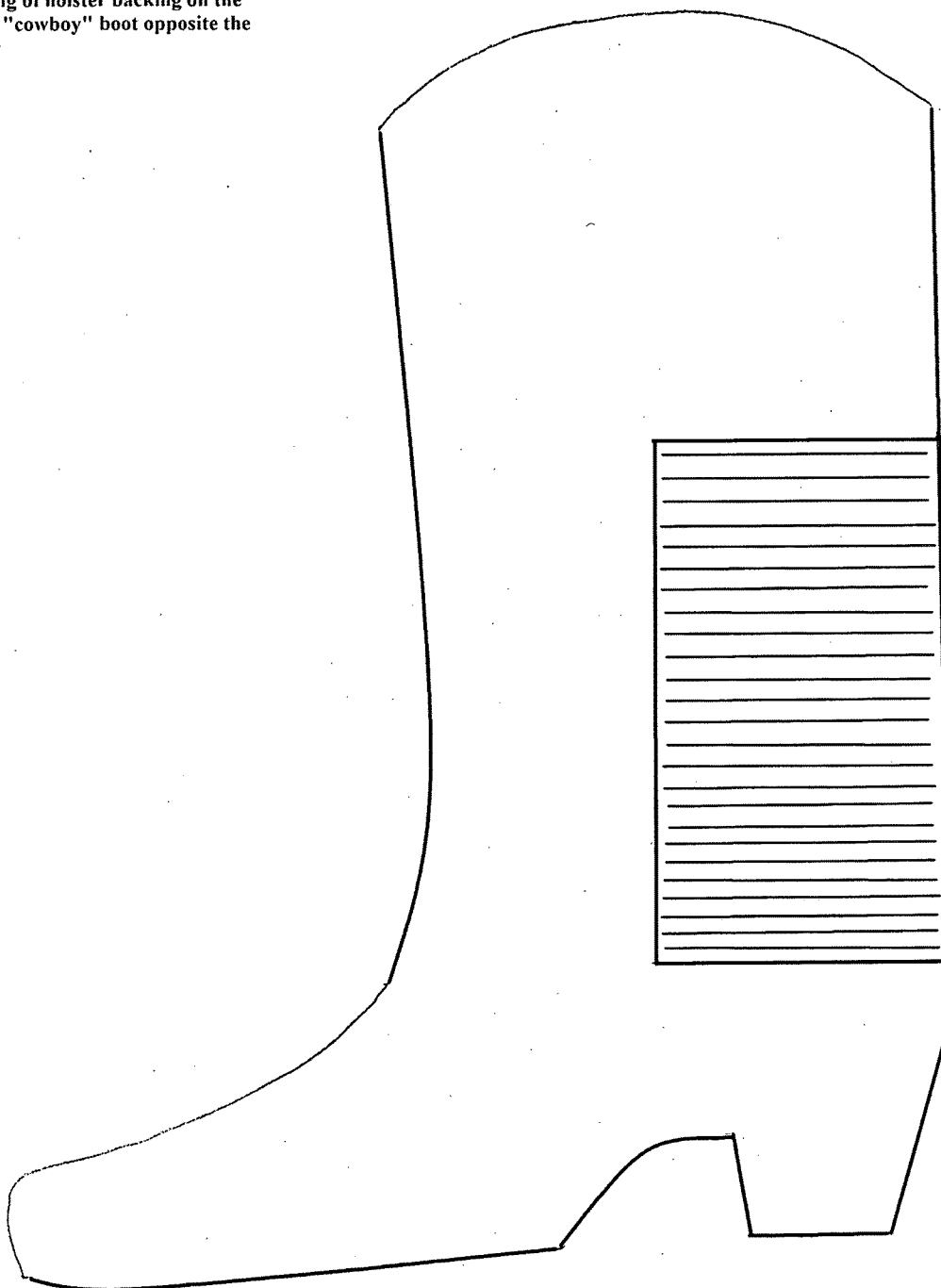


Figure 4
Drawing of holster backing on the
side of "cowboy" boot opposite the
holster



BOOTS WITH INTEGRATED FIREARM HOLSTER

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Recently more of the individual states have passed legislation allowing the concealed carry of deadly weapons in public places. There are multiple holster options for the concealed carry of a weapon. Most of these holsters are stand alone and must be clipped into the carrier's waistband or clothing in some manner. There are ankle holsters that are made to wrap around the carrier's lower leg but these holsters tend to be uncomfortable because they do not stay in place and slide down on the top of the foot or shoe. Current ankle holsters are also not practical if the carrier is wearing "cowboy" style boots because the weapon is not easily accessible inside the boot.

[0003] By integrating the holster into the outside of the boot this invention allows for a weapon to be carried without the discomfort caused from other holsters and allows relatively easy access to the weapon.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] A boot with an integrated weapon holster that is added during the construction of the boots. The holster can be constructed of nylon, kydex, plastic, leather or any material that is suitable for a weapon holster. Generally the color and material of the holster will match the color and material of the boots, this will help facilitate concealing the weapon.

[0005] The holster is attached to the outside of either the left or right boot and will not be detachable from the boot. If the holster is on the right boot it will be on the right of the boot and if it is on the left boot it will be on the left side of the boot so that the weapon is always on the outside of the wearer's leg. This prevents the weapon from rubbing the opposite leg when running or walking. The holster is securely attached to the boot to prevent it from moving while walking or running and the weapon will not slip down lower on the boot. A Velcro or snap closure on the holster prevents the weapon from unintentionally coming out of the holster.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

[0006] 1) General overview drawing of lace up boot with holster attached.

[0007] 2) Close up drawing of holster and backing attached to lace up boot.

[0008] 3) General overview drawing of a "cowboy" boot with holster attached.

[0009] 4) General overview drawing of side of "cowboy" boot opposite holster.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0010] Without intending to limit the scope of the invention the embodiments and features are hereinafter set forth.

[0011] The invention is a boot with a holster for a firearm that is integrated into the boot during the manufacturing of

the boot. The holster is attached to a backing material. The backing material is then integrated into the boot during manufacture of the boot. The backing and holster can be attached to the boot at any time during the production process including at the end of the process after the boot is constructed.

[0012] The invention is adaptable to any type of boot constructed out of any type of material including leather, nylon, rubber, fabric or any combination thereof. The holster can be constructed of the same material as the boot or it can be constructed of a different material than the boot. For example a nylon or kydex holster can be integrated into a leather boot or a leather holster can be integrated into a nylon or fabric boot. The term "boot" is intended to include shoes and other footwear wherein the portion of the upper adjacent a wearer's ankle is 2" high or more. The upper of a boot may be divided between the vamp, i.e. the front part of the boot that covers the phalanges and metatarsals of a wearer's foot, and the quarter, i.e. the sides and back of the boot, extending back from the vamp. The boot may have a camouflage design on the outside, or it may be a solid color.

[0013] The holster can be constructed from any material suitable for a firearm holster including but not limited to leather, plastic, kydex, rubber, nylon or other fabric. The holster is of a typical design that is already commonly produced and used.

[0014] The holster backing material can be constructed of any material suitable for the purpose including but not limited to leather, plastic, kydex, rubber, nylon or other fabric.

[0015] The boot can be constructed of any material suitable for boot and shoe manufacture including but not limited to leather, rubber, nylon or other fabric.

[0016] The holster is constructed separately from the boot and attached to the backing material by sewing with thread, attaching with rivets or fixing with glue or any combination of these methods. The holster is then integrated into the boot during the construction of the boot by attaching the backing material to the upper or shaft of the boot by sewing with thread, attaching with rivets, or fixing with glue or any combination of these methods.

[0017] FIG. 1 shows a drawing of the invention adapted to a lace up type boot. The holster is integrated into the right side of the boot and can be attached by stitching with thread, glue or rivets. The backing material can be adapted by size and shape to match the type, size and construction of the boot. The holster is a size that is sufficient to hold a small or medium size firearm and is not able to be detached from the boot. There are tabs at the top of the holster that act as a closure to prevent the firearm from accidentally coming out of the holster.

[0018] FIG. 2 shows a close up detail drawing of a lace up boot with the holster attached. The holster is attached to a piece of backing material and the backing material is then attached to the boot. The stitching to attach the holster to the backing material is on the inside of the holster and cannot be seen from the outside of the holster. The backing material is attached to the boot with thread, rivets, glue or any combination of these three methods, depending on the material the boot is constructed of.

[0019] FIG. 3 shows a general overview a cowboy type boot with an integrated holster.

[0020] FIG. 4 shows another view of a cowboy type boot with integrated holster.

1. A footwear article comprising a boot with a holster for carrying a firearm integrated and made a part of the boot by means of a backing material and not detachable from the boot.

2. The footwear article of claim 1, wherein said boot is a combat boot, hiking boot, construction boot, hunter's boot, work boot, cowboy boot or any article of footwear that covers the whole foot and at least part of the lower leg.

3. The footwear article of claim 1 wherein said boot is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of but not limited to: leather, rubber, microfiber, plastic, nylon, metal, fabric, or any combination of said materials.

4. The holster article of claim 1 being integrated as a part of the boot is composed of a material from the group consisting of but not limited to: leather, rubber, microfiber, plastic, nylon, metal, fabric, or any combination of said materials.

5. The holster article of claim 1 is integrated into the boot by means of a backing material that is attached to the holster by being sewn with thread, attached with rivets or fixed with glue.

6. The holster backing material of claim 1 is composed of a material consisting of but not limited to: leather, rubber, microfiber, plastic, nylon, metal, fabric, or any combination of said materials.

7. The holster backing material of claim 1 is integrated into the boot during the manufacturing process and made an integral part of the boot by sewing with thread, attaching with rivets or fixed with glue.

8. The holster backing material of claim 1 and the holster of claim 1 can be added to the boot at the end of the boot manufacturing process as a separate stage in the manufacturing process.

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