

[54] RAIN GUN CASE

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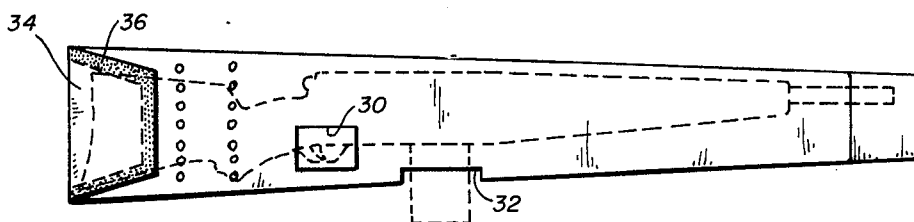
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[57] ABSTRACT

A gun case is made of light, flexible material, and is capable of being rolled or folded to fit into a pocket holder for storage and carrying. The gun case is designed to be folded into a packet small enough to be carried in a person's shirt pocket. In one embodiment the gun case is rolled or folded into a pocket holder formed as an integral part of the gun case at one end thereof. The gun case may have openings formed therein by which a person may operate the trigger while the gun is in the case, or by which a person may insert a cartridge clip, or it may include other openings for ejection of spent cartridges.

1 Claim, 7 Drawing Figures



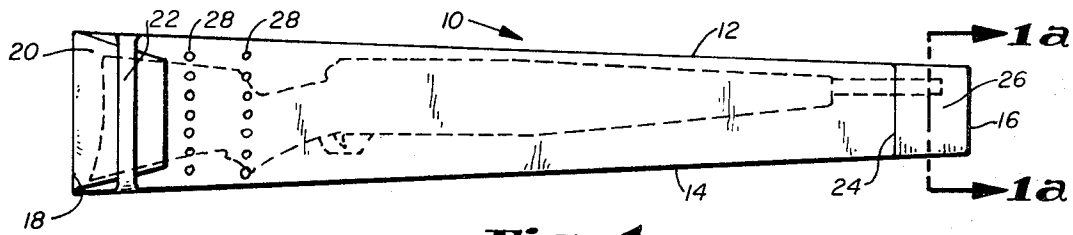


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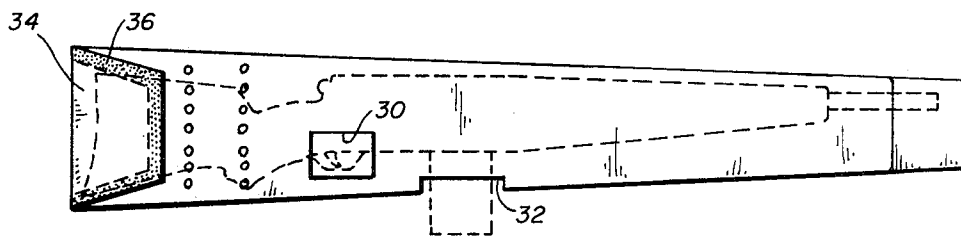


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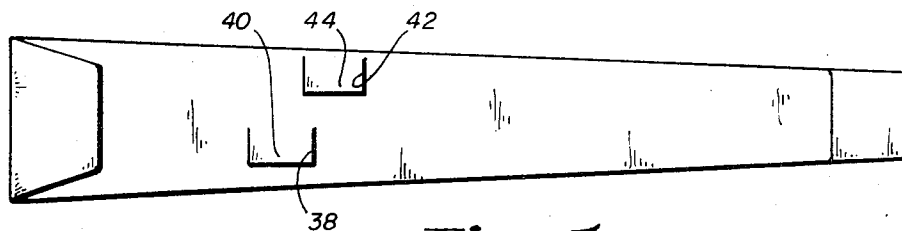


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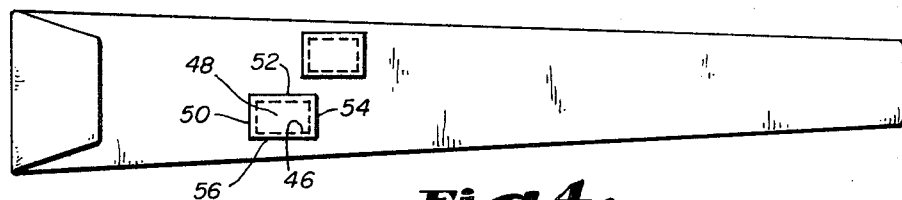


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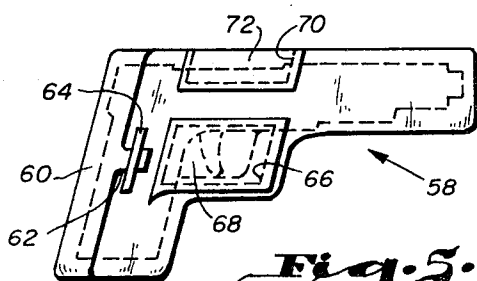


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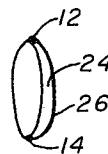


Fig. 1a.



Fig. 1b.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to an improvement in gun cases. More particularly, this invention relates to gun cases made of light, flexible material, which are capable of being rolled up or folded up in order to fit into a small pocket holder for convenience in carrying.

Gun cases, which are used for carrying or storing guns, particularly those for shotguns and rifles, have traditionally been made of rather heavy, semi-rigid material. The main purpose of such a gun case has been to protect the gun against damage from a blow received during transit or storage. Such typical gun cases are disclosed in the following patents: U.S. Pat. No. 3,164,189 to O'Link, U.S. Pat. No. 3,191,652 to Benson et al., and U.S. Pat. No. 3,239,114 to Norsworthy.

Much more important protection, however, is needed while the gun is being carried in the field. For example, when a hunter leaves his house or automobile he customarily carries his gun a great distance, leaving his gun case behind in either his house or his automobile. Quite often, the weather he encounters during hunting is inclement, or, while he is far from his house or automobile, the weather turns inclement. His gun is therefore subjected to the weather, either rain, snow, or dust.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a gun case made of light, flexible material which is adaptable to various kinds and sizes of guns and rifles.

Another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which is easily made, inexpensive, and convenient to use.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which may be easily and quickly applied to a gun or easily and quickly removed from a gun and which may be conveniently carried when not used as a cover for a gun.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a gun cover which will permit a gun or rifle to be operated even while the gun or rifle is in position within the cover.

Another object of this invention is to provide an inexpensive gun cover which may be formed of a single sheet of light, flexible material.

Another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which may be easily carried and which is quickly usable.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which will protect a gun from the weather, and from dust or other potentially injurious elements, and which is readily usable at a sudden change in the weather or environment.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which may be easily and conveniently carried with a person and used when necessary, instead of being removed from a gun and left at a remote location.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a gun case which may be carried on a person without having to be carried in his hands.

The gun case of this invention will be particularly advantageous to use by the armed forces since it may be easily carried and may be quickly put into use, while, of even much more advantage, in an emergency or at a time of quick need, the gun or rifle may be easily fired while it is within the gun case. That is, the gun case is

intended to be made of extremely thin, flexible material, such as a thin film of polyethylene or similar thin plastic, and the gun may be aimed and fired while it is inside the gun case.

This gun case is made of light, flexible material, and is capable of being rolled or folded into such a small configuration as to fit into a pocket holder for easy carrying. In fact, the packet into which the gun case may be folded is small enough to be carried in a person's shirt pocket. In one embodiment, the gun case has a pocket holder formed as an integral part at the barrel end of the gun case.

The gun case may be made of clear or colored plastic material, or may be made of camouflage colors when intended for military use.

Most conveniently, the gun case may be cut out of a single sheet of flexible material which is folded over and sealed along the lengthwise edge and barrel end but left open at the stock end. Thus, in use the gun or rifle may be inserted at the stock end which is the slightly larger end of the gun case and which may have a flap thereat to serve as a closure for the open end. The closure flap may be inserted into the open end for closing the gun case, or may have a strap across the width of the gun case under which the flap may be inserted, or may be formed with self adhesive surface to hold the flap in a sealed condition.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claims and from the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a side elevational view of a gun case according to this invention showing a rifle contained therein in shadow.

FIG. 1a is a cross sectional view along the lines 1a--1a of FIG. 1.

FIG. 1b is a side elevational view of a gun case according to this invention in a folded and closed condition within an integral pocket of the gun case.

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view of an alternate embodiment of a gun case according to this invention also showing a rifle contained therein in shadow.

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of still another embodiment of a gun case according to this invention.

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view of still another embodiment of a gun case according to this invention.

FIG. 5 is a side elevational view of a gun case according to this invention for a pistol showing a pistol contained therein in shadow.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The gun case of this invention comprises an elongate casing made of light, flexible material and capable of being folded or rolled into a small, compact packet, said casing having an opening at a first narrow end and closure means at said first narrow end to at least substantially close said opening as desired.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, FIG. 1 describes a gun case 10, generally, according to this invention, which is formed of a light, thin, flexible material, such as polyethylene, into an elongate casing having two closed lengthwise sides 12 and 14 respectively, a closed end 16, and an open end 18. An extended por-

tion of one side of the casing forms a flap 20 which acts as means to close the open end either by being inserted into the open end or, as shown in FIG. 1, by being inserted under a retaining strip 22 of similar material which is attached to the gun casing. Adjacent the closed end of the gun case is a pocket portion 24 formed by the sealing of a piece of similar material 26 sealed to the gun case along three sides leaving pocket 24 open. Thus, by rolling or folding the empty gun case, the case can be compacted into a small packet which will fit conveniently into pocket 24 providing easy means for carrying and storing the gun case.

FIG. 1 further describes a gun case having a plurality of air vents 28 to prevent condensation of moisture within the gun case upon prolonged storage.

FIG. 1a is a cross sectional view showing the relationship of pocket 24 to the gun case.

FIG. 1b describes the gun case in a rolled or folded condition and stuffed within pocket 24.

In FIG. 2 a gun case is described which has a trigger opening 30 cut in one side of the gun case so that easy access to the trigger may be had while the gun or rifle is within the case, and so that in an emergency, the rifle may even be fired while it is within the case. Also in FIG. 2 is shown a clip opening 32 which is cut from the bottom of the gun case and permits the insertion of a new clip of cartridges if necessary while the gun or rifle is within the case. Then too, another manner of providing a cover flap is shown. A cover flap 34 includes a self-adhesive portion 36 by which the cover flap may be sealed against the outer portion of the gun flap. Any suitable type of self-adhesive means may be employed for this purpose.

In FIG. 3 another form of trigger opening is described by trigger opening 38. Trigger opening 38 is formed simply by making a U-shaped or L-shaped cut in the side of the gun case and leaving in place the resulting flap portion which then becomes a cover 40 for the trigger opening. Similarly, in FIG. 3 another U-shaped cut may be made in the side of the gun case to form an ejection opening 42 which likewise has a flap of material in place which then becomes a cover 44 for ejection opening 42.

In FIG. 4 a trigger opening 46 is protected by a cover 48 which is sealed in place over trigger opening 46 along sides 52, and 54, leaving access to opening 48 thru sides 50 and 56.

It is also contemplated that the trigger opening may

simply be outlined by indentation of the gun case material whereby the material may be punched out or cut out as desired by the operator to form a trigger opening or may be left intact so that there is no opening for a person's trigger finger. Similar indentation of the gun case material may be provided in the area of a proposed ejection opening or clip opening, so that if desired, the material may be easily removed to form these openings, or the material may be left intact.

FIG. 5 describes a gun case according to this invention for a pistol. Gun case 58, generally, has a flap 60 to cover the open end and which flap includes an extended portion 62 capable of slipping under retaining strip 64 to hold the flap 60 in a closed condition. The pistol gun case 58 further includes a suitable trigger opening 66 which may be left uncovered, or which may be covered by a suitable cover as cover 68 similar to the previously described trigger covers in that it may be a flap of material remaining in place after the cutting of the trigger opening, or, as described in FIG. 5, is a separate piece of material sealed in place along two sides leaving a bottom opening for a person's finger to reach the trigger. Similarly, pistol gun case 58 includes an ejection opening 70 protected by a cover 72 which may also be either a flap of material remaining in place after cutting of the opening, or as described in FIG. 5, may be a separate piece of material sealed in place to cover the opening 70.

Since many different embodiments of this invention may be made without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, it is to be understood that the specific embodiments described in detail herein are not to be taken in a limiting sense, since the scope of the invention is best defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A gun case comprising an elongate casing made of light, flexible material and capable of being folded or rolled into a small, compact packet, said casing having an opening at a first narrow end and closure means at said first narrow end to at least substantially close said opening as desired, wherein said elongate casing includes a pocket adjacent a second narrow end to receive said packet, said elongate casing including a trigger opening on a side thereof, said trigger opening being substantially covered by a flap of light, flexible material, said closure means comprising a flap of light, flexible material, said elongate casing including an ejection opening on a side thereof.

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