GunVault MV500

GunVault MV500 Compact Handgun Safe Instruction Manual

Model: MV500
Brand: GunVault

1. INTRODUCTION

The GunVault MV500 Compact Handgun Safe is designed to provide secure and quick access to your firearm or valuables. Its compact size makes it suitable for placement in various locations, including nightstands, vehicles, or briefcases. Constructed from heavy-gauge steel, the MV500 features a high-strength locking mechanism and precise fittings to resist prying attempts. The patented No-Eyes Keypad allows for rapid access, even in low-light conditions, while a soft foam interior protects contents from damage.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Always store firearms unloaded and separate from ammunition. Keep the safe locked and the backup keys secured in a location inaccessible to unauthorized individuals, especially children. Never rely solely on electronic access; ensure you know how to use the backup key. Regularly check the battery status to ensure proper operation.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

- GunVault MV500 Compact Handgun Safe
- Backup Keys (2)
- Security Cable
- Mounting Hardware

4. SETUP

4.1. Battery Installation

The MV500 safe requires one 9V alkaline battery for operation. The battery compartment is typically

located on the underside or inside the safe's door mechanism. Ensure the battery is installed with the correct polarity.

1. Locate the battery compartment.
2. Open the compartment cover.
3. Insert a new 9V alkaline battery, ensuring proper orientation.
4. Close the compartment cover securely.

Note: The safe will indicate a low battery condition by blinking a red light during operation. Replace the battery promptly when this occurs.

4.2. Mounting the Safe

The MV500 can be secured using the included security cable or by utilizing its pre-drilled mounting holes.

- **Using the Security Cable:** Loop the security cable around a fixed object (e.g., a car seat frame, bed frame) and secure it to the safe's designated cable attachment point.
- **Using Mounting Hardware:** Position the safe in the desired location. Mark the positions for the pre-drilled holes on the mounting surface. Drill pilot holes if necessary and secure the safe using the provided mounting hardware.

Image 1: The GunVault MV500 safe with its lid open, revealing a handgun and a knife resting on the protective foam interior. The electronic keypad panel is visible at the front.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Understanding the No-Eyes Keypad

The MV500 features a patented No-Eyes Keypad with tactile dots, allowing for quick and discreet access without needing to look at the keypad. The keypad consists of four buttons, each with a distinct tactile indicator.

Image 2: A close-up view of the GunVault No-Eyes Keypad, highlighting the four distinct buttons and their tactile dots for operation in low-light conditions.

5.2. Setting Your Access Code

The safe allows for a user-selectable access code of 3 to 6 digits. Over 12 million possible combinations are available.

1. Open the safe using the factory default code (refer to the sticker inside the safe or the quick start guide) or the backup key.
2. Locate the 'Learn' button inside the safe, usually near the keypad mechanism.
3. Press and hold the 'Learn' button until the indicator light flashes.
4. Enter your desired 3-6 digit code on the No-Eyes Keypad. You can use any combination of the four buttons, including pressing multiple buttons simultaneously or pressing the same button multiple times.
5. Press the 'Learn' button again to save the new code. The indicator light will confirm successful programming.
6. Test your new code with the safe door open to ensure it works correctly before closing the safe.

5.3. Opening the Safe

To open the safe using your access code:

1. Place your fingers on the keypad buttons.
2. Enter your programmed access code. The indicator light will flash green with each correct entry.
3. Upon successful code entry, the safe will unlock, and the lid will spring open slightly.

5.4. Silent Mode Operation

The MV500 provides audio feedback for keypad entries, which can be disabled for discreet operation.

- Locate the 'Mute' button inside the safe, usually near the keypad mechanism.
- Press the 'Mute' button to toggle the audio feedback on or off.

5.5. Tamper Indicator and Lockout Feature

The safe includes security features to deter unauthorized access:

- **Tamper Indicator:** The safe notes invalid entry attempts. If the safe is opened after multiple invalid attempts, the indicator light will signal this.

- **Lockout Feature:** After a certain number of repeated invalid keypad entries (typically 4-5), the safe's computer will temporarily block access via the keypad for a few minutes. During this time, the backup key can still be used.

5.6. Using the Backup Key

In case of battery failure or forgotten code, the safe can be opened using the provided backup key.

1. Locate the keyhole on the front panel of the safe.
2. Insert the backup key into the keyhole.
3. Turn the key to unlock the safe.
4. Open the safe lid.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1. Battery Replacement

Replace the 9V battery annually or immediately when the low battery indicator is observed. Refer to section 4.1 for battery installation steps.

6.2. Cleaning

To clean the exterior of the safe, use a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the finish or electronic components. The interior foam can be gently wiped with a dry cloth.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Safe does not open with code.	Incorrect code entered; low battery; keypad lockout.	Re-enter code carefully; replace 9V battery; wait for lockout period to expire or use backup key.
Keypad is unresponsive.	Dead battery; internal connection issue.	Replace 9V battery; use backup key. If issue persists, contact customer support.
Safe makes no sound.	Silent mode is enabled.	Press the 'Mute' button inside the safe to re-enable audio feedback.
Lid does not open fully.	Obstruction; weak spring mechanism.	Check for any obstructions. If the issue persists, contact customer support.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** MV500
- **Product Dimensions:** 1"D x 8"W x 11"H
- **Lock Type:** Electronic, Key
- **Capacity:** 5.3 Liters
- **Material:** 20-gauge Steel
- **Item Weight:** 4 Pounds
- **Power Source:** 1 x 9V Battery (not included)
- **Special Feature:** Portable

- **Included Components:** Backup keys, Mounting hardware

9. Warranty Information

The GunVault MV500 Compact Handgun Safe comes with a 1-Year Limited Repair or Replace Warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. For warranty claims or service, please retain your proof of purchase and contact GunVault customer support.

10. Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or inquiries regarding your GunVault MV500 safe, please refer to the official GunVault website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or product packaging.