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Monstrum ZH130

Monstrum Side Saddle 12 Gauge Shotgun Shell Holder

Model: ZH130 - Instruction Manual

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Monstrum Side Saddle 12 Gauge Shotgun Shell Holder. Please read these instructions carefully before installation and use to ensure proper function and safety. This accessory is designed to provide convenient access to additional shotgun shells directly on your firearm.

Compatibility

This side saddle shell holder is compatible with the following 12 gauge shotgun platforms:

- Mossberg 500 Series
- Mossberg 590 Series
- Mossberg Shockwave Series
- Maverick 88 Series

Note: This product is not compatible with other shotgun models.

Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- Monstrum Side Saddle Shell Holder (accommodates six 12 gauge shells)
- Mounting Hardware (screws, nuts, washers)
- Installation Tool (Allen wrench)

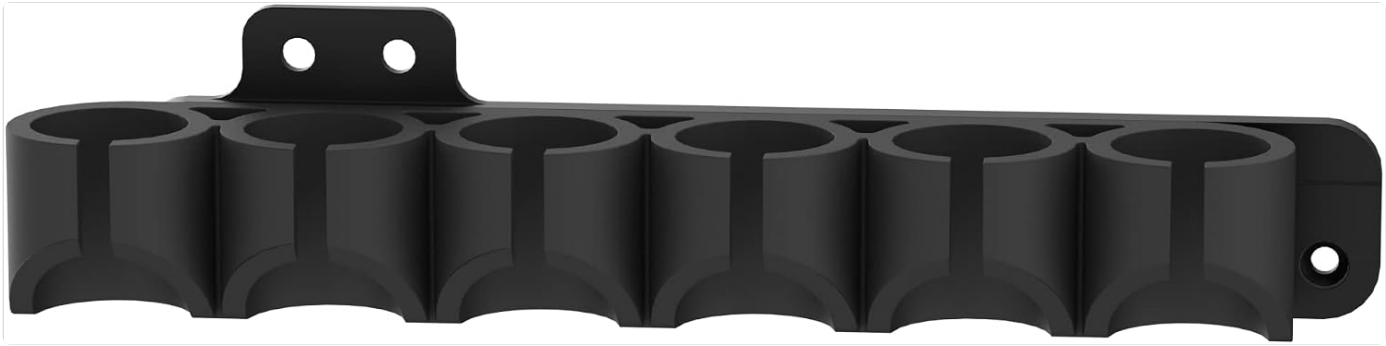


Image: The Monstrum Side Saddle 12 Gauge Shotgun Shell Holder, designed to hold six shells.

Installation Instructions

The side saddle installs into existing pin holes on the side of the shotgun receiver, requiring no additional gunsmithing. Ensure the firearm is unloaded and safe before proceeding.

Tools Required:

- Flathead screwdriver (for original ejector screw)
- Allen wrench (included, for new hardware)
- 9/32" socket wrench (recommended for tightening nuts)
- Thread locker (optional, recommended for securing screws)

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. **Ensure Firearm Safety:** Verify that the shotgun is unloaded and the safety is engaged. Remove the bolt and any other components necessary to access the ejector screw on the receiver.
2. **Remove Original Ejector Screw:** Locate the ejector screw on the side of the receiver. Using a flathead screwdriver, carefully remove this screw. Note that this screw may be tight and require firm, steady pressure to prevent stripping.
3. **Position Side Saddle:** Align the Monstrum Side Saddle with the pin holes on the receiver. The side saddle is designed to mount onto original equipment (OE) positions for a hassle-free installation.
4. **Install Replacement Ejector Screw:** Insert the longer replacement screw (typically Phillips head) provided with the side saddle through the corresponding hole in the side saddle and into the ejector screw hole on the receiver. Hand-tighten initially. *Important: Ensure the screw threads properly without resistance. Do not force the screw, as this can damage the receiver threads. If resistance is met, verify screw compatibility and alignment.*
5. **Secure Remaining Hardware:** Insert the remaining mounting screws through the side saddle and receiver holes. Place a washer under each nut before tightening. Use the included Allen wrench and a 9/32" socket wrench to securely tighten all nuts and screws. Apply a small amount of thread locker to the screws if desired, to prevent loosening from recoil.
6. **Verify Functionality:** After installation, cycle the shotgun action several times to ensure smooth operation and that no components interfere with the bolt or other moving parts.



Image: Close-up view of the hardened steel hardware used to secure the side saddle to the shotgun receiver.



Image: Illustration showing how the side saddle mounts onto original equipment (OE) positions on the shotgun receiver for easy installation.

Video: An official video demonstrating the installation process of the Monstrum Side Saddle on a Mossberg shotgun.

Operation

The Monstrum Side Saddle is designed to securely hold up to six 12 gauge shotgun shells, providing quick and easy access for reloading. The shell retention is engineered to be firm enough to prevent accidental dislodgement during movement or recoil, yet allow for smooth removal when needed.

- **Loading Shells:** Insert 12 gauge shotgun shells into the individual holders. Shells can be oriented brass-up or brass-down according to user preference.
- **Removing Shells:** To remove a shell, firmly grasp it and pull it directly out from the holder.



Image: The Monstrum Side Saddle installed on a shotgun, loaded with 12 gauge shells, demonstrating its capacity and placement.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and reliable performance of your side saddle.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the side saddle with a damp cloth to remove dirt, dust, or residue. Avoid harsh chemicals that may damage the material.
- **Hardware Check:** Periodically inspect all mounting screws and nuts for tightness. Recoil from firing can cause hardware to loosen over time. Re-tighten as necessary. If thread locker was not used during installation, consider applying it during a maintenance check.
- **Shell Retention:** Ensure the shell holders maintain adequate tension. If shells become too loose, inspect for any damage or wear.

Troubleshooting

- **Side Saddle Becomes Loose:**

  Recoil can cause mounting hardware to loosen. Re-tighten all screws and nuts. For enhanced security, apply a

medium-strength thread locker (e.g., Loctite Blue 242) to the screw threads during installation or re-tightening.

- **Difficulty Installing Ejector Screw / Stripped Threads:**

  Ensure the replacement ejector screw is correctly aligned with the receiver threads before tightening. Never force the screw. If resistance is encountered, stop immediately. Verify the screw's thread pitch and length against your shotgun's specifications. Forcing an incompatible screw can damage the firearm's receiver. If threads are stripped, professional gunsmithing may be required.

- **Interference with Forend:**

  In some configurations, particularly with longer forends, the side saddle may interfere with the forend's movement. Check for clearance during installation. Modifications to the forend or selection of a different forend may be necessary in such cases.

- **Shells Fall Out or Are Too Tight:**

  The shell holders are designed for 12 gauge shells. Ensure you are using the correct gauge. If shells are too loose, inspect the holders for damage or excessive wear. If shells are too tight, ensure they are fully seated and not obstructed.

Specifications

Model Number	ZH130
Compatibility	Maverick 88, Mossberg 500/590/Shockwave Series (12 Gauge)
Shell Capacity	6 x 12 Gauge Shotgun Shells
Material	Plastic shell holders with metal backing plate
Item Weight	7.83 ounces (approx. 0.22 kg)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	7.91 x 2.87 x 1.77 inches

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Image: Monstrum's Lifetime Guarantee commitment, ensuring product quality and customer satisfaction.

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