

Installing Agrips the Easy Way

Agrips are THE alternative to rubber and sandpaper grips. Agrips do not abrade your hands, holster or clothing, and they provide a soft and durable hold to keep your hand gun from moving in your hand, shot after shot. You don't slide Agrips on the handgun - You apply Agrips to the handgun. The best description I can provide for Agrips is they are like a soft microfiber with a very strong adhesive backing. Even though the adhesive is strong, you can still remove the Agrips any time you want. Nothing is permanent with Agrips - if you do not like where you placed the Agrips, simply peel it off and re-install it where you want it to be. When you are done, simply rub-out the Agrips and it will stick so tight you can see the checkering and logo through your installed Agrips. I love Agrips so much, that I have provided a tutorial on the installation of Agrips to my baby Glock. Some of the techniques are not listed in the installation booklet that comes with the Agrips, and some are not condoned or approved by the manufacture. These will be duly noted. This is the way I install my Agrips, and I make no express or implied warranty, nor do I provide any guarantee. **Empty and clear your gun before installing Agrips.**



PRE-CLEAN This technique is not listed in the Agrips installation booklet, but it is second nature to me since I always clean my Glock with Simple Green™. I like cleaning with Simple Green because it cuts oil and grease, rinses with water, and doesn't burn my hands with repeated use. Works great on polymer frames, but I would think twice if your frame is metal (here's where common sense kicks-in). My first step is cleaning the entire grip and frame, inside and out, with Simple Green™ - followed by a rinse in nice hot water. Then a good shaking (outside if you want to keep Momma happy), and a good drying with clean paper towel. Since the Glock is already apart, I clean the slide with Simple Green™ and the barrel with Mpro-7™. Since your hands are now "really clean", save the lube and oil till later, and let's get back to installing the Agrip.



CLEAN WITH ALCOHOL WIPE Inside the Agrip package you will find an alcohol wipe in a sealed package. Open the alcohol wipe and clean the entire grip area of the handgun. This includes the backstrap, front grip, and both side panels. Clean from the mag well, all the way to the top of the grip panels where the slide will sit. Your goal is to remove any oil or grease where the new Agrips will adhere. Keep cleaning, at a rapid pace, until the alcohol wipe is expired or becomes a poor excuse for an alcohol wipe. Keep your hands and fingers off the grip area, since you want the cleaned area to remain free of oil, even oil from your hand or fingers. Let the frame set a minute, so all the alcohol is evaporated.



PREPARE THE NON-STICK SITES There are at least two areas where you do not want the Agrips to stick. One, Your mag release button, and Two, the other side of the mag release button that pushes out of the frame on the opposite side of the mag release button. To keep the Agrips from sticking, we apply a very light coating of oil, on the button, and immediately around the button (same for the other side of the frame). I use a Q-Tip or one of those beauty applicator thingy's found only in the wife's area of the bathroom. Think LIGHT. Very light coating of oil is all that is needed. Use gun type oil, not food oils.



PREP THE AGRIP Prepare the Agrip for installation by carefully removing the center section. The Agrip comes with peel-off backing that is scored into 3 sections: Left, Right and Center. Now is the time to note the cut-out section at the bottom of the black section we have just peeled. That cut-out section is going to be installed at the top of the backstrap where the web, between your finger and thumb, sits when you are holding the firearm. Try to keep your fingers off the sticky area to give the Agrips a chance to bond to your grip.



SQUEEZE WITH YOUR KNEES You want to use both hands to install the Agrips since this is the time and place you want it to be straight to the frame. It's also nice to have both hands available when you peel it off and re-install it so that it is straight to the frame. I use a knee squeeze to hold the frame while I adjust the position of the Agrips. So where is my other hand? Well I tried to take the picture with the camera in my mouth, but even I'm not that good! When you have the Agrip positioned where you like it, go ahead and start smoothing the Agrip over the backstrap and side panel area. The more you smooth, the better it looks. Got a bump, or some type of bubble, just work it out by smoothing.



SECURE AND LEVEL RIGHT SIDE This is only a half-step since we are going to leave the right side backing in place (note white outline of backing). This is where you get the top of the Agrip level with the top of the frame. First, get the top of the Agrip level with the top of the frame, then squeeze and smooth the Agrip all the way to the mag well. If it gets bumpy, just peel it partially off, pull it tight, and re-secure by squeezing and smoothing. I know it sounds long, but we've actually been working on this about 20 seconds from the time we started. Do not pull off the rest of the backing because we are going to do the left side next, THEN, we will fold the right side over the left. This keeps the seam on the left side where you won't tend to peel it when you draw.



SECURE AND LEVEL LEFT SIDE Now we're making some serious progress. Peel off the left side backing and level the top of the Agrip with the top of the slide. Pull gently, while you place and smooth the Agrip. Wrap the finger grip portion around the front of the grip and smooth and secure the Agrip around the trigger guard, mag release, and everywhere else. You should be treating the Agrip like a worry-stone, just keep rubbing and working it till it's exactly where you want it.



FINISH RIGHT SIDE Now it's coming together. Pull the last remaining backing off and attach the Agrip by pulling and smoothing. Level the top of the Agrip with the top of the frame 'cause you don't want to be an unlevel Agripper. Pull and smooth the right grip panel, then, pull and smooth the anchor tab to the left side of the gun grip and secure it to the Agrip surface.



CHECK ALL CONTACT POINTS While you are squeezing and smoothing out the Agrips, make sure that all the edges are contacting the frame and are secured to the grip frame. Check the top edge next to the slide, and around the trigger guard area. Yeah! Starting to look pretty good, don't ya know!



TRIM TO YOUR LIKING Trim the Agrip to the way you want it to look. I like to trim around the mag well to keep that area clean and clear. I use Leatherman scissors because they are small, sharp and strong. Agrips is not hard to cut, but if you want nice, smooth cuts then use a razor knife or Exacto knife, especially around curves. If the Agrips interferes with your slide release, then feel free to trim around it. When I want to remove my trigger bar assembly for deep cleaning, I simple make a cut with a sharp knife tip into each of the pin holes, then push the pins out and do the cleaning job without having to remove the Agrips. Do not soak Agrips, or any other grip material with gun solvent. If you need to wash the grips, use soap and water.



CHECK ALL FUNCTIONS When done with the installation of the Agrips, while you are sitting there admiring the beautiful job you did, take a second to check the function of all the moving parts on your handgun to make sure you didn't prevent any of them from functioning properly. This photo shows checking the mag release to make sure the mags drop out when I push the button. Also check your slide release. If designed for it, the slide should lock back when you pull it back with an empty mag installed.