



## **SAFETY ADVISORY**

**Date: November 8, 2021**

**RE: Safariland Duty Holsters 7000 Series for Streamlight TLR 7 and similar sized light attachments**

**PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVISORY IN ITS ENTIRETY**

Recently, Safariland was made aware of an incident in which an officer's duty weapon was discharged during a violent struggle with a suspect. As part of its review, the agency decided to discontinue use of the holster, Model 7360RDS with TLR7 light attachment, and notified us about the incident and potential issue with the holster's retention.

Immediately, we initiated a thorough investigation of this incident and the duty holster at issue. As part of our investigation, we have spent significant time inspecting and testing the model holster involved in the incident as well as all other duty holster models across our portfolio. Based on our assessment, the potential retention issue is limited to the **7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments**.

In brief, our review has identified that some of these holsters may not perform to our retention requirements when put under extreme force in certain circumstances, such as a violent struggle that a law enforcement officer or security professional might encounter. For those holsters that did not perform to our retention requirements, the holster could potentially allow access to the trigger or open enough to compromise the security features of the holster. Notably, aside from the recent incident, we are not aware of any previous incident with this retention issue.

While our investigation is continuing, particularly in isolating the factors causing certain of these holsters to not meet our retention requirements, we have decided to issue this safety advisory out of an abundance of caution. Again, this potential quality issue involves only the **7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments**, as listed in the table below by model and fit codes.

**Table 1 - 7000 series duty holsters for Streamlight TLR7 and similar sized light attachments**

| <b>Models</b>   | <b>Fit Codes</b>   |
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| 7360RDS; 7362RDS; 7365RDS; 7280;<br>7282; 7285; 7360; 7362; 7365; 7390;<br>7390RDS; 7392; 7395; 7395RDS | 8327; 28327; 28527; 38327; 45027;<br>45227; 48327; 65227; 68327; 75227;<br>82527 |

As a remedy to the potential retention issue, Safariland will be providing, at no charge, a Rigidity Band that is designed to reinforce and enhance the strength and integrity of the holster to mitigate the effect of extreme force during a violent struggle for a holstered weapon. Indeed, our initial testing indicates that the Rigidity Band would double the strength of the holster. Currently, we are working on the design and build to accommodate the various model and fit codes, which we anticipate that this rollout will start within the next few weeks and completed as soon as possible thereafter.

Importantly, duty holsters are designed to certain retention requirements and parameters in accordance with the “Safariland Retention Level Test”. Except in circumstances of extreme force, as noted above, these model holsters should perform for use in recreational shooting or hunting without issue. Again, this potential retention issue seems possible during an extreme force, such as a violent struggle in a takeaway scenario.

Based on our sales records, Safariland’s Inside Sales team will be contacting affected agency customers and distributors to initiate the process. For these agency purchases, our Inside Sales team will be leading the roll out of Rigidity Bands to retrofit affected holsters as soon as possible. Also, for any questions, agencies and distributors can contact the local Safariland Account Manager.

For individuals who are using any of the affected holsters, as listed in Table 1 above, please immediately contact Safariland by email at [7000Series@Safariland.com](mailto:7000Series@Safariland.com) to initiate the request for a Rigidity Band. In order to facilitate the request, please include your contact information (name, address, email and phone number) along with the holster information as follows: (1) Model Number, (2) Fit Code, (3) Manufacturing Code, (4) Right-Hand or Left-Hand and (5) Color. The Model Number, Fit Code and Manufacturing Code are found on the back of the holster as shown below.

#### Photo – Laser-Engraving on Back of Holster



At Safariland, safety of our law enforcement officers is of utmost importance and, so, we are taking this extraordinary precaution. We apologize, in advance, for any inconvenience that this may cause you or your agency, but we believe that this will ensure the level of safety and confidence that you have come to expect in Safariland holsters and duty gear.

Thank you for your attention to this important Safety Advisory.