

## Ordering Special Features

The grips you see listed are made in molds. There is no way to “put checkering” on a smooth grip or “put a buffalo head carving” that you see listed on one grip onto a different grip, without first creating a hand made model, polishing and sealing it, and using the model to create a mold, casting a first copy in the mold, polishing and fixing any parting lines or other issues in the first cast, and using that perfected copy to make a second mold which can finally be used to make the new grip.

All of this is quite time consuming and uses a lot of expensive materials as well. Generally it costs from \$250 to \$450 to create a new design, and take a month or more. While anything is “possible”, it may not be economically feasible for you to have it done. Sending a note to “make this Colt SAA fit a Colt New Frontier and put checkering on it” is NOT going to work. You need to order the one you see, or send a tracing first and find out if there is a mold that would work for your gun. Custom work can be arranged, but it doesn’t happen for regular price!

On the other hand, a great many guns use grips that are similar enough so that a larger grip might be sanded to fit a smaller frame, if the grip is smooth and if the grip is approximately the right shape and size. So, if you see a similar sized grip (compare dimensions listed) that is larger than your gun frame, but close to the same shape, send an accurate pencil tracing before you order. Perhaps a different model of grip kit can be used to satisfaction.

Because errors made on our own grips with our own hardware and medallions are simple to replace (just make another set), but errors made using your materials may not be replaceable at all, Tombstone does NOT install your medallions or install our medallions in your existing grips. This is to protect you in case something should happen that results in damage to the grip or medallion. Also, oddly shaped (non-round) medallions require detailed hand inletting, which can take hours of work to do correctly. This labor can cost many times more than the entire cost of making a grip and installing a round medallion. Therefore, we do not install geometric or free-form medallions. All of ours are round, or close enough so that a round hole can be made to install them.

The material, the kind of kit, the style of grips offered, and other information is posted on the main page of the TombstoneGrips.com web site. Everything from typical delivery time to the sort of finish and fitting work you will need to do is listed, with a large “Please Read Before Ordering” link, pleading with new clients to read and to understand what they are ordering. People who do that have no unpleasant surprises!

Tombstone Grip Kits are 90% finished kits. They are almost but not quite ready to install, except for simple grips like the Ruger insert panels, highly standardized military spec grips like the 1911’s, and certain other grips that don’t require much or sometimes anything further. If you find that the grip fits your gun without any fitting work, great. But generally, the grips will require some sanding around the edges, the making of an alignment pin hole so your particular gun has them exactly aligned, relief or clearance cuts with a rotary hand tool on the flat backside of the grip, and light sanding or buffing if you want a more shiny surface. Instructions come with the grips. Thousands of clients have fitted the grips to their guns over the years. You won’t find it difficult.

Each grip you see listed is what you see in the picture, as far as shape and attachment method. Do not order a grip for an H&R Sentinal, for instance, which shows a standard side-to-side screw mounting and checkered surface, and expect it to come as a smooth grip with a through-the-base screw mounting. Sometimes the same model of gun was made with very different styles of mounts and grips. The one you will get is the one you see in the listing, not necessarily what fits your gun unless you determine that before you order! Tracings around existing grips are extremely useful and will save you shipping back and forth, and save everyone time and money in the long run.

All the grips are made of high strength polyurethane resin epoxy, which is stronger than wood or factory “plastic”, tougher than ivory or pearl, and will probably outlast the gun. None of the grips are made of wood, ivory, pearl, ebony, or other materials. The descriptions refer to color simulations. All grips may be ordered in ANY color or simulation (effect) simply by checking the choice on the drop down menu on each listing.