

Tombstone Gun Grip Kits

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Thank you for your interest!

The only practical way for me to match a set of grips to your particular gun's frame is for you to make and mail a pattern (cut-out tracing). I can then use your pattern to match the exact shape and size that gives you enough material to allow proper fitting.

A photograph, fax, email image, or detailed model and serial info will not work. Even the same make and model of gun has tolerances in how it was built. You want a perfect fit. I can only do that if I have your gun here, which isn't practical, or if you make a tracing, cut it out, check that it fits exactly on your gun, and then mail it to me. Images do not reproduce exactly the same size, depending on the printers, fax machines, etc. It would be like fitting a new suit by sending a photo of yourself to the tailor.

People often express surprise that the same model and make of gun might have slightly different shape or size of grip frame. I wish it were not so, as it would make fitting the grips vastly easier. Unfortunately, even the same model can be made at different times and have slightly variations in the grip frame. There are too many reasons to list here.

To make a pattern, first make a tracing on 3 x 5 index cards (recipe cards). These are perfect for patterns. Don't "improve" on the material by sending plastic, corrugated cardboard, typing paper, onion skin paper, metal sheets, etc. Just regular 3 x 5 index cards you can buy at a dollar store in a pack of 100 is exactly what I need.

Two piece grips (two panels held on by one or more screws) are simple to trace. Just remove the grips and place them flat back down on a 3 x 5 card. Hold it securely and run a pencil around the outline. Mark the screw hole locations. Do this for each grip even if they are the same (two patterns lets me compare for tolerances). Cut them out and see if they fit the gun just like you want the new grips to fit. Drop them in an envelope and mail them to me. No fancy packaging needed. Regular 1st class letter is fine.

One-piece grips for old Colts and clones, which have a spacer between them and no screws, are a little more work. Remove the gun's back strap to release the grips. Instead of trying to trace the grips, trace the gun frame. Place the index card on a book, and use the book to raise the frame so that the rest of the gun doesn't interfere with holding it flat. Make sure the corner of the index card fits into the top front corner of the gun frame. Hold it securely and trace the part of the grip you can trace (front, bottom, rear edge). Cut out the tracing and trim it up so it fits like the new grip you want. Do it over again if it isn't right. I need a good outline of your frame to match. If you make the tracing any more or less than your gun frame, the new grips will be the same shape.

None of this is difficult, but it does take a little care. If you don't want to invest even that much into getting it right, it would be better not to order. Really. You don't want to waste your money, and I don't want to waste my time and material. Both of us want the same thing: that you are happy with your new grips. I've done this for over 20 years, and know that 99% of the time when a person does not send a pattern, the grip probably won't fit. An accurate pattern is the way to make sure it will!