

Tombstone Extended & Oversized Grip Kits

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Extended base grips use a spacer attached to ONE grip panel (only) by 5-minute epoxy. The other grip panel is not attached. But it can be stabilized by inserting a couple of pins or screws into the spacer, and making matching shallow holes in the back of the unattached grip panel. When the mounting screw is tightened, the screw heads or pins are held in the matching holes so that the grip panel can still be easily removed but won't slip under recoil.

Do NOT epoxy the spacer to BOTH grip panels! This will make it very difficult to install and remove the grips, especially since most revolvers have an alignment pin on the frame which must fit into an alignment hole in the back of both panels.

Spacers need to be sanded to the exact width of the gun frame. This can be done by rubbing one side of the spacer on a piece of sand paper which has been clamped or rubber cemented to a board, and checking carefully against the frame thickness until it is the same. Keep the spacer parallel to the surface so it does not become wedge-shaped.

Fit the grips to the gun at the top, first, and then locate and epoxy the spacer at the bottom. Allow the epoxy to cure before doing further work. Sand the junction and edges so they blend. To find the right location for pin or screw head holes, insert the pins or screws in the spacer and then "paint" the ends with a "Magic Marker". Hold or tape the grip panel on the gun. Align the grips on the gun using the mounting screw as a guide. Then press the opposite grip panel firmly against the pins or screw heads to transfer ink marks where the holes need to be made.

To make shallow holes for alignment pins or screw heads, a rotary bit in a "Dremel" or other spinning hand tool works better than a regular drill bit. Twist drills are ok in a drill press if the grip is held firmly down. But they tend to "pull" through the grip when hand-held. Little carbide burs in a rotary tool are easier to control. If you get the holes "off" from their right location, or make them too large, you can just fill them with epoxy, allow the epoxy to get semi-firm, wipe some vasoline on the pins or screw heads, and press the grip panel in place. The pins make their own holes in the right place.