



Maintenance for your waterproof garment

CLEANING. Regular cleaning and the application of water repellents prolongs the life of clothing and optimizes outdoor performance of Gore-Tex® and other waterproof/breathable fabrics. The first step to fabric maintenance is regular cleaning. A gentle, yet effective cleaner removes dirt, oils and airborne contaminants without stripping durable water repellency (DWR) from technical clothing. Traditional soaps and detergents often contain perfumes, bleaches and fabric softeners that leave water-attractive residues covering up the fabric's water repellent finish. These residues are difficult to rinse off and cause the fabric to 'wet out' – which reduces breathability. Always read and follow the manufacturer's washing instructions of the garment.

Products recommended for cleaning waterproof/breathable garments

ReviveX® Synthetic Fabric Cleaner

Granger's G-Wash Cleaner

Nikwax Tech Wash

Powdered laundry detergent without brighteners, additives or perfumes

RESTORE or ADD WATER-REPELLENCY. This is important not just to keep you dry, but will keep the garment cleaner. Before waterproofing or water repellent is applied, the garment should be clean and dry. After cleaning garment, apply the appropriate waterproofing treatment. Follow down manufacturer's directions for application of waterproofing. Reapply as necessary or after use in severe conditions. For best results let dry for 24 hours before use. Gore-Tex® does not recommend wash-in treatments, as they can hinder your garment's breathability.

Products recommended to waterproof clothing.

ReviveX® Wash-In Water Repellent

ReviveX® Water Repellent for Outerwear

Granger's Wash-In Waterproofing for Synthetic Fabrics

Granger's Spray-On Waterproofing for Synthetic Fabrics

Nikwax TX Wash-in Waterproofing

Nikwax TX Direct Spray On Waterproofing





Instruction for cleaning waterproof/breathable garments

Read the washing instructions of the garment.

Only use a front loading commercial large washing machine. Top loading agitator machines can damage the garment by ripping and/or tearing seams.

Spray a laundry stain remover on very soiled areas (cuffs or collar of jackets or collar of sleeping bag) Fasten all velcro straps, buckles, and zippers.

Follow down soap manufacturer's directions as to amount of soap to use. Add detergent directly into the drum.

Wash garment or sleeping in permanent press cycle (warm water/warm rinse) with detergent.

Drip-dry or tumble dry on a low setting if the care label allows.

Instruction for restoring water-repellency to garments

Garment must be clean and free of detergent residue.

Place the dampened garment on hanger. Shake bottle. Hold 7 in. (18 cm) from garment and evenly spray exterior with a spray-on waterproofing for fabrics.

Tumble dry for 50 minutes on a medium (permanent press) heat setting. Most treatments are heat activated so tumble drying or ironing is essential for good performance.

For those who prefer to use a professional to clean and/or repair your waterproof/breathable garment, we recommend,

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