

HOW TO WASH WATERPROOF / BREATHABLE OUTERWEAR

PREWASH INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Pretreat as needed with a watered-down OxyClean-type solution, or spray with warm water then scrub gently using a stiff bristle brush.
- 2 Wrap zipper sliders in heavy fabric held in place with a rubber band. This prevents the zipper slider from being damaged or from heating up enough to melt lightweight fabric.
- 3 Cover hook Velcro with a strip of loop Velcro so it doesn't damage mesh or lightweight fabric during wash.
- 4 Open all zippers so the insides of sleeping bags and pockets get washed, too—we know about the granola bar crumbs in there.
- 5 Secure all long straps or pieces of cordage so they don't wrap around other items and cause damage.

WASH INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Wash on cold. Use a soap designed for technical outerwear. (For wash-in DWR, either add the DWR during the rinse cycle of your initial wash, or wash a second time with just the DWR.)
- 2 Add DWR.
 - A **Wash-in DWR** It's the easiest, but it isn't appropriate for lined or insulated garments. Plus, it coats the inside of the garment, which can hinder breathability.
 - B **Spray-on DWR** Applied only to the outside of the garment where it belongs, spray-on applications are labor-intensive. The garment needs to be slightly damp to apply. (We recommend filling up a small spray bottle, hanging up the garment, and systematically spraying the DWR on. No need to massage it in.)
- 3 Dry on low or medium heat for 10 mins after DWR application (both kinds need heat to set). Then hang to air-dry.

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