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CARE INSTRUCTIONS

IMPREGNATED GARMENTS

Do you think your shell jacket is breathing worse over time? Or that your membrane jacket isn't waterproof any more? Maybe you haven't been particular with its care. These are three great tips for taking care of your impregnated garment:

1. Wash correctly

Here's how to do it:

- Use a liquid detergent – preferably one that is suitable for membrane garments. This is because ordinary detergents are made to lead water into fibers and thoroughly clean. The risk in a membrane is instead that they leave behind residues that make the jacket attract water. You want to avoid detergent residue fastening and blocking the pores of the membrane. That's why it's important to be careful with the amount of detergent you use.
- Do NOT use fabric softener, bleach and softener.
- Do an extra rinse.
- All spin drying should be at a low speed, about 400 - 800 rpm.

2. Reactivate the surface with heat

Membrane garments come with a thin water repellent layer – which is absolutely essential for optimum membrane performance. The membrane itself is waterproof (up to a certain pressure) but if the fabric outside the membrane gets wet, the membrane will get covered by a layer of water that does not allow vapor through from inside. This results in condensation on the inside of the garment, making the wearer wet and feeling "closed in".

After washing, the surface must be reactivated in order to attain full water-repellent effect. This can be done with heat. The garment can be drip-dried to save energy. Once dry, the garment will need 20 minutes of medium heat in a dryer to activate the impregnation. A drying cabinet will also work.

3. Reimpregnate if necessary

When small drops of water are no longer forming on the outside of the garment during light rain, for example, it's time to reimpregnate. This isn't difficult.

- Wash the garment to ensure it's clean (read exactly how to do it above).
- Reimpregnate either with impregnating spray directly onto the outer fabric or impregnating agent for washing machines. The latter is recommended as it's easier to get a good result, and no impregnation is around to breathe in. This is like a normal machine wash but with the impregnating agent instead.
- After treatment, the impregnation must be activated – this is done in the same way as reactivation (see above).



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