



Dry Wear



Warranty Information and Care Instructions

With proper care and maintenance, your NRS dry wear will provide years of protection. Follow the instructions in this manual to ensure the best performance and longevity for your gear.

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Since 1972, we've built our reputation on standing by our products and providing the best possible customer service. We guarantee this item to the original owner against defects in materials and workmanship. If there is a problem with your purchase, we will repair or replace it at no cost to you. If your gear fails due to tears, punctures, excessive wear, zipper damage or neglect, or the natural degradation of materials or components over time, we will do our best to repair it at a reasonable fee.

Free First-Year Repairs

If your NRS gear develops a leak during normal use within 365 days after purchase, we will repair it at no charge.

- If purchased from an authorized NRS shop, please contact the shop directly to initiate a repair.
- Or, go to nrs.com/repairs to start your repair. You are responsible for charges related to shipping your gear to an NRS repair facility. NRS will cover return shipping of the repaired item to you.

Warranty Service

If you feel your NRS purchase is damaged or defective in any way, we will be happy to evaluate it for warranty repair or replacement. We will repair or replace damaged or defective items at our discretion.

- If purchased from an authorized NRS shop, please contact the shop directly to initiate a return.
- Or, go to nrs.com/returns to start your return.

Professional Use

Items purchased by guides, outfitters and other professionals through NRS Pro, commercial or government accounts receive a one-year limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. We will fix all repairable tears, punctures and gaskets at a reasonable fee.

- For warranty service, visit nrs.com/returns to start your return following the steps for your account classification.
- For leak repairs, gasket or zipper replacements, visit nrs.com/repairs to start your repair.

Safety Considerations

- Drysuits, dry tops and dry pants provide excellent thermal protection when boating in cold water. Add and remove insulating layers to meet the conditions you encounter.
- All garments: replace any damaged or torn gaskets and socks before use.
- Drysuits: make sure all dry zippers are fully closed before boating. Remove excess air from the suit ("burp") before paddling and after opening or closing a zipper. To burp the suit, enter the water or squat, while holding the neck gasket open to expel air. Then release the gasket. Excess air in the suit can make it difficult or impossible to escape certain hydraulic features.

Gasket Care

- New latex gaskets may not be comfortable initially, but they will stretch over time. You can speed up the stretching process by placing something slightly larger than your neck, wrist or ankle in the gasket and leaving it overnight (or longer, if necessary).
- Sunscreen, insect repellent and other chemicals can damage latex. Clean gaskets after each use and regularly apply silicone grease or spray to moisturize.
- Be careful of rings, earrings, watches and other sharp objects when donning and removing your dry wear.
- Do not force your body, especially your head, through the gaskets. Gently stretch them open as you put on and take off the garment.
- Even with the best of care, gaskets will eventually break down and need to be replaced. We offer do-it-yourself replacement kits, plus complete video and written instructions. Replacing your own gaskets isn't hard and is a valuable boater skill. Our experienced repairs crew can also replace gaskets at a reasonable cost.

Zipper Care

- Avoid bending or crimping a dry zipper. A broken zipper cannot be repaired, and replacing one is very expensive.
- When closing a zipper, line up the two halves and slide the zipper car with a smooth, steady motion. If you have difficulty, stop and determine the cause. You may need to ask for help.
- Use products like McNett Zip Care and McNett Zip Tech to clean and lubricate zippers. This will help them operate much more smoothly and make them less subject to damage. Placing a bit of Zip Tech in the closing end will help improve the seal.
- Never force a zipper. When having difficulty, inspect the zipper, clean out any obstructions and lubricate the zipper teeth. Closing a zipper over a piece of debris can ruin the zipper.

Dry Wear Transportation

- Keep garments out of direct sun, and avoid leaving them in closed, hot vehicles. Sun damages gaskets and heat can affect seam taping.
- Special care must be taken when transporting your drysuit to avoid damaging the zippers. Fold or roll the suit so the zippers are not bent or kinked. Ensure that no heavy objects are placed on top of the rolled suit. We have an excellent video, Drysuit Zipper Care and Maintenance, available on our website to demonstrate the best folding techniques.

Dry Wear Cleaning

- It's a good idea to rinse your dry wear in fresh water after use, especially if you're boating in silty water or seawater.
- If more thorough cleaning is needed, use a product that is designed for technical outerwear garments. We recommend products like ReviveX Synthetic Fabric Cleaner or Nikwax Tech Wash. Closely follow cleaner directions.
- Do not use liquid laundry detergents, bleach or harsh chemicals on garments.
- We recommend hand washing and rinsing. Air dry garments; never dry them in a clothes dryer.

Restoring Durable Water Repellent (DWR)

- Dry wear fabrics are given a DWR treatment by the manufacturer so water beads up on the surface rather than soaking into the fibers and interfering with breathability. This treatment is long lasting but eventually abrasion and soiling will overpower it, leading to "wetting out" of the fabric.
- Sometimes just washing away soiling on the garment with cleaners like ReviveX Synthetic Fabric Cleaner or Nikwax Tech Wash will restore the DWR. (If this does not work, you have not wasted a step because it's necessary to clean the garment before using a DWR-restoring treatment.)
- There are a number of good DWR replacement treatments available. We recommend 303 High Tech Fabric Guard, ReviveX Spray-On, Nikwax Direct Wash-in and Nikwax Direct Spray-On. Closely follow directions.

Dry Wear Storage

- Dry garments thoroughly before storage.
- Store them out of direct sunlight in cool, dry conditions.
- Store drysuits with plastic zippers fully closed. Store suits with metal zippers with zippers open.
- Do not store them in rooms with combustion sources, such as a furnace room; they can generate ozone, which damages latex.
- Treat gaskets with silicone grease or spray before storage.
- Hang or loosely roll garments.
- Avoid high heat and humidity.
- Dry wear gaskets are not covered under our warranty.

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