

TIPS AND TRICKS

At Polartec®, we don't always know what trim or special features clothing companies may have applied to the finished garment. So please refer to the care instructions on the garment in addition to our general suggestions.

Front-loading washers are preferred if possible. They are gentler on our fabrics and use less water generally than top-loading agitation-style machines.

Turning a fleece garment inside out prior to wash can help preserve its appearance.

Detergents and machine-washing in general gradually degrade the Durable Water Repellent (DWR) treatment on fabrics. To get the best performance, run an extra rinse cycle, and tumble dry low if garment care instructions allow.

Some fabric treatments like Polartec® Power Care™ DWR require warm water and some time in the dryer to be activated. Follow the specific instructions on the bottle when using a fabric treatment product.

GENERAL CARE NEXT-TO-SKIN FABRICS

Power Dry® Power Stretch®

100% polyester: Machine wash warm (105F, 40C), tumble dry low. Blends of polyester, nylon, polypropylene, wool, and/or spandex, or where garment care instructions indicate: Cold wash (85F, 30C), line dry.

Next-to-Skin fabrics Polartec® Power Dry® and Polartec® Power Stretch® rely upon mechanical wicking to pull moisture away from the skin. Using too much detergent in the wash cycle or fabric softener in the dry cycle can inhibit the wicking action. Be sure to use light detergent (Polartec® Power Care™ Base Layer Wash) that rinses completely clean and avoid fabric softeners for these fabrics.

INSULATION FABRICS

Classic Thermal Pro® Wind Pro®

As a general rule, most fabrics in these series can be machine washed warm (105F, 40C), tumble dry low.

Blends of polyester, nylon, polypropylene, and/or spandex, or where garment care instructions indicate: Cold wash (85F, 30C), line dry.

However, consider reducing environmental impact with a cold wash and line dry on all these fabrics. (Note: A few minutes in a dryer on low can improve the softness/fluffiness of the fabric.) Use a clean-rinsing detergent (Polartec® Power Care™ Outerwear Cleaner™). Fabric softener can be used to reduce static cling, but this will also reduce the effectiveness of the Durable Water Repellency (DWR) treatment. If you would like to increase the DWR, we recommend Polartec® Power Care™ DWR to renew the water repellency.

GENERAL CARE FOR WEATHER PROTECTION FABRICS (LAMINATES)

Power Shield® Windbloc®

When washing is necessary, we recommend using a front-loading washer, cold wash (85F,30C), and a light detergent like Polartec® Power Care™ Outerwear.

Refer to garment care labels for drying instructions. When possible, tumble dry low is specified to improve DWR performance. In some instances, however, line dry is required. Remember, line drying is always an energy-saving and safe alternative to dryer use.