GUIDE

Putting on and caring for an open-cell neoprene wetsuit

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A neoprene wetsuit is essential equipment for spearfishing and freediving. Being fragile and very adhesive to the skin, open-cell wetsuits are put on and maintained in a precise way. These tips will help you put on and look after your wetsuit throughout its life and keep the manufacturer's warranty valid for its legal duration.

Warning: In the event of damage resulting from failure to follow the care advice detailed in this guide, the manufacturer's warranty may not apply. It is therefore essential to follow these recommendations carefully and to always refer to the specific manual for your model for the exact warranty conditions.

Tears, snags and signs of wear resulting from trying on, use or natural wear of the wetsuit are not covered by the warranty. In the event of a return, the wetsuit must be perfectly dry and show no damage. If any of these conditions is not met, the return of the item will be refused.

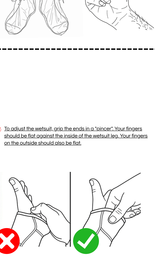
1/ How to put on an open-cell neoprene wetsuit

1 Prepare your skin and the wetsuit for trying it on

Make sure your skin is very well lubricated with plenty of soapy water and/or a special lubricant such as Slippy. Prefer warm water for comfort. Remove watches, jewellery and bracelets that could catch and tear the fabric. If you have long nails, take care not to puncture or damage the neoprene. To avoid this, you can trim your nails.

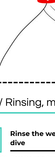
Tip: put plastic bags over your feet and hands to make it easier to pass your legs and arms through the wetsuit. Your toenails and fingernails could damage the neoprene (see illustration example).

For a first fitting, put the wetsuit on in your shower and don't skimp on the amount of water and soap. This prevents the risk of tearing.



2 Pull the wetsuit up to the waist

Once the legs are in place, pull the fabric up to the hips and then the waist.
Check there are no air pockets or folds, especially in the back and under the arms.



3 Put your arms and shoulders in

Pass one arm through after the other, always pulling gently in small areas (wrist, forearm, shoulder). Avoid pulling only by the wrist, as this can damage the neoprene. Just as with the legs, grip the ends in a "pincer". Your fingers should be flat against the inside of the wetsuit arm. Adjust the shoulders so there is no fabric pulling or restricting the range of arm movement.

To adjust the wetsuit: grip the ends in a "pincer". Your fingers should be flat against the inside of the wetsuit leg. Your fingers on the outside should also be flat.







A / Putting on a one-piece wetsuit

1 Put your legs in first into the wetsuit

You can pour soapy water directly into your wetsuit to make it easier to put on. Pull the neoprene up gradually in small sections, never with a sudden hard pull. Adjust the crotch well: there should be no uncomfortable folds.

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B / Putting on a two-piece wetsuit: jacket and trousers

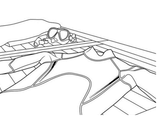
1 Put on the trousers

Pour soapy water into your neoprene trousers while blocking the ends, and shake them to spread the soapy water inside the wetsuit. Put one leg in after the other. The effect of the soapy water should allow the neoprene to slide over your skin.



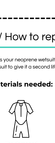
2 Put on the jacket

Following the same principle as for the trousers, pour soapy water into your neoprene jacket to moisten it. Block the ends and shake the wetsuit to spread the soapy water. Start with the arms, then pass the head through, and finally slide the jacket along your torso.



3 Check the collar positioning

Check that the collar is well positioned, neither too tight nor too loose, to avoid irritation while preventing water from entering.



4 Adjust and test the wetsuit

Make a few movements (raise your arms, crouch, twist the torso) to check the freedom of movement.
Remove the excess air. Check there are no areas compressing excessively (a sign of a wrong size) or areas too loose (which would let water in).



2 / Rinsing, maintaining and storing your wetsuit

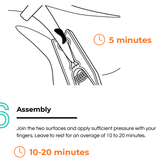
1 Rinse the wetsuit after every dive

Rinse the wetsuit with fresh water as soon as possible after each dive, ideally within 30 minutes. This is particularly important after use in salt water (abrasive salt) or in a pool (chlorine degrades the neoprene). Use a shower, a garden hose or a large tub of clear water. Rinse both the inside and the outside, turning it inside out if necessary.



2 Wash the wetsuit gently

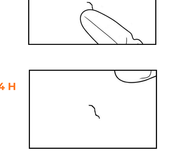
In addition to rinsing, clean the wetsuit with a special bactericidal solution for neoprene. Pour the solution into the neoprene wetsuit while blocking the ends, then shake the wetsuit containing the product to spread it over the entire interior. This will disinfect the wetsuit completely.



3 Dry the wetsuit in the shade

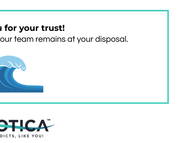
Never dry the wetsuit directly in the sun or near a heat source (radiator, tumble dryer). UV and excessive heat weaken and crack the neoprene. Dry it in the shade, in a well-ventilated place.

Turn it inside out to dry the interior first (which is in contact with the skin and retains more moisture), then turn it right side out to finish drying the outside.
Allow generally 24 to 48 hours for complete drying depending on the thickness of the neoprene.



4 Long-term storage of the wetsuit

Once completely dry:
Store the wetsuit flat or slightly folded in a cool, dry place away from direct light.
Avoid creases that create permanent marks in the neoprene. Vary regularly how you fold or lay it out.
Do not leave it piled under other heavy objects that could crush or deform it.
Before prolonged storage (end of season, winter storage), check it is thoroughly clean and completely dry to avoid mould and bad odours.



3 / How to repair a snag on a neoprene wetsuit?

Does your neoprene wetsuit have a snag? Don't panic! In this tutorial, we show you step by step how to repair a hole or tear in your neoprene wetsuit to give it a second life.

Materials needed:



1 Locate the tear

Locate the snag. If it is on the inside, turn the wetsuit completely inside out to work in good conditions.

2 Prepare the area

Fold the fabric to clearly expose the area to be repaired and separate the two surfaces that must be glued.

3 First layer of glue

Apply the glue to the edges of the tear (without excess to avoid overflow). Spread gently with the stick to cover the whole surface well.

4 First drying

Let dry in the open air for about 5 minutes.

5 Second layer

Once the first layer of glue is dry, apply a small amount of glue again and spread it out again.

6 Assembly

Join the two surfaces and apply sufficient pressure with your fingers. Leave to rest for an average of 10 to 20 minutes.

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7 Final drying

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Wait at least 24 hours before returning to the water and putting your wetsuit on again.

! IMPORTANT !

These tips are general and must be supplemented by consulting the manual of your wetsuit's manufacturer.

Thank you for your trust!

For any questions or doubts, our team remains at your disposal.

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