

SKIWEAR WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Properly washing and maintaining outerwear: when and how?

Outerwear is your silent helper in sports – it warms, protects from the weather and wicks moisture away from the body to help it evaporate. In order for textiles to do all of this for as long as possible, they must be maintained. It's very easy to treat the outerwear itself so that you can enjoy it for years to come. And the longer you use your sports gear, the better it is for the environment! For a quick overview of how to properly care for your ATOMIC product, we have assembled the washing instructions by category.

DOWN JACKET

Down is a natural wonder. It retains heat like no other material but is extremely light. With proper care, the fill power and insulating capacity of fine down remain preserved for a very long time – but only if the down clothing is washed correctly and stored properly when not in use.

The number of times you have to wash a down product depends on how often it has been worn – because in order for the down to fluff up nicely, it must not be dirty. If you only use your down jacket for everyday use, regular ventilation is often enough. If you wear it while exercising, it should be washed occasionally. You can easily do this yourself if you keep a few points in mind.

With down, the “after” is most important: The down clumps together during washing as a result of the moisture and must be dried and shaken so that it fluffs up and returns to its original state.

HOW TO WASH DOWN JACKETS PROPERLY

- Get a suitable down detergent. Special down detergents contain no fabric softeners and protect the delicate natural product. They are also particularly concentrated.
- Empty all pockets, close all zippers and, if applicable, snaps and turn the jacket inside out.
- Put the down jacket in the washing drum by itself (capacity at least six kilo). Unless otherwise specified, wash at 30° using the fine or wool cycle with minimal spin-drying (max. 400 rpm).
- After the main wash, let a rinse cycle follow. After washing, carefully remove from the machine and dry down jacket well.

DRY DOWN JACKETS PROPERLY

After washing, it is important to dry the clumpy down and return it to its original, fluffy state. Drying down clothing in the dryer is optimal.

To do this, choose a gentle drying cycle with low temperatures. Better to dry longer than too hot! Tip: put two or three clean tennis balls in the dryer – they shake the jacket in the dryer. This makes the down fluffy again.

If there is no dryer, you can also dry the down jacket on the heater or clothes drying rack. To separate the clumpy down feathers from each other, you must shake the jacket regularly during the drying process until the down is fluffy again.

IMPREGNATING DOWN JACKETS

Down is very sensitive to moisture, so the outer fabrics of down clothing are often provided with water-repellent DWR impregnation. When combined with a Gore-Tex® outer material, the outer material is naturally also treated. To protect the down from moisture, you'll need to re-impregnate the jacket from time to time, no later than when water drops are being absorbed by the fabric, rather than beading on it.

Important: To restore the DWR on all insulated jackets, make sure to use spray impregnation and treat rather sparingly! Wash-in agents (so-called wash-in products) also impregnate the down inside and thereby damage it.

This is how you impregnate your down clothing:

- Empty all pockets, close all zippers and, if applicable, buttons.
- Read the instructions for use on the impregnating agent. Depending on the manufacturer, the product must be applied to dry or damp clothing
- Spray the impregnation evenly and sparingly onto the outer material from a short distance. Don't forget hidden corners (hood) and seams
- After a few minutes, work the excess impregnation into the outer fabric with a clean damp cloth
- To dry, put the down clothing into the dryer at medium temperature/gentle cycle – do not iron!

STORE DOWN JACKETS PROPERLY

If you don't wear your down jacket for a long time (in summer, for example), it's best to keep it in a dry, well-ventilated place where it won't be compressed and squeezed. The down feathers should not remain stuffed together on a sustained basis as would be the case in a backpack.

Products:

- Redster Down Jacket
- Redster 3L GTX Jacket