

We make Patagonia wetsuits with the best fabrics and trims available to ensure their remarkable softness, warmth and flexibility. We've spent years developing and field testing them to assure a good balance of performance and durability. But no wetsuit lasts forever. So when yours begins to show wear, here are some repair guidelines that will prolong its life for seasons to come.

Types of Repairs You Can Do at Home

With these tools you can repair most fingernail tears, slices, gashes and holes, and you can reinforce worn areas – all in a few minutes.

** For your health and safety, be sure to perform all wetsuit repairs outdoors in a well-ventilated area.*

Please follow all care instructions on the recommended products. We suggest that you wear a mask and gloves.



Tools for the Job

1. Denatured alcohol to clean repair area
2. Clean rag
3. Short-bristle brush (1/2" bristles)
4. Masking tape
5. A piece of clear, LDPE plastic (Cut a piece out of a non-crinkle plastic like Ziploc® baggie, but don't use plastic similar to plastic grocery bags)
6. Neoprene cement to repair tears (found at most surf shops)
7. Seam Grip® adhesive to fill holes and reinforce worn areas (found at outdoor retailers)
8. Scissors
9. Weight (a smooth rock or heavy book both work)

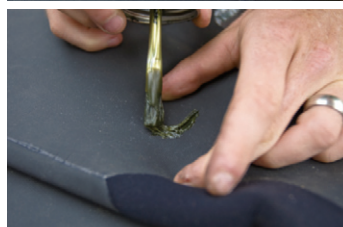
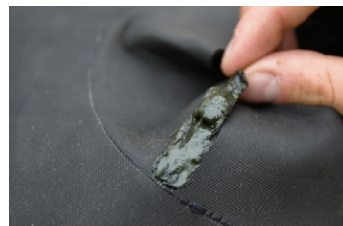
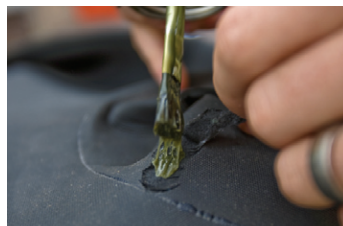
Prepping Repair Area

- Make sure wetsuit is dry and free of sand and grit
- Clean damaged area thoroughly with a clean rag and a light application of denatured alcohol
- Allow alcohol to dry



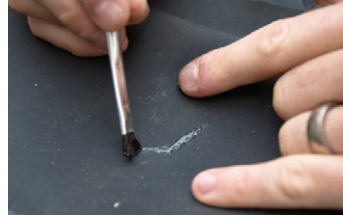
Preparing Area to Be Repaired

- Use brush to apply a thin coat of neoprene cement on all surfaces to be bonded and allow it to dry for 5 minutes. **Don't let the torn surfaces touch one another during that time*
 - Now apply a second coat of cement and allow it to dry for 10 minutes. The cement will become tacky.
 - Firmly press the surfaces together and apply even pressure to ensure they bond
 - Your wetsuit will be ready to use after 6 hours*
- *To increase durability and strengthen the bond, read "Reinforcing with Seam Grip" (below)*



Reinforcing with Seam Grip (optional)

- Squeeze a small amount of Seam Grip onto a paper plate
- Use brush to apply a thin, even layer over the area to be repaired and 1/4" around it. Do not apply it with your fingers
- Put a piece of clear LDPE plastic on top of it and press flat with weight until dry
- Allow to dry 12 hours before wearing



For Large Gashes and Holes

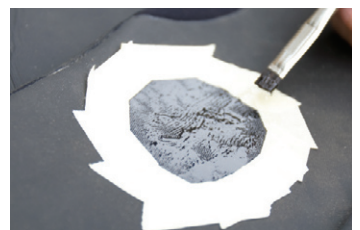
- When you can't bond two surfaces together, you can use Seam Grip to fill holes and strengthen the compromised area
- Clean damaged area thoroughly with a light application of denatured alcohol and clean rag
- Squeeze a small amount of Seam Grip onto a paper plate
- Use brush to fill the hole or gash
- Put a piece of clear LDPE plastic on top of it and weight it to flatten the Seam Grip
- Allow it to dry 12 hours before wearing



Reinforcing Worn Areas

If a larger area – like an elbow or chest – begins to wear thin due to normal use, you can also reinforce it with a light application of Seam Grip

- Clean worn area thoroughly with a light application of denatured alcohol and clean rag
- Allow alcohol to fully dry
- Use masking tape to border the worn area
- Use brush to apply as thin a layer of Seam Grip as possible. **Do not apply it with your fingers**
- Remove masking tape
- Put a piece of clear LDPE plastic on top, press flat, weight until dry
- Allow to dry 12 hours before wearing



Storing Adhesives

- Wipe cap and container clean. Tighten caps securely
- Store in cool, dry place