 COVER: Dan Rafia fishes the deep pools and waterfalls running through a limestone canyon in Waterton Lakes National Park. Alberta, Canada. **DAN RAFLA**


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WADER CARE AND WARRANTY

Don't Discard – Important Warranty Information



“Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.”

– Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, author (1900-1944)

Tough, Flexible, Reliable

These days, waders have to do more than just wade. They need to breathe easily and resist the thorns – from blackberries to Argentine calafate – that guard our favorite waters. All our waders feature a proprietary 3-layer HydroStorm waterproof/breathable fabric package that’s quantitatively tougher and more waterproof than the competition’s. Our innovative internal suspension system provides quick, jacket-on “relief” without zippers. Strategically placed reinforcement patches, patterned neoprene feet, contoured crotch and knees, grit-stopping gravel guards and built-in wading belt round out the package.

HydroStorm Fabric: Built For Immersion

We developed HydroStorm specifically for immersion applications. Combined with an H2No® barrier, nylon tricot liner and Deluge® DWR (durable water repellent), this fabric package is completely waterproof, highly breathable, durable and packable. We use it in all of our waders.

Years of R&D and Good-Old Tweaking

“The trick is to create a material that has good abrasion-resistance, puncture-resistance, breathability and fast dry times, without letting it get heavy and stiff. It’s a helluva challenge actually. We make the tightest doubleweave face fabrics on the market for puncture- and abrasion-resistance, and use an incredibly resilient, partially self-repairing membrane. Hundreds of lab and field tests show we have a good balance, but we’re always trying to make our fabrics even better.”

– Randy Harward, Patagonia Senior Director of Advanced Research and Quality

📷 Bart Bonime, Patagonia fly-fishing team, releases a beautiful wild steelhead on the Bulkley River. British Columbia, Canada. **BILL KLYN**

wader care and feeding

We make the most durable, highest-performing waders available. We guarantee your satisfaction at the time of purchase and reliable, defect-free performance in the field. At some point your waders may need repair and eventually they will wear out. Their life expectancy will depend on how often and how hard you use them - and on proper care, especially after each use and before storage.

WADER CARE GUIDELINES

Follow these simple rules to ensure the best performance and longest life from your Patagonia waders.

Fit: Do your best to select the best fitting pair of Patagonia waders with the goal of minimizing excessive folds and loose fabric in the legs. Big folds create more wear because of the way they rub against each other. We offer custom bootie sizes to provide the best fit for your needs.

Keep Them Clean: Rinse your waders of any dirt or mud after each use.

Washing: In addition, contrary to popular belief, regular washing

is actually good for all technical fabrics, even waders. Use a good powdered detergent or a technical wash soap like Nikwax® Tech Wash in a front-loading washing machine. Secure all snaps and tie straps together to prevent fabric damage. Rinse twice.


Drying: Hang dry out of direct sunlight, or dry in a front load dryer on low heat just until dry. Both cleaning and drying enhances DWR performance.

Repair Leaks: Punctures and pinhole leaks can be repaired by either applying a thin layer of Aquaseal® UV (in-field repair) or Seam Grip® (permanent, at-home repair), which you'll find in the

Patagonia Wader Repair Kit (included with every wader). See how-to instructions on the following pages.

Suit Up Carefully: Avoid overstretching or walking on abrasive material (like gravel) without wading boots.

Storage: Store completely dry waders in a cool, dry place. In other words, don't wad them up in a wet ball and throw them in the back of the pickup.

 Genevieve Villamizar notes what worked and what didn't after a day fishing the Egen-Gol River. Northern Mongolia. **COREY RICH**



do-it-yourself repairs in the field

In-Field Wader Repairs: Stuff happens; cars break down, dogs run away, we get sick on vacation, and we occasionally find ourselves in the field in need of a quick repair. Here is a quick guideline on how you can repair your waders on the fly so you can continue to stay dry and fish your brains out till the sun sets (or even later for those core fish-heads).

TOOLS FOR THE JOB:

- Aquaseal® UV adhesive (included)
- Plastic Film (included)
- Isopropyl Alcohol Pad (included)
- Permanent Marker (not included)



Quick In-Field Repairs

- Identify leak area. If you can see where your waders leak proceed to application of Aquaseal UV.
- If not, turn waders inside out.

FIG. 1.

- You can repair wet or dry, but for cases where you can't pinpoint the leak, dry the exterior and then locate the leak by using the provided alcohol pad and wiping the pad on the inside of the wader. After a minute turn the waders right side out. The alcohol will move through the pinhole or small tear resulting in a dark spot on the face fabric. Wiping the area with alcohol also cleans the area to be repaired. **FIG. 2.&3.**
- Knowing specific areas of damage, turn waders inside out and marks areas for repair. **FIG. 4.**



- Use Aquaseal® UV supplied with each Patagonia wader.

* **IMPORTANT!** Apply in shade. This adhesive dries within seconds when exposed to sunlight.

- Turn wader inside out and lightly spread Aquaseal UV on the inside of the wader 1/2" beyond the damaged area in a circular motion using Aquaseal nozzle. **FIG. 5.**
- Replace cap immediately while still in shade.
- Apply plastic film over area to smooth and flatten Aquaseal UV. **FIG. 6.**
- After application, expose repair to sunlight. Aquaseal UV cures in 10 seconds (longer when cloudy). Remove plastic film after one minute.
- Your waders are ready for more action.



NOTE * UV activated Aquaseal is a temporary fix, the pinhole or small tear will eventually need permanent repair with Seam Grip® by following the at-home wader repair guidelines. Long-term durability of a Seam Grip repair far exceeds that of UV activated Aquaseal. It's okay to repair over the UV repaired area.

do-it-yourself repairs at home

At-Home Wader Repair For permanent repairs of punctures, tears and pinholes follow the easy to use At-Home Repair instructions.

Tools for the job:

- Seam Grip® adhesive (included)
- Plastic Film (included)
- Permanent Marker (not included)
- Small Brush to Apply Adhesive (not included; a flat, clean stick will also work)
- Isopropyl Alcohol (not included)
- Clean Spray Bottle (not included)



Locating Pinhole Punctures

** For obvious holes, proceed to "Preparing Areas for Repair."*

- Make sure waders are dry. Turn them inside out. **FIG. 1.**
- With a spray bottle filled with Isopropyl Alcohol, spray the suspected area liberally. **FIG. 2.**
- After a minute, turn waders right side out and look for dark spots where the alcohol moved to the face fabric. These spots indicate small tears and pin holes. **FIG. 3.**
- Knowing the specific area of membrane damage, turn waders back inside out and circle leaks with a marker or pen on the inside of the waders. **FIG. 5.**



Preparing Areas for Repair

- Clean the inside fabric in the area to be repaired. Isopropyl alcohol works well as a cleaner. **FIG. 6.**

- You can leave fabric wet or dry.

Applying Adhesive

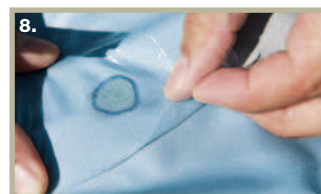
- For large holes and tears, place the plastic film (included) behind the hole as a backing. This will prevent the Seam Grip® from oozing through the hole and bonding to other unintentional fabric areas.
- Apply a 1/16" thick layer of Seam Grip to the repair area on the inside of the wader. Spread it 1/2" past the damaged area in all directions.
- Use either a stiff brush (not included), or a flat clean stick, to spread Seam Grip evenly. Do not use your fingers. **FIG. 7.**
- Place plastic film (included) over the adhesive with slight pressure to flatten and smooth. Leave the film in place. **FIG. 8.**

Drying

- Keep the repair area and plastic film undisturbed until dry.
- After 12 hours (longer in high humidity), remove the plastic film. The adhesive should be fully cured.

Storing Adhesive

- Wipe the cap and neck, gently squeeze tube to advance contents, and tighten cap securely.
- Store in cool, dry place.





Hooked up to a rod bender, Yvon
Chouinard fishes a secret spot.

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let us fix them for you



If you are not satisfied with one of our products at the time you receive it, or if one of our products does not perform to your satisfaction, you may return it to us for a repair, replacement or refund. Damage due to wear and tear will be repaired at a reasonable charge.



REPAIRS AT PATAGONIA

If you would like us to repair your waders for you, please send them to the following address:

Patagonia Wader Repairs
8550 White Fir St.
Reno, NV 89523


Waders sent in for repair must be clean, so please wash your waders before mailing. Please be sure to ship the package with a carrier that can provide tracking and insurance.

Include a note with your name, a return mailing address (no PO Box #s please), daytime phone number, what you are sending in and why, what you would like to have happen, and if your waders have sentimental value.

Upon receipt, we will evaluate the condition of your waders, then contact you to discuss responsibility for repair or replacement. Our policy is straightforward. We stand behind everything we make. If you are not completely satisfied with your Patagonia waders at the time of purchase or if they fail due to construction, design, or materials we may repair, issue credit, or replace them, at our discretion, free of charge.

We are not responsible, however, for normal wear and tear, nor for accidents such as the occasional run in with thorns or barbed wire. In other words, if your waders fail prematurely due to a quality problem, we will fix or replace them free of charge. If they fail due to normal use in the field, we will charge for repairs or replacement. We cannot replace waders free of charge if they have come to the end of their useful life. We promise to evaluate your waders thoroughly and fairly, and ask only that you do the same if your waders have worked hard for you and earned their retirement.

Items will be returned to you in a similar fashion as they are received: ground orders will be returned via ground shipping and express orders via express shipping.

 In hot pursuit of rising cutthroat. Fish Creek, Wyoming. **TIM DAVIS**



CUSTOMIZATION

Patagonia offers full bootie customization for all of our wader styles. If you need a different size bootie other than comes with our standard sizing (please see chart below), ordering is simple.

If purchasing new waders please call customer service at **800.638.6464** and ask for custom-sized booties on your newly purchased waders. Please allow an additional week for delivery for any custom bootie request.

If you would like us to attach a different size of booties on your current waders, please send them to the following address:

Patagonia Repairs / Custom Wader Booties

8550 White Fir St.
Reno, NV 89523

Include a note with your name, a return mailing address (no PO Box #s please), daytime phone number, and the requested bootie size. We will contact you to discuss payment once we receive your customization request.

We charge \$45.00 per wader for custom bootie alterations.

PATAGONIA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING BOOTIE SIZES:

Men's XS is a 4-6 (Women's 5.5-7.5)

Men's S is a 6-8 (Women's 7.5-9.5)

Men's M is a 8-10 (Women's 9.5-11.5)

Men's L is a 10-12 (Women's 11.5-13.5)

Men's XL is a 12-14 (Women's 13.5-15.5)

STANDARD WADER SIZES

		XS	S	M	LM	L	XL	XXL
SHORT	chest	36-37	38-40	41-43	-	44-47	48-50	-
	waist	29	30-31	32-34	-	35-38	40	-
	inseam	30	30	30	-	30	30	-
	shoe size	6-8	6-8	8-10	-	8-10	10-12	-
REG	chest	34-35	36-38	39-41	42-45	42-45	46-48	-
	waist	28	29-30	31-33	34-36	34-36	38	40-42
	inseam	31	31	32	33	33	34	-
	shoe size	6-8	6-8	8-10	8-10	10-12	12-14	12-14
LONG	chest	-	-	41-43	-	44-47	46-50	-
	waist	-	-	31-33	-	34-36	38	-
	inseam	-	-	34	-	35	36	-
	shoe size	-	-	8-10	-	10-12	12-14	-
KING	chest	-	41-43	44-46	-	47-49	50-52	53-55
	waist	-	32-33	34-36	-	38	40-42	44
	inseam	-	31	32	-	33	34	34
	shoe size	-	6-8	8-10	-	8-10	10-12	10-12

📷 The miles of hiking through spiny devil's club become a distant memory: releasing a wild steelhead on the Eagle River, Alaska. **TIM PASK**