

This policy guideline has been written to ensure that the wearers of Karbon uniform garments maintain the highest quality of their garment over the life of their uniform. This policy is relevant for all insulated outerwear, softshell, softstretch and puffer jackets.

## GENERAL CARE OF GARMENTS

### Water repellency of garments

- Karbon Outerwear garments have an external DWR waterproof coating to prevent staining and fabric saturation.
- This coating over time will need to be re-applied at the time of washing at the end of each season. This will prevent garments from unnecessarily staining and wetting out.
- It is the responsibility of the garment owner/resort launderer to carry out this reapplication of coating as part of a regular maintenance program.

### Drying of garments

- In wet conditions where garments absorb a small amount of water in the outer fabric, it is imperative that a **direct heat source is not used to dry the garment**.
- For example, putting a garment over a heater or directly near a heater can result in colour migration (bleeding), seamsealing to peel off, distortion to the fabric or peeling of heat transfer logos. Therefore, a cooler heat is appropriate to dry garments (ie. putting the garment a reasonable distance away from the direct heat source).
- A drying room is also appropriate to dry garments, as long as they are a safe distance away from the heater.

### Washing of garments

- Washing should only take place as few times as possible over the life of the garment.
- The more the garment is washed the more stress is put on seamsealing, waterproofing, heat transfer logos, the internal structure of the garment and the DWR coating.
- Garments that are washed incorrectly may result in excessive fading, colour migration, peeling of logos and a breakdown of waterproofing.

## WASHING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Do not wash the garment too frequently.** The more washes the garment is exposed to, the more stress it is put under to maintain its features and integrity. Always attempt to spot clean where appropriate rather than wash the garment in a washing machine.
2. Wash on a **cold wash cycle** on a gentle setting. **DO NOT WASH IN HOT OR WARM WASH CYCLES.**
3. Use a **tiny amount of mild detergent** (Earth products make a mild detergent that is suitable). Too much detergent affects the waterproofing. **Avoid any detergent with bleach in it.**
4. **DO NOT DRY GARMENTS IN A TUMBLE DRYER.** Hang jackets on a hanger to dry in the shade and lie pants flat and dry naturally. Hanging garments in a drying room far away from a direct heat source is acceptable.