

What is Sharkskin made of?

Sharkskin is made from the most advanced technical fabrics available for watersports. At Sharkskin we are constantly seeking out the best new fabric technologies to keep you warm while participating in your favourite watersports.

How do you wash Sharkskin?

This depends on your use – if worn under a wetsuit to keep you warm then a rinse in fresh water in a dive tub or on a hanger with the garden hose is perfect.

If you wear Sharkskin in high heart rate, intense watersports where you will be sweating a lot then you can also schedule a rinse using a mild anti-bacterial agent like 'Neptune Wetsuit Wash' every so often. Neptune Wetsuit Wash is not as aggressive as most detergents and is formulated especially to rejuvenate fabrics.

If you are using sharkskin where it will get especially dirty – fish residues while kayak fishing or dirt and mud during multisports for example, then you may need to use a machine wash with a gentle detergent.

Does Sharkskin need to be tight or loose?

This really depends on what your favourite watersport is.

If you are wearing Sharkskin underneath a wetsuit then you will need to make sure your Sharkskin garment is 'fitted' so that it is comfortable and does not bunch underneath your wetsuit.

If you are wearing Sharkskin as a standalone garment (not under a wetsuit) and in and out of the water (EG – SUP, surfing, surf ski, kiteboarding, windsurfing, skiff sailing, etc) then it is best to make sure your Sharkskin garment is more 'fitted' than loose. Chillproof material absorbs water when fully immersed and so if the garment is too large it can become uncomfortable with the extra weight of the absorbed water.

If you are wearing Sharkskin as a standalone garment out of the water 100% of the time (EG – recreational kayaking, as thermal wear for mountain biking, skiing, etc) then you may be more comfortable with a slightly looser fit.

Of course the best idea is to find your nearest Sharkskin stockist and try on the design best suited to your favourite watersport(s). Most watersport enthusiasts have a wardrobe full of Sharkskin to match different seasons, conditions and watersport activities.

The exception to wearing Sharkskin 'fitted' is the Rapid Dry range. Rapid Dry is designed to be worn slightly loose like your favourite T shirt.

What is the difference between the various Sharkskin Chillproof tops?

The Chillproof top and Climate Control top are both 100% made from the Chillproof fleece material (nylon abrasion resistant outer layer / windchill proof, breathable technical middle layer / hollow yarn fleece inner layer). The Chillproof top has a 3mm neoprene neck gasket designed for wearing under a wetsuit or for whitewater paddling where you don't want water entering the neck area. The Climate Control top has a 1/2 zipper (instead of a neoprene gasket) designed mainly for above water watersports, (kayaking, multisport, SUP paddling, kiteboarding, windsurfing, jetski, etc), where you may need to vent via the zipper should you get too hot. The zipper design would be uncomfortable under a wetsuit.

Which Sharkskin garments are better for keeping you warm while diving?

Wearing Sharkskin under a wetsuit not only keeps you warm during the dive but protects against windchill in between dives.

The chest vest keeps your core warm in and out of the water. The chest vest with hood gives you that extra warmth that you need for cold water. You lose a lot of heat through your head so you can even double up by adding a neoprene hood over the sharkskin hood in really cold water for extra warmth.

The Shortsleeve Chillproof top adds more warmth than the chest vest by enclosing your armpit area. The Longsleeve Chillproof top is for even colder water diving provided your wetsuit has enough room in the arms for the longsleeve top underneath it. Most go for the shortsleeve top – but if you get very cold and your suit has enough room in the arms then go for the longsleeve top.

What is the difference between the fullsuit designs?

The Sharkskin fullsuit comes with 2 different ranges (Covert and non-Covert) making up 5 different designs – Covert Stinger suit, Chillproof 1 Piece suit and Undergarment, and Covert Chillproof 1 Piece suit and Undergarment.

The Stinger suit is a frontzip design for use in warmer waters to protect against marine stingers. It has the added feature of the Covert technology to allow you to get closer to marine life. It can be used as a 'liner' underneath wetsuits and Drysuits in warm water to add HECS Stealthscreen technology to your diving.

The Chillproof 1 Piece suit and Undergarment are the same except for the position of the zipper. While both designs keep you warm in the water and on the surface the frontzip design Undergarment is more comfortable for under a drysuit while the 1 Piece rearzip design is more typically used for warmer water snorkelling and diving.

The Chillproof 1 Piece suit and Undergarment are now also available with the Covert technology (HECS Stealthscreen) to allow you to get closer to marine life. The addition of the carbonfibre mesh used in the Covert range adds an extra layer of insulation to keep you even warmer.

Can you layer Sharkskin up?

This is often the best way to wear Sharkskin for watersports. Because Chillproof is designed to be worn fitted and Rapid Dry top is designed to be worn loose like a T-shirt you can pull a shortsleeve or longsleeve Rapid Dry top on over a Chillproof 'next to skin' layer anytime.

A great combination for Winter watersports is a Chillproof garment (chest vest, short or longsleeve top) to keep your core nice and warm with a Rapid Dry longsleeve worn on top to handle sea spray and for sun protection on your shoulders and arms.

For active watersports wear the chillproof chest vest with rapid dry as a top layer. For less active watersports choose either the chillproof shortsleeve or longsleeve top (with or without zipper) with rapid dry as the top layer.

The Rapid Dry tops also work well over the Performance tops. The compression material in the performance designs draws blood to the muscle groups in your shoulders and arms to help with endurance and recovery. Because of the extra sensitivity with increased blood flow you can get cold more quickly. Wearing a Rapid Dry top over the performance top adds an insulation layer to ward off wind-chill while being thin enough to keep you from overheating.

You can also layer down. If the Sun bursts through and the air temperature climbs – just take either the chillproof 'next to skin' layer off or the rapid dry top layer off.

What water temperature is suitable for wearing Sharkskin as a Drysuit Undergarment?

It depends on what type of material your Drysuit is made from, your work rate, time underwater and your tolerance to cold. Usually you will also feel the cold more if you are female and/or over 50 years old.

Below is a rough guide built up from those using Sharkskin Chillproof under their various types of Drysuit.

TRIMLAMINATE DRYsuit –

Extreme cold water: 0 to 4 degrees C (32 to 39 degrees F) – Sharkskin Chillproof undergarment + 400 gram additional undergarment.

Up to 16 degrees C (61 degrees F) – Sharkskin Chillproof undergarment + 200 gram additional undergarment,

Over 16 degrees C (61 degrees F) – Sharkskin Chillproof undergarment by itself.

NEOPRENE DRYsuit –

Drysuit + Sharkskin Chillproof undergarment by itself.

The Sharkskin Chillproof undergarment wicks moisture and sweat away from your skin to keep you dry and warm, and if you do have a Drysuit leak Sharkskin still keeps you warm.

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HOW TO MEASURE

When measuring yourself you need to measure the widest part of your chest, narrowest part of your waist, and widest part of your hips. You also may need height and crotch to ankle length. [VIEW GUIDE](#)

Mens Sharkskin Sizing

AUS/ U.S./ EURO	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
HEIGHT (CM)	166-175cm	168.5-175.5cm	170.5-178cm	173-180.5cm	175.5-183cm	178-185.5cm	180.5-188cm	183-190.5cm	185.5-193cm	188-195.5cm
HEIGHT (INCHES)	5'5"-5'8"	5'6"-5'9"	5'7"-5'10"	5'8"-5'11"	5'9"-6"	5'10"-6'1"	5'11"-6'2"	6'-6'3"	6'1"-6'4"	6'2"-6'5"
CHEST (CM)	85cm	91cm	97cm	104cm	110cm	116cm	122cm	128cm	135cm	141cm
CHEST (INCHES)	33.5"	35.8"	38.2"	40.9"	43.3"	45.7"	48"	50.4"	53.2"	55.5"
WAIST (CM)	76cm	82cm	88cm	95cm	101cm	107cm	113cm	119cm	126cm	132cm
WAIST (INCHES)	29.9"	32.3"	34.6"	37.4"	39.8"	42.1"	44.5"	46.8"	49.6"	52"
HIPS (CM)	88cm	94cm	100cm	107cm	113cm	119cm	125cm	131cm	138cm	144cm
HIPS (INCHES)	34.6"	37"	39.4"	42.1"	44.5"	46.8"	49.2"	51.6"	54.3"	56.7"
THIGH (CM)	46cm	48cm	51cm	53cm	56cm	59cm	62cm	65cm	68cm	71cm
THIGH (INCHES)	18.1"	18.9"	20.1"	20.9"	22"	23.2"	24.4"	25.6"	26.8"	27.9"

Womens Sharkskin Sizing

AUS	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
U.S.	00	02	04	06	08	10	12	14	16
EURO	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
HEIGHT (CM)	147-155cm	152.5-160cm	157.5-165cm	162.5-170cm	167.5-175.5cm	172.5-180.5cm	177.5-185.5cm	183-190.5cm	188.5-195.5cm
HEIGHT (INCHES)	4'10"-5'1"	5'-5'3"	5'2"-5'5"	5'4"-5'7"	5'6"-5'9"	5'8"-5'11"	5'10"-6'1"	6'-6'3"	6'2"-6'3"
CHEST (CM)	82cm	88cm	94cm	100cm	106cm	112cm	119cm	125cm	131cm
CHEST (INCHES)	32.3"	34.6"	37"	39.4"	41.7"	44.1"	46.8"	49.2"	51.6"
WAIST (CM)	62cm	68cm	74cm	80cm	86cm	93cm	99cm	105cm	110cm
WAIST (INCHES)	24.4"	26.7"	29.1"	31.5"	33.8"	36.6"	39"	41.3"	43.3"
HIPS (CM)	90cm	96cm	102cm	109cm	114cm	121cm	127cm	133cm	139cm
HIPS (INCHES)	35.4"	37.7"	40.1"	42.9"	44.9"	47.6"	50"	52.4"	54.7"
THIGH (CM)	47cm	49cm	52cm	55cm	57cm	60cm	62cm	65cm	68cm
THIGH (INCHES)	18.5"	19.3"	20.5"	21.6"	22.4"	23.6"	24.4"	25.6"	26.8"

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Junior Sharkskin Sizing

	4	6	8	10	12
HEIGHT (CM)	104cm	116cm	128cm	140cm	152cm
HEIGHT (INCHES)	3'4"	3'10"	4'2"	4'7"	5"
CHEST (CM)	55cm	61cm	67cm	73cm	79cm
CHEST (INCHES)	21.7"	24"	26.4"	28.7"	31.1"
WAIST (CM)	54cm	58cm	62cm	66cm	70cm
WAIST (INCHES)	21.3"	22.8"	24.4"	25.9"	27.6"
HIPS (CM)	58cm	64cm	70cm	76cm	82cm
HIPS (INCHES)	22.8"	25.2"	27.6"	29.9"	32.3"

Sharkskin Hood Sizing

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
FOREHEAD (CM)	46.5-48.5cm	49-51cm	51.5-53.5cm	54-56cm	56.5-58.5cm	59-61cm	61.5-63.5cm	64-66cm
FOREHEAD (INCHES)	18.3-19"	19.2-20"	20.7-21"	21.3-22"	22.2-23"	23.2-24"	24.2-25"	25.2-25.9"

Sharkskin Socks Sizing

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
SHOE SIZE FEMALE (AU/US)	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13			
SHOE SIZE MALE (AU/US)			6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17
EUROPE MALE/FEM	37-38	39	40-41	42	43-44	45-46	47-48	49-50

HOW TO MEASURE GLOVES

Measure the circumference of your hand around your palm. [VIEW GUIDE](#)

Sharkskin Gloves Sizing

	XS	S	M	L	XL
PALM CIRCUMFERENCE (CM)	19.5cm	20.5cm	21.5cm	22.5cm	23.5cm
PALM CIRCUMFERENCE (INCHES)	7.5"	8"	8.5"	9"	9.5"

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