

LATEX GASKET ATTACHMENT GUIDE

Replacing deteriorated or torn gaskets yourself saves you time and money and is a very useful skill to have. Follow these simple steps to ensure a secure and watertight seal.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Replacement Latex Gasket
- Latex glue
- Sharp Scissors
- Cylindrical Support (e.g., small bucket or bottle)
- Sandpaper (fine grit)
- Alcohol solution or acetone
- Clean Cloth
- Hairdryer

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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. PREPARE THE OLD GASKET:

- Use sharp scissors to carefully cut away the old gasket.
- Leave approximately 2.5 to 3 centimeters of the old gasket in place. This is where you will apply the glue.

2. SMOOTH OUT WRINKLES:

- Position the driesuit onto a cylindrical object to stretch out the remaining gasket.
- Ensure that the surface is smooth and wrinkle-free.

3. CREATE A ROUGH SURFACE:

- Lightly sand the designated gluing area on both the new gasket and the remaining portion of the old gasket.
- This roughened surface will help the adhesive bond more effectively.

4. CLEAN THE SURFACES:

- Wipe down both sanded areas with a cloth dampened with an alcohol solution or acetone.
- The cleaning process is crucial for removing any debris or oils that could interfere with the glue.

5. APPLY THE ADHESIVE:

- Apply a thin, even layer of the glue to both prepared areas.
- Make sure to cover the entire surface intended for bonding.

6. DRYING TIME:

- Allow the glue to set for approximately 40 minutes before attaching the two sides together.
- Do not touch or move the gasket during this time to ensure optimal adhesion.

7. ATTACH THE CUFF:

- Carefully align and press the glued areas of the new gasket with the old gasket.
- Use a hairdryer to apply heat evenly around the gasket as you press together.
- The heat will activate the glue further, creating a strong bond.

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IMPORTANT TIPS:

- Keep the drysuit stretched and wrinkle-free throughout the entire process.
- Avoid applying too much glue, which can create an uneven surface and weaken the seal.
- Always work in a well-ventilated area when handling adhesives and keep it out of reach from children. This is very important.

With these simple steps, your drysuit will be ready for your next paddling adventure with a freshly sealed latex cuff. For any questions or additional assistance, please contact our customer service team.

Happy Paddling!

The Paddlespot Team