

DRIZA-BONE®

GARMENT CARE

Our traditional oilskin coats and jackets are made from sturdy 100% cotton that is coated with our uniquely formulated oil and wax finish to give the oilskin its distinctive weatherproof and breathable character. As a specialised garment, the Driza-Bone Oilskin fabric needs special attention to maintain its weatherproofing qualities.

How do I care for my oilskin garment?

The following care instructions will help prolong the life of your oilskin garment. Before you buy one of our coats or jackets, please make sure you choose the right size as stretched seams may allow water to penetrate.

CLEANING

- Follow the washing/care instructions attached to the inside of the garment
- Do not wash with detergent or hot water as this removes the oil and wax which are crucial to the oilskin's waterproofing qualities
- When the garment gets dirty, brush off dirt or sponge down with cold water
- When garment is extremely dirty, hand wash in cold water

If the garment requires a complete clean, we recommend using pure soap (please note, the garment will require reproofing if it is washed using soap or detergent as these will wash out the waterproofing qualities):

- After washing, rinse well (we suggest hanging the garment outside on clothesline and hosing down)
- Hang in a well-ventilated area until completely dry
- Do not hang on radiators, expose to naked flame or use artificial heat to dry
- Once completely dry, the garment will require reproofing with our Reproofer Wax
- Do not machine wash, dry clean, starch or iron

REMOVING MOULD

- Firstly brush off as much mould on the garment as you can find
- Sponge diluted vinegar onto the affected areas
- Hand wash in luke warm water using a pure soap. Do not soak your coat
- For shearling lined garments, hand wash using a wool detergent.
- Rinse off as much of the soap as you can and hang it out to dry using a strong coat hanger. Keep out of direct sunlight
- Hose down any excess soap and air your coat. It may take some time airing your coat out to completely remove the musky smell
- Once you've cleaned your coat the soap may have stripped most of the oil out of the coat so it will need reproofing. When reproofing your Driza-Bone garment please refer to the reproofing instructions as listed above on this page
- If the garment is completely overrun with mould you can wash the whole coat in diluted vinegar and water. (Dilution is one part vinegar and twenty parts water.) This will get the vinegar right through the whole coat to kill the mould

Please note, always store your oilskin garment in a dry well ventilated area. Do not place in a cupboard or plastic bag for long periods of time, otherwise it will become mouldy.

REPROOFING

With wear over time, the oil and wax on the oilskin fabric will naturally dry out. We recommend regular monthly checks to prevent dryness and promote longevity. At Driza-Bone we offer a reproofing product for oilskin care:

OILSKIN REPROOFER (TIN)

- For reproofing entire oilskin garments
- One 400ml tin will reproof one Riding Coat (our longest coat)
- Wax compound needs to be heated and melted before use
- Use only genuine Driza-Bone Reproofer as substitutes may harm our garments
- Do not use any leather care goods to treat your oilskin garments as the oilskin has different properties to leather

Directions for use:

- The Driza-Bone Reproofer Wax (tin) is an oil/wax compound that needs to be heated up by placing the tin in hot water (with the lid off) as this will liquefy the dressing (essential for easy and effective application)
- Do not place tin in microwave
- Place the garment on a flat surface and apply Reproofer using a soft-bristled paintbrush or sponge, paying particular attention to vulnerable areas such as shoulders, neck seams and places subject to friction (e.g. pockets and creases in sleeves and knees)
- After reproofing, hang the garment out in the sun on a warm day or use the heat of a hairdryer on a low setting, spreading the heat evenly over the coat (this is recommended to achieve a factory finish)
- After drying, place the garment on a strong hanger and leave to cool

STORAGE AND GENERAL CARE

- Always store your oilskin garment in a dry, well-ventilated area
- Do not place in a cupboard or plastic bag for long periods of time as it will become mouldy
- If your oilskin garment has become mouldy, we recommend hanging it under full sun for a couple of weeks
- If garment is still mouldy, hand wash with pure soap and reproof
- The oil and wax proofing on your garment keeps you dry but can also rub off on other fabrics, furnishings and garments, so be careful when wearing or storing your coat and do not place next to porous surfaces
- Do not stitch through or repair the outside of the fabric unless absolutely necessary
- If repairs need to be made, please make sure the area is reproofed after repairing to prevent leaking

STORAGE

- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight
- Desert wax garments can be stored in your wardrobe alongside your other clothes