



# TIZIP ZIPS INFORMATION

## Introduction

We use flexible TIZIP rear entry and front relief zips in most of our surface immersion suits. Made from a strong plastic coil zip on high strength fabric and tested to 700 mbar, these zips offer unbeatable strength, durability and wearing comfort.

## Opening /Closing

When opening and closing the zip, pull the zip in one fluid motion straight along the chain until it meets its closure point. If you feel any sudden resistance, do not force the chain. Instead, stop, open the zip and investigate the reason for the jam.

## Cleaning / Maintenance

All zips must be regularly cared for to ensure good operation. Special attention must be paid to waterproof zips utilised in immersion suits. Check for the presence of sand or dirt before every use. If sand or dirt are present the zip should be cleaned with mild soap, water and a toothbrush. Regular lubrication with an acid free, grease or oil lubricant is essential to ensure full strength of the seal. We recommend re-lubricating approximately every 10 uses.

## TIZIPs are Self Healing

Forcing the slider during closing may cause the zip to accidentally open behind the slider. Pull the slider back and move forward again carefully. You may have to recover the first two cm at the bottom manually. Clean and apply lubricant. Gently run the slider back and forth to spread the lubricant along the length of the zip and protect it from future jams. The zip now has its original strength back. See page 2 for a step-by-step guide.

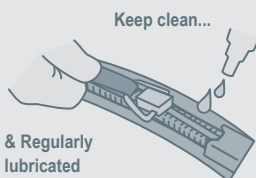
## Storage

Always keep the zip flat when folding or storing the garment. Folding the garment across the zip can destroy the seal. Store the garment rolled up with the zip open and on the outside.

### STORING TIZIPs

Store immersion suits folded or rolled up with the zip flat, open and on the outside.

### MAINTAINANCE

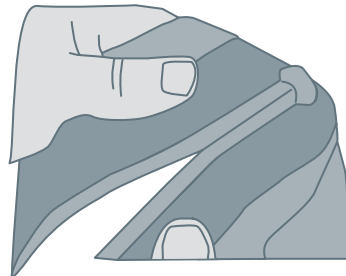




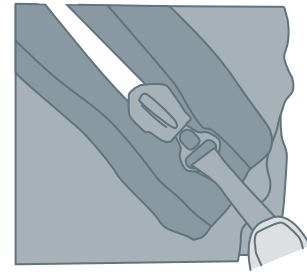
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## Repairing a separated zip.

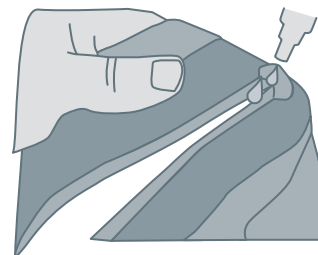
Unlike brass coil zips, TIZIPs are self healing and repairable. Follow these instructions to repair fully restore the original strength of a separated zip.



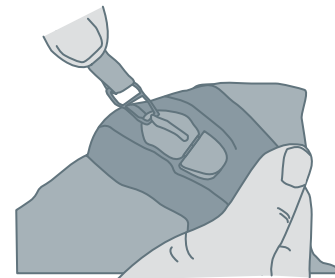
1 Check if the zip is still closed at the end.



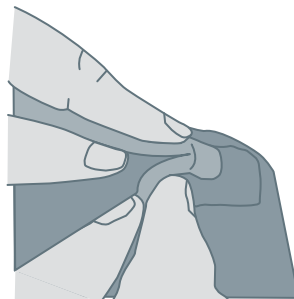
4 Pull slider past recovered area and back to the stop.



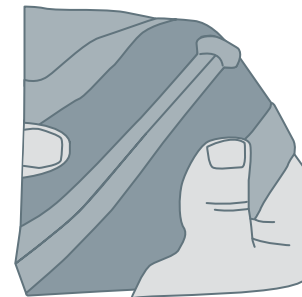
2 Fully lubricate the entire zip.



5 Carefully pull forward.



3 If the zip has opened right to the end you will have to close the first 2cm by hand.



6 Open and close the zip fully several times to distribute the lubricant.



# YKK BDM ZIPPER INFORMATION

## Introduction

For the ultimate in waterproof protection and durability we use high grade brass coil YKK BDM zippers on the Stikine Extrem Immersion Suit.

## Care / Usage

### OPENING / CLOSING

When opening and closing the zip, pull the zipper in one fluid motion straight along the chain until it meets its closure point. If you feel any sudden resistance, do not force the chain. Instead, stop, open the zipper and investigate the reason for the jam. If the zipper appears to be leaking, check it is fully closed and that there is no dirt in the teeth or closing end.

### CLEANING AND MAINTANANCE

All zips must be regularly cared for to ensure good operation. Special attention must be paid to waterproof zips utilised in immersion suits. Zips should be rinsed with clean water after every use and cleaned regularly with mild soap and a toothbrush. Lubricate the slider occasionally with parafin, beeswax or a zipper lubricant such as BDM Zip Wax. A small amount of Vaseline on the closing end improves sealing but be careful to avoid contact with latex seals.

### STORAGE

Always keep the zipper flat when folding or storing the garment. Folding the garment across the zipper can destroy the seal. Store the garment rolled up with the zipper open and on the outside.

## STORING YKK ZIPS

Store immersion suits folded or rolled up with the zip flat, open and on the outside.

## MAINTAINANCE

