

HAMMOND

**Shortie drysuit help and
maintenance guide.**



Please read this carefully before using suit.

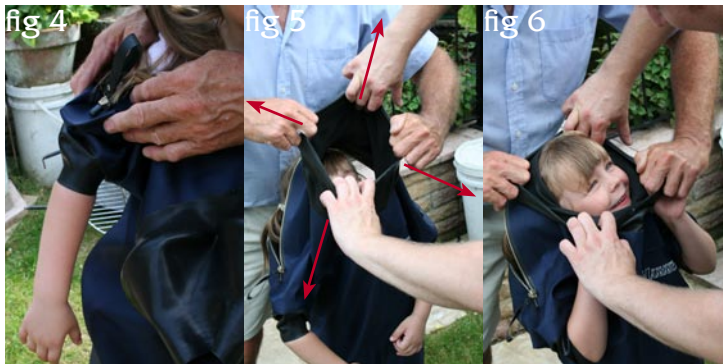
INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELP GETTING INTO YOUR DRYSUIT

A small child might find this suit difficult to put on for the first time without help.

Open the zip and get your child to place their feet through the leg seals (fig 1) and bring the seals right up over their knees (fig 2) making sure that if the tendons in the back of the leg protrude, then slide the seal up further so the seal sits onto a more cylindrical part of the leg. Then pull the suit right up to the chest (fig 2). Your child should then put their right hand through the



arm seal (fig 3), again pulling the seal above their elbow (fig 4) repeat the same for the left arm. Sometimes young children have problem getting through the neck seal. There is an easy solution to this, two adults pull the neck seal apart with both hands in both directions, i.e. placing both hands inside the neck seal and stretching the seal from north to south and the other adult stretching the seal east to west (fig 5). This way the



seal will simply slide over the child's head (fig 6). Once your child gets used to wearing the suit this will not be necessary. Once the suit is on the zip can then be fastened.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELP GETTING OUT OF YOUR DRYSUIT

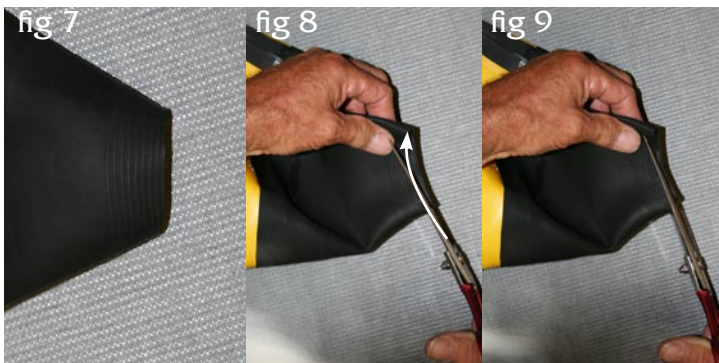
To get out of the suit undo the zip and follow the instructions in reverse. Once wet the seals grip the skin more, to help the seals slide against the skin apply a cream to the skin. We recommend Aqueous cream. This cream is used to treat skin complaints such as Eczema and this will not damage the seals but wash seals off in clean water after use.

SEALS MAINTENANCE

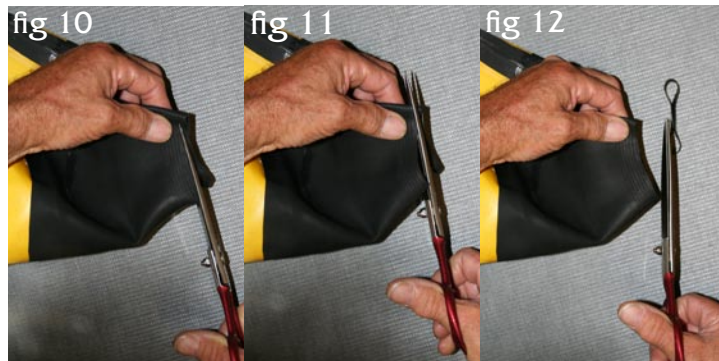
Be extremely careful when using suntan lotion as contact with the seal will speed up deterioration. Apply to skin at least 20 mins before using suit to allow it to soak into skin. This will minimise contact with seal. Seals need to be washed after use in clean water and dried. Once dry apply a small amount of non-scented talcum powder.

SEAL TRIMMING

Should you find the seals too tight, get a sharp pair of scissors and trim the seals. On each seal you will find trim lines as can



be seen in best in (fig 7) but only cut one out at a time, approximately 3mm (fig 8 - 12) this will make a big difference.

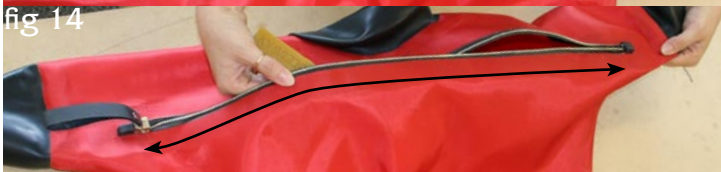
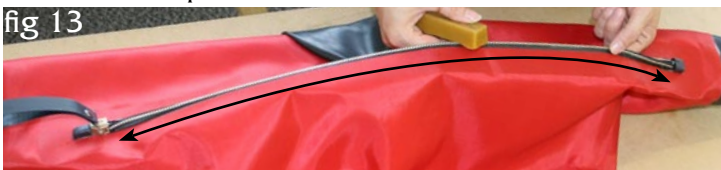


Trim the seal in an arc as shown in (fig 8). On occasion during manufacture we may have had to cut all of these out to make a seal large enough to fit your leg/arm/neck, the seal can still be

trimmed further but still only take around 3mm out at any one time. If the seal is still too tight then trim out a second. Please note the seals have to be tight to keep the water out and after a while the seals will loosen and get a little easier to wear.

ZIP LUBRICATION.

From time to time lubricate your zip by striking bees wax or paraffin wax (candle) along the inside (fig 13) and outside of the zip teeth (fig 14). In the pictures below only the lower teeth are shown to be waxed, the upper teeth also need to be treated. This will keep the zip running smoothly so prolonging the life of the zip.



WARNING

NEVER BEND ZIP (fig 15).

The zip will crack if pushed together at point of arrow causing a leak and eventually a new zip will be needed.

This can happen when getting out of the suit if care is not taken. The zip folds and gets trodden on. PLEASE TAKE CARE.



SUIT STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS.

fig 16



Rinse off after use and leave to dry with zip left open (fig16). Once suit is dry fold suit and place into bag for storage. See below.

Store in a clean, dark, cool environment (approximately 10 - 1°C).

Always ensure the suit is protected from direct sunlight and fluorescent lights as prolonged exposure will

cause the seals to perish. Seals should be talced lightly before storage. Be extremely careful when using suntan lotion as contact with the seal will speed up deterioration.

FOLDING SUIT.

Close zip and lay suit facing up (fig 17). Fold up legs until at neck (fig 18 -20) then fold arms around body (fig 21) and place into bag (fig 22-24). Folding suit this way allows the zip to be wrapped around the suit to stop damage.



Quick points to remember

1. ZIPS

- a. Lubricate your zip by striking bees wax or paraffin wax (candle) along the inside and outside of the zip teeth.
- b. Always have zip fastened to strengthen and never fold tightly.

2. SEALS

- a. Seals should be washed after use and once dry lightly talced.
- b. Be extremely careful when using suntan lotion as contact with the seal will speed up deterioration.

3. SUIT STORAGE

- a. Ensure your suit is rinsed and dried after use.
- b. Store in a clean, dark, cool environment
- c. Ensure the suit is protected from direct sunlight and fluorescent lights

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Drysuit and we hope you enjoy using it.

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