

ZIPPER MAINTENANCE

Zippers are a functioning/movable item that can occasionally cause issues. Periodic inspection and maintenance is required to prolong the life of your product and to mitigate any issues.

The buildup of debris in the path of the zipper teeth or inside of the zipper slide will cause premature wear as it acts as sandpaper within the working parts. Be sure to routinely wash any accumulated mud, dirt, sand & salt from the zipper areas with warm soapy water.

To keep operation at peak performance, after cleaning, use a good zipper lubricant like beeswax or like product to keep everything operating smoothly.

Wear can sometimes cause the zipper to separate behind the zipper slide...this is not a common problem, but can be corrected in some cases. First, slide the zipper back to the starting position as far back as possible, ready to zip the two components together to "set" the zipper. Next, zip the zipper about 1-2" and be sure the alignment is correct. As a final step, using a pair of needle nose pliers, gently squeeze each side of the zipper slide as seen in Fig. 1 below. This allows the zipper slide to engage the teeth on BOTH sides and lock the zipper tightly together.

Fig. 1

