

# How to care for your Gear Club Kit

Please see the following advice from Gear Club on how to care for your kit.

Your Gear Club kit features high quality fabrics and components. It's designed to last. However, there are a couple of simple things you can do to look after your clothing.

## Washing Advice

- Washing a garment means putting stress on fabric and seams! Therefore, wash cycling garments separately from other clothes/accessories to prevent friction.
- Before washing, turn the garment inside out (seams on the outside).
- Machine-wash is possible but always use a wash bag, a delicate cycle and lukewarm water (max 30° C).
- Do not use bleachers and or/softeners. Use a well known brand name of mild liquid detergent.
- Do not soak, wring or rub. Do not spin after washing. To remove excess water from your garment gently squeeze by hand.
- Dry garments flat or hanging. Do not tumble dry.

## Storage Advice

- After each ride, hang the garments in a well-ventilated environment or wash them immediately.
- Do not hang the garments in the direct sunlight.
- Never store damp clothes in a non-ventilated environment (e.g. car, plastic bags, sports bag, suitcase etc).
- If your body has a tendency to sweat a lot, water-rinse the garments after each use to protect the fibres from bacterial attacks which might lead to fabric deterioration.

## Fabric Piling

Fabric piling does not occur by itself. It is always the result of abrasion. Our advice is:-

- Do not use embroidered saddles.
- Make sure the Velcro fastener of the saddle pocket does not touch the shorts.
- Saddle designs which expose the top part of your stem do cause "touching" and lead to piling.
- Do not wash together with gloves, bags, rain jackets, etc. They usually feature Velcro straps which will rub against your material.

Unfortunately piling cannot be repaired and such problem is never a manufacturing defect.

## Fabric Deterioration

- Sweat is toxic and can vary between individuals. It occurs because of bacterial attack. Due to their performance nature, Gear Club fabrics are delicate and deterioration eventually might occur. In order to minimize this problem, we recommend you water rinse the garment after each ride. Also, never store the garment moist or in a closed environment like a plastic bag.