

How to Care for Your Softshell Outerwear

Softshell outerwear is a versatile go-to layer for changing mountain conditions. It offers stretch, warmth, and reliable weather protection, making it ideal for high-output skiing. To keep it performing at its best, regular care is key. Most softshells are made from layered technical fabrics. Washing helps maintain breathability by removing buildup from sweat, sunscreen, and dirt, without damaging the material.

Here's how to care for your Atomic product so it performs at its best:

Before You Wash:

- Always check the care label for specific guidance.
- Empty all pockets, close all zippers and Velcro straps, loosen drawstrings, and turn the garment inside out.
- Pre-treat high-contact areas (cuffs, collars, stains) with warm water and a gentle detergent (for technical fabrics) using a soft sponge. Rinse thoroughly.

Machine Washing:

- Wash at a maximum of 40°C using a gentle or wool cycle with a high water level.
- Use a mild liquid detergent or one designed for technical fabrics.
- Do not use powder detergent, fabric softener, and bleach.
- Fill the machine no more than two-thirds full to ensure a thorough rinse.
- For heavily soiled gear or larger loads, run a second rinse cycle to remove all detergent residue.
- Spin-dry at a maximum of 800 RPM.

Drying:

- Air drying is best. Hang the garment or lay it flat to dry in a shaded, well-ventilated area.
- Avoid direct sunlight or high heat.
- Some softshells (check the label) can be tumble dried on a low heat setting using a gentle cycle.

Pro Tip:

Always follow the care label inside your garment. It's the best guide for keeping your clothing in top condition.